

STATE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD MEETING

August 28, 2008

The Lansing Center, Lansing, MI

1:10 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

APPROVED

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Charles Brown, Patricia Caruso, Louis Dean, Stuart Dunnings, Larry Inman, Curtis T. McGhee II, Brigitte Officer, and Dennis McMurray (1:25).

ABSENT: Inez Brown, Alfred Butzbaugh, Bernard Parker, John Phillips, and George Zulakis.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Louis Dean, supported by Stuart Dunnings, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

III. BOARD MEMBER'S RE-APPOINTMENTS

Larry Inman introduced and welcomed Curtis T. McGhee II as the newest member of the Board and informed members that Mr. McGhee was a retired police inspector from the Detroit Police Department. Members of the Board then introduced themselves to Mr. McGhee.

Chairman Inman also indicated that Louis Dean and George Zulakis have also been re-appointed by the Governor.

Mr. Inman also advised that the appointment representing the City Police Departments is still pending.

IV. APPROVAL OF April 17, 2008 MINUTES:

Motion made by Stuart Dunnings and supported by Louis Dean, to approve the April 17, 2008 Minutes as written.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Brzozowski gave a presentation on prison commitment data thru June 2008.

- Advised that the overall prison commitment rate was 20.2% and that the rate shows a decrease from the previous year through June by nearly one percentage point which equals a decrease of 511 fewer prison dispositions. Out of the 511 dispositions 60% fell within the group one offenses crime category. Administrator Brzozowski indicated that straddle cell cases accounted for nearly 4,500 of the total statewide prison dispositions – 37% fell within the group one categories and 62% within the group two. Over fifty percent of the offenders were under the department's jurisdiction at the time the offense was committed. This information has been provided to the CCABs so that they can better target offenders.

Administrator Brzozowski reminded the Board that these are raw numbers and the CCABs need to look further review these cases to determine the offender's characteristics. A review of the group two cases that were not under the Department's jurisdiction showed that many of these offenders have extensive criminal histories or they were recently discharged from supervision.

- Administrator Brzozowski informed the Board Members that more felony disposition information can be obtained by viewing the recently posted OCC Bi-Annual Report for September which can be located on the Department's website.
- Administrator Brzozowski provided information on how court dispositions were impacting county jails. The data indicates that in the past year there were 485 fewer jail dispositions. However, since 2003 there has been a large increase (over 3,500) of jail dispositions state wide. As part of the community corrections comprehensive plans proposals, the grant coordinators reviewed local jail data to determine if further analysis is needed in regards to the jail data and made recommendations or applicable contractual conditions.

Residential Services:

- Administrator Brzozowski also discussed programming issues regarding residential services and indicated that there is an authorized budget allocation of 973 beds with utilization through the third quarter of 931 beds or 95.6% utilization. There were three providers that had a significant drop in numbers which accounted for the majority of the underutilization.
- Through the third quarter of the fiscal year, OCC reallocated \$425,000. During the fourth quarter an additional \$825,000 was reallocated. An additional \$385,000 is currently pending approval by the State Administrative Board. As a result of the reallocation of beds, the expected lapse is \$400,000 – \$500,000 compared to \$1 million in FY 2007. Increasing efficiencies and reducing the lapse were the primary goals for the Department when the Office began to contract directly with the service providers. Administrator Brzozowski indicated that this was a new process and there were some minor issues that have been addressed. Also, the new system provides more flexibility for an offender to be placed into a specific program that was outside the CCABs service network. Administrator Brzozowski indicated that he has received positive feedback from both the service providers and CCAB managers.

Stuart Dunnings asked how frequently residential beds outside a CCABs original network has been utilized by counties. Administrator Brzozowski indicated that because they are special situations there has been less than six occasions. Stuart Dunnings asked if the CCAB's were aware of this flexibility and Administrator Brzozowski advised they are aware, there has been good communication with the CCAB's regarding this flexibility.

