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Record of Variance Action

On September 8, the NYC Board of Correction voted to APPROVE the Department of Correction's request for a limited variance from BOC Minimum Standard 1-02(2)(c) regarding implementation of the Young Adult plan.

The Department is committed to providing the young adults (18 to 21 year olds) in our custody with programming and services that address the unique needs of this population. This move away from a traditional correctional model to one that incentivizes positive behavior with heightened programming and staffing is unprecedented. In order to effectively institute this plan, it is critical that the Department have the time needed to establish specialized housing in combination with appropriate programming and staff training. As extensively discussed in the Department's Young Adult Strategy plan, which was recently submitted to the Board, proper implementation of the plan requires thoughtful assessment of housing allocations best suited for young adults. This assessment must incorporate classification, tailored programming to suit their educational and behavioral needs, and mandated staffing ratios and training. The success of this plan is dependent on the Department's ability to lay a solid foundation to build upon moving forward. Completion of the requisite components of the plan cannot be achieved by October 15, 2015, so the Department is unable to fully comply with the minimum standards by that date. Therefore, the Department is seeking an extension of this deadline to December 31, 2015.

Date on which variance will commence: SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Time period, if any: VARIANCE WILL END DECEMBER 31, 2015

Any requirements imposed as conditions on variance: NONE

Date on which Board of Correction first approved variance (for renewals only):