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Mental Health issues, issues on the prison population is very serious that has a complex problem difficult to understand, but the people who know the Political Correctness between the (DOC) Department of Correction and how it was moved from Human Services to the Public Safety Department in 1990, understand very well the hot potatoes with the explosion of mental illness among the prison population.

The problem is simple to understand; Mental Health Department never moved to public safety at the time they moved the D.O.C. in 1990-1991. In point of fact: The Mental Health Department was never part of the D.O.C., it is a separate identity that has his own Regulation Governing mental Health Issues.

Mentally ill prisoners are indeed PATIENTS, and the D.O.C. lose their jurisdiction when prisoners are patients belonging under the custody and care of the Mental Health Department.

To further educating the public on the subject matter, it is important to create a sense of awareness of time, before and after, for example during the decade of the 1990's Mental Health Clinics were closed, and many criminal offenses were linked to mentally ill individuals who are now either patients or prisoners under the Judisdictional Custody of the Dept. of Correction.

Without any question the gap between the mental illness and public safety has to be reviewed for a permanent separation and within that situation we have to refresh the memory of those who are taking the money for security purpose and forgetting that Massachusetts prisoner suicides were more than four times the National Average during the 2009 and 2010, (recent date not published at this time or no available)?. What has been done between then and now?..

There was a multi-million dollar group settlement between the D.O.C. and victims family members who lost a relative suicide while on custody of the D.O.C. - It is time that someone, somehow look into this problem and correct this phenomenon for the best interest of the patients and public safety; Maybe the Disability Law should be implemented to oversee the daily operations of D.O.C. in dealing with issues that belong the mental Health Dpt.