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Assignment 1

Sexually violent predators are individuals who have the most horrible history in their past crimes. Based on my observations, treatment of sexually violent predators in centers might be a punishment instead of treatment. Inside the treatment centers, sex offenders are offered various treatment programs based on the past criminal offense and the parole basis (Duwe & Goldman, 2009). Given the duration of years spent in the offenders' treatment centers, I believe the treatment activities were punishments rather than wellness.

Psychological treatment of sexually violent predators is useful in various ways. First, the treatment technique indicates high chances of reducing recidivism. Ideally, offenders who were once punished for sexual crimes in the past stand high chances of being convicted as fresh criminals different from the past crimes (Duwe & Goldman, 2009). Hence, the measurement is deemed useful in reducing recidivism rates. However, the psychological treatment method is not effective in some of the horrible crimes. Instead, cognitive-behavioral treatment is the most preferred technique globally. Therefore, the psychological treatment effectively alters criminal behaviors and reduces the harm they might cause one more.

Convicted sex offenders are often dangerous people with some psychological problems; hence, they can easily commit the crime. Therefore, close monitoring of these individuals should be paramount before they return to the community. Besides, close monitoring has a high chance of reducing recidivism in Minnesota. However, monitoring activities might be quite expensive and challenging after spending a longer duration in prison. Therefore, use of cellphones and engaging some community members to take a keen look at the offenders to reduce the chances of recidivism.

Effective treatment for sexual predators is necessary for the reduction of recidivism rates (De Jong, 2018). I highly recommend cognitive behavioral therapy, which reduces subsequent sex offenses. Additionally, the treatment technique alters the behavioral patterns, which causes sexual aggressiveness hence introducing new adaptive ways.

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Assignment 2

I will focus on the sexual offenders with mental disorders. Mentally ill sex offenders are fond of dramas and often problematic. The victims portray traits such as poor impulse control due to their mental illness resulting in sexual interests.

The family has a more significant influence while working with the mentally ill sex offenders because of their more understanding of the behaviors. However, the family members might be psychologically, mentally, and financially affected from association with their members. Despite the families' challenges, they must offer both financial and emotional support to the sex offenders. The family members in association with the treatment centers monitor the offenders' progress and suggest the next treatment program to reduce the chances of recidivism. If the offenders happen to be wild and possible weird reactions, the family will be faced with both mental and psychological torture.

Assessing mentally ill sex offenders has numerous challenges. For instance, the overconfidence in caregivers who give biased reports on the progress of the treatment. The conclusions formed by the clinicians might be vague hence possessing challenges in the next measurements to be taken in handling the victims. Additionally, due to the mentally ill sex offenders' impulsive reaction, they are likely to involve themselves in problematic sexual behaviors, thus challenging to manage.

Mentally ill sex offenders often involve themselves in problematic sexual behavior, which requires proper treatment. I, therefore, recommend psychological and biological therapy. The offenders will continually be educated as they are offered appropriate medications such as serotonin reuptake inhibitors to reduce sexual behaviors. Further, physical therapy involves effective education based on the degree of mental illness. Finally, sexual mentality might alter offenders' behaviors, hence a reduction in recidivism.

Managing mentally ill sex offenders requires proper strategies. First, adequate planning is necessary for handling different levels of the illness. Second, the categorization of the sex offenders for appropriate care and treatment.

Assignment 3

Handling sex offenders is in conjunction with the ethical laws to protect society from the harms caused by dangerous sexual offenders. According to SMART (n.d), sex offenders are unpredictable; hence, their registration should be mandatory to manage their unknown reactions. Based on SORNA's mandatory registration of sex offenders, it is the public policy's will to order issues that occasionally affect society members. Besides, working with sex offenders is accompanied by legal and ethical considerations that uphold societal rights. Therefore, given the SORNA mandates, sex offender treatment is basically for management as opposed to

rehabilitation. Some of the treatment modes violate the offenders' rights because they might be ineffective and unethical. Therefore, SORNA rules focus on the rules that are universally accepted and are in the ethical codes.

Despite the crime committed by the sex offenders, they deserve fair and humanly treatment as they are equally human beings. Unfortunately, some rehabilitation and treatment centers subject the offenders to harsh treatment, contrary to social justice and ethical standards. SMART (n.d) suggests that a considerable duration of conviction should be observed as some sex offenders spend half of their lives in jail. The most prolonged period might worsen the situation such that freeing such offenders might cause more harm to the community. Hence, upholding ethical and social justice consideration provide more balance in treating the offenders with respect and dignity. Moreover, the registration of sex offenders forms legislation to curb future crimes by abandoning legal standards.

SORNA registration mandate is an example of public policy that advocates for both criminal and societal wellbeing. By registering the criminals, the treatment and rehabilitation centers will formulate actions and treatment techniques to undertake. Consequently, society members will be aware of such victims such that during the release, they will focus on handling them ethically and justifiably.

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