SECTION 2: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO SUPERVISION OF SEX OFFENDERS IN THE COMMUNITY: COLLABORATION

Option 2 – Reviewing Implications

Participants may divide into smaller groups or remain in a large group for this discussion.

The purpose of this exercise is to provide participants with an opportunity to begin to consider the implications of the material presented. Each participant should contribute to the discussion based on his or her own perspective and set of responsibilities (e.g., line officers may discuss how the information presented is evident—or not evident—in the behavior and perspectives of both offenders and victims; supervisors may relate this to the challenges they face in providing supervision to line officers).

1. Does the premise that sex offenders offer different challenges and warrant a different approach to supervision make sense to you in terms of your own experience? What are some of those differences and what difficulty does that create for your work?

2. Do you currently (in your agency) have a collaborative approach to supervision of sex offenders? If so, how did that come to be and what are some examples? If not, do you think such an approach is advisable or practical?