

## **SECTION 4: SUPERVISION OF SEX OFFENDERS IN THE COMMUNITY: SEX OFFENDER SPECIFIC TREATMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF SUPERVISION**

### Section 4—Discussion Questions

Participants may divide into smaller groups or they may remain in a large group for this discussion depending on the size of the group, meeting space available, and length of time allotted to the discussion.

The purpose of providing these questions and an opportunity for discussion is to allow participants to consider the implications of the content of this section in their own work. Consider the following discussion questions:

1. Is treatment routinely available for sex offenders under your supervision? If not, please explain availability issues.
2. Would you say that the treatment programs to which you have access appear to exhibit the characteristics discussed during the training? To what degree? If there are differences, please explain and discuss.
3. Please consider the goals of treatment that have been covered. To what extent do those goals match the goals you may have for an offender under supervision? What are the ways in which these goals—if they are achieved—might be of benefit to the offender's supervision?
4. Are there any goals in the list that was discussed which create a conflict or tension between supervision and treatment? If so, what is the conflict and how have you addressed it in your own work?
5. Some probation/parole officers work closely enough with treatment providers that they may actually sit in on group therapy sessions. Is that the practice in your agency? If so, what are the benefits and possible danger? If not, would you consider doing so?
6. What are the ways in which you now collaborate with sex offender treatment providers? What are your questions or concerns about this? If you do not currently have close relationships with treatment providers, what are some first steps you might take to initiate such a relationship, if you would want to pursue it?