Comprehensive Plans and Services:

- Program utilization has been relatively stable in the past two years for the nearly two-hundred service programs funded statewide. Through the first six months of the fiscal year there were over 22,700 offenders enrolled in the programs – 61% felons and 39% misdemeanants.

FY 2009 Appropriation:

- The Governor has signed the FY 2009 Appropriation: Comprehensive Plans and Services are increased by \$225,000; Residential Services is increased by \$150,000; and, the DDJR&CTP is decreased by approximately \$357,000. The reduction was based on FY 2007 expenditures; therefore every county has been adjusted accordingly to maintain their actual funding level.
- Administrator Brzozowski advised that the purpose of this meeting is for the review of the Community Corrections Comprehensive Plans and Services funds. There are 33 CCAB's which cover 34 counties that have been included in the packet with an additional 15 CCAB's representing 40 counties that are under a multi-year contract.

Mr. Dunnings posed a question about the Residential Services Funding allocations. The question was in regards to parole violators not being a State Board's priority population, and Mr. Dunnings wanted to know if that had changed.

Administrator Brzozowski advised that it had changed and that at the last meeting there was a vote on the State Board's priorities. Since MPRI was now focusing on parolees, the community corrections money previously allocated for parolees would be used for the probation population. There was a proposal for a change to the FY 2009 Budget which would have reduced the residential services appropriation by \$800,000 and that amount would be moved into a separate line item which would be called parolee re-entry residential services. Unfortunately, through the budget process that line item was eliminated. OCC was able to leverage \$800,000 through MPRI funding and six county's residential service providers that target parole violators were reduced. As a result, \$1.6 million was set-aside specifically for parolee's statewide which in affect maintains the same level of beds for parolees but increased the availability of beds for probationers statewide.

Director Caruso advised that this was a way to utilize our resources in the best way possible where with our re-entry dollars we are unable to use those funds in some areas.

Chairman Inman thanked Director Caruso and Administrator Brzozowski on the overview report on prison population projections and the OMNI felony disposition data. Chairman Inman advised that the data was very helpful as managers go back to their counties to see how well they are doing.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Chairman Inman briefly explained how the approval would be done by the Board in regards to the annual approvals and the multi-year contracts. The Residential Services bed allocation will also be added to the approval process and the entire process can be made by one motion as presented. The annual contracts, the multi-year contracts and the spread sheet for the residential service awards per county.

Chairman Inman asked if there were any questions in regards to the recommendations from the board members.

Chairman Inman also asked if there was anyone from the public that wished to pull any applications that were listed for approval for further discussion. He then asked if there was any board member that wished to pull any applications that were being considered for approval for further discussion. Chairman Inman advised that "Hearing none," that this would be the time that the Board Members would disclose any areas of conflict or appearances of conflicts that they would need to abstain from a vote from a particular county based on a professional or personal position.

Larry Inman – abstained from voting on the Thirteenth Circuit.
Stuart Dunnings – abstained from voting on Ingham County because he is on the advisory board.
Charles Brown – abstained from voting on Saginaw County because he is on the advisory board.
Louis Dean – abstained from voting on Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Mecosta and Montcalm Counties because he is on those advisory boards.

Chairman Inman asked for a motion to approve.

Motion made by Louis Dean to approve the annual contracts as presented both Comprehensive Corrections Plans & Services and the Drunk Driving Jail Reduction and Community Treatment Program, the multi-year contract as presented as well as the Residential Service spread sheet that was presented to the Board today.

Support by Stuart Dunnings.

VOTE: Roll call vote was taken and motion passed.

Chairman Inman thanked Director Caruso and Administrator Brzozowski and staff for providing an outstanding package of information and excellent presentation in terms of status of the CCAB's and the process that they are making.

