

MEMORANDUM

To: Kansas Criminal Justice Practitioners
From: Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
Date: July 1, 2021
Re: New Probation Placement Tools and Criteria

K.S.A. 74-9101(b)(21) requires the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) to periodically review statewide supervision and placement cutoff decisions based on risk levels and needs of offenders. On July 1, 2021, the state of Kansas will be implementing new risk/needs assessment tools for female and male offenders convicted of felonies. The Women's Risk Needs Assessment (WRNA) replaces the LSI-R for females. The Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) assessment replaces the LSI-R for males. The following is a 2021 timeline of Sentencing Commission events that you may find helpful in administering these new tools.

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The Commission met to consider assessment thresholds for probation placement in Kansas. The KSSC unanimously voted to adopt thresholds for the WRNA and the LS/CMI, as outlined in the table below.

Kansas Probation Assessment Scales Effective July 1, 2021

WRNA		LS/CMI	
Low	0-9	Very Low	0-4
Moderate	10-21	Low	5-10
Medium	22-36	Medium	11-19
High	37+	High	20-29
		Very High	30+

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The KSSC hosted a webinar to introduce practitioners to the LS/CMI. The link to this presentation may be found [here](#).

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The KSSC hosted a WRNA webinar featuring co-author of the tool, Ashley Bauman, MS, MBA, BCC, of Bauman Consulting Group. The link to this presentation may be found [here](#).

The KSSC met to consider assessment thresholds for eligibility for the [2021 HB 2026 diversion and 2003 SB 123 substance abuse treatment programs](#). The KSSC unanimously voted to adopt the thresholds outlined in the table below. Also included in the table are community corrections and court services placement thresholds adopted at the KSSC January 21, 2021 meeting.

**Kansas Sentencing Commission
Probation Placement Criteria
Effective July 1, 2021**

PLACEMENT	WRNA	LS/CMI	SASSI-4
Diversion (2021 HB 2026)	mid-range of moderate to high risk (15 and above)	mid-range of medium to very high risk (15 and above)	high
SB 123 (K.S.A. 21-6824)	medium to high risk (22 and above)	high to very high risk (20 and above)	high
Court Services (2021 HB 2026)	low and moderate risk (0-21)	very low, low, and medium risk (0-19)	n/a
Community Corrections (K.S.A. 75-5291(a)(2)(A))	medium and high risk (22 and above)	high and very high risk (20 and above)	n/a

As it relates to 2021 HB 2026 diversion substance abuse treatment program, the 2021 Kansas Legislature did not provide funding for the initiative to pay treatment providers. However, the KSSC will temporarily fund the program for the next year from its current SB 123 appropriations. While this is good news, please be aware that the vendor we use to verify payments will not process treatment provider invoices for at least 90 days due to new system programming requirements. Please check our website often for updates on the resolution of this issue.

If you have any questions, you may reach us at office.assistant@ks.gov. Thank you.