VII. BUDGET UPDATE:

An informational handout titled *FY 2009 Corrections Budget* was handed out. Director Caruso shared the following information:

- The Department of Corrections came into the year with a \$50 million reduction in its budget and came out of the legislature at the \$50 million with an additional \$10 million in cuts from phone fees and revenues.
- At this time the Department is facing approximately \$360,000 shortfall from the current fiscal year, including the full \$10 million from phone fees and revenues.
- Scott Correctional Facility is slated to close in 2009, and all the women at the Scott Facility will be moved to the Huron Valley complex which will be approximately a \$35 million annual savings.
- Work continues on stabilizing, reducing the prison population and maintaining a population of approximately 50,000.
- The Department is actively working with the legislature and other stake holders facilitated by the Counsel of State Governments on looking at justice policy issues in Michigan.
- Many cuts involve the continuation of consolidating centralized/regionalized support services that are provided in the department.
- Health care has been completely overhauled which should see significant savings.
- The Department is continuing to hire Corrections Officers as the Department continues to have a need for Officers.

Sheriff Brown asked why the phone charges were eliminated and by whom. The Director responded that the Legislature voted in the changes because the high cost of phone calls was prohibitive for many families to maintain ties with loved ones that are in prison and that has a negative impact when people get out of prison, which affects Community Corrections and MPRI.

VIII. CCAB PRESENTATIONS:

Becky McIntyre the Community Corrections manager of the West Central U.P. provided information on a community service program that is run by the local community corrections office.

- In home projects started in 1995 covering six very rural counties.
- Currently over 300 individuals and families are served through the donation projects and items range from picnic tables and toys to many other crafts.
- The individuals used to participate in the program are those that are difficult to place due to geographic locations or the inability to travel without the service of public transportation.
- Target organizations have become partners and have offered many ideas such as toys and blankets that can be given out during the Holiday season plus whenever a family is in need.
- 200 Christmas stockings are being provided this year as well as lap blankets.
- A \$1,000 grant was received by the USA Today *Make a Difference* program and that grant was matched by WALMART to provide supplies to continue these programs.
- Success is measured by serving over 200 children each year, blankets to nursing homes and over 2,000 jail bed days have been saved in Dickinson, Delta and Iron Counties.
- Clients become vested in the community and this allows the participants to take ownership and pride in what they have created. There have even been several members that continue to make the projects on their own and have been able to supplement their income with a marketable skill.

IX. STATE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE – CY 2009:

A motion was made by Charles Brown and supported by Brigette Officer to approve the CY 2009 meeting schedule.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

XI. OLD BUSINESS: None

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Inman reminded members that at the last meeting Mr. Parker suggested that with either lapsed funds or increased funding from the legislature perhaps the Board would want to meet and discuss priorities where the money could be targeted.

Administrator Brzozowski advised that as indicated earlier in his report there was an appropriation increase in Comprehensive Plans and Services funds which have not been awarded and recommended that the Board meet to discuss potential uses for these funds. He suggested that the funds be awarded for new initiatives on a competitive bases, and CCAB's could apply for these funds through a new application process that would required counties to demonstrate improved jail utilization and reduced prison commitments. The counties would be required to present their plans before the Board at the February meeting.

Brigette Officer asked if there was a deadline of when the money had to be dispersed and Administrator Brzozowski responded that the only deadline is that the funds must be used by the end of the fiscal year.

Stuart Dunnings asked if the suggestion to meet in October was to focus on one area.

Administrator Brzozowski responded that the focus of the Study Session would be on what type of programs would the Board be looking at to give the CCAB's some direction and also to discuss the FY 2010 Budget as to what type of needs exist, also, does the Board just want to take dollars that

are being increased and disperse them or should there be a more competitive type of process where counties will come before the Board requesting funding.

Stuart Dunnings indicated that he would like the CCAB's to let the Board know where they would like the funds placed based on their perspective, also, the CCAB's could be surveyed and the information brought back to the October study session.

Director Caruso indicated that the additional monies should be well used and the amount should be increased going into the FY 2010 budget and that there is enough time for implementation to show that there is actually an impact.

Chairman Inman indicated that it appears the Board is in agreement to have an October study session scheduled and asked that Administrator Brzozowski send out communication to the Board that if there were any other issues that they would like to be brought up the Board could be prepared to talk about those issues at the study session.

XIII. ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 2:15PM.