

The “Community” of Corrections

October 12-13, 2009

Lansing, MI

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH - Sessions A, B, C

8:00 – 8:45 Registration

8:45 – 9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks

**9:00 – 10:30 General Session - Measuring and Improving Fidelity to Evidence-Based Practices:
Our Obligation to Effective Service Delivery**
Banquet Rooms 1-4

Kimberly Gentry Sperber, PhD
Chief Research Officer, Talbert House

A-1: 10:45 – 12:15 – Working with Female Offenders: What Does Science Tell Us
Room 101-102

There continues to be much debate in the field about what works for female offenders. Consequently, this presentation will draw on science to inform participants about the risk, need, and responsivity factors to address with females. The presentation will also review different treatment/supervision approaches in use with female offenders, including practical examples from the field.

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A-2: 10:45 – 12:15 - ACA Accreditation for Community Corrections: Process and Benefits
Room 103-104

This session will provide a complete overview of ACA accreditation and will include the benefits of becoming an accredited agency, experiences of a recently accredited residential program and the Office of Community Corrections residential review process.

Mark Flowers
Director, Standards & Accreditation, American Correctional Association

Vic Kuhlman
Manager, Office of Community Corrections

Dick Crites
KPEP Accreditation Manager

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A-3: 10:45 – 12:15 - Myths and Realities: Navigating Access to the Mental Health System and Bridging the Gaps

Room 203

Did you know that local mental health boards identify priority and target populations just like community corrections advisory boards? Did you know that jail diversion plans for the mentally ill are statutory? Do you know who qualifies? This session will outline organizational structures and access to funding for mental health services as well as the outlook for state funding. Improved coordination in planning for this population is the goal.

Mike Vizena

Executive Director, Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards

LUNCH SPEAKER – Banquet Rooms 1-4

Dennis Schrantz

Deputy Director, Planning and Community Development Administration

Michigan Department of Corrections

B-1: 1:30 – 3:00 – Legal and Evidence-Based Practices for Pretrial Services: The Oakland County Project

Room 101-102

The high rate of detention of low-risk pretrial defendants significantly contributes to jail overcrowding. Over supervision of low and medium risk pretrial defendants results in a waste of resources at best and an increase in pretrial misconduct at worst. This session provides an introduction to legal and evidence-based practices for Pretrial. There will also be a discussion on the planning and implementation thus far of the Pretrial Project in Oakland County.

Marie VanNostrand, PhD

Justice Project Manager, Luminosity, Inc.

Honorable Phyllis McMillen

Judge, 51st District Court – Waterford

Barbara Hankey

Oakland County Community Corrections Manager

B-2: 1:30 – 3:00 – Drugs 101: What Every Parent Needs to Know

Room 103-104

For parents and people working with substance abusers alike! This interactive program addresses the signs, symptoms, and current trends of alcohol, tobacco, inhalant, marijuana and other substances of abuse. A highlight of the program is a mock bedroom set up for participants to observe and attempt to identify the obvious and not-so-obvious drug related paraphernalia.

Cheryl Phillips and Gretchen Nachazel

St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station

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B-3: 1:30 – 3:00 - Building Public Private Partnerships to Enhance Resources for Services

Room 203

When we say we need more resources are we only thinking about money? Would in-kind support be just as valuable? This session focuses on broadening our horizons and building partnerships to provide ancillary services offenders might need in order to improve likelihood of success.

Mary Anne Walker

Managing Director, MSU Office of International Development

C-1: 3:15 – 4:45 – Drugs of Abuse and MDOC Drug Testing Policies and Technologies

Room 101-102

This session provides information substance abuse testing technologies, as well as MDOC testing policies and protocols.

Maurice Hills

Department Specialist

MDOC/Office of Substance Abuse Services

Todd Bailey

Vice President of Sales and Marketing

American Bio Medica Corporation (ABMC)

C-2: 3:15 – 4:45 – CCAMIS/CCIS Changes: Northpointe COMPAS Case Manager

Room 103-104

CCAMIS/COMPAS is migrating to the WEB! CCIS data collection will now be gathered through a part of the COMPAS Suite called Case Manager. This session will provide information on the roll out of Case Manager, how it can be used to generate required CCIS data as well as link to COMPAS assessments for use in case planning and monitoring.

Dave Wells

President and CEO, Northpointe Institute for Public Management, Inc.

Jed McDaniel

Support Specialist, Northpointe Institute for Public Management, Inc.

C-3: 3:15 – 4:45 – Seeking Funding: Planning & Preparing Grant Applications

Room 203

This session provides information on how to search on-line data bases to find funders to help fill gaps in program services. A major focus is on accessing Federal funding as well as the mechanics and logic of completing grant applications.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th - Sessions D, E, F

8:00 – 8:45 Registration

8:45 – 9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:00 – 10:30 General Session – Cognitive-Behavioral Programming - One Size Does Not Fit All
Banquet Rooms 1-4

Juliana Taymans, Ph.D.
The George Washington University
Co-Author, Thinking for a Change

D-1: 10:45 – 12:15 – Risk/Need Assessments and the COMPAS Tool – Part 1
Room 101-102

An introduction to the theory behind risk/need assessments, specifically as used in the COMPAS instrument. Scales will be explained as well as how to interpret scales and do subsequent case planning based upon COMPAS results.

Timothy Brennan, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President and Senior Scientist
Northpointe Institute for Public Management, Inc.

D-2: 10:45 – 12:15 – Gangs: Experiences from Flint and West Michigan
Room 103-104

“Gangs” as we know them are continuously evolving.... It’s not as simple as ‘crips’ and ‘bloods’ these days. This presentation highlights experiences of special task forces in the Flint and Greater Grand Rapids/West Michigan areas.

D/Sgt. Bill Jennings
Michigan State Police

Patrol Officer Jim Bivins
Wyoming Police Department

D-3: 10:45 – 12:15 - Workshop: Selecting a Cognitive Curriculum (repeated today at 3:15)
Room 203

Participants will work in small groups to review a variety of cognitive behavioral curricula. This workshop will assist attendees to understand how offender characteristics, program requirements and logistics combine to select program models for optimum effectiveness.

Abe French
Grant Coordinator/Cognitive Specialist, Office of Community Corrections

12:15 – 1:30 Lunch

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E-1: 1:30 – 3:00 – Risk/Need Assessments and the COMPAS Tool – Part 2

Room 101-102

CONTINUATION FROM MORNING SESSION: *An introduction to the theory behind risk/need assessments, specifically as used in the COMPAS instrument. Scales will be explained as well as how to interpret scales and do subsequent case planning based upon COMPAS results*

Timothy Brennan, PhD

Senior Vice President and Senior Scientist

Northpointe Institute for Public Management, Inc.

E-2: 1:30 – 3:00 – Mentoring for Employment Success and More: Lessons Learned from the Ready4Work Reentry Initiative (repeated at 3:15)

Room 103-104

Drawing from the findings and implementation experiences from the Ready4Work Reentry Initiative, this presentation is intended to inform the development and implementation of effective mentoring services within reentry programs. After an overview of the Ready4Work Initiative, findings from the evaluation of the Initiative will be shared as a context for understanding the relationship between mentoring and key program outcomes like employment and recidivism. In addition, a detailed description of the mentoring services as they were implemented by the different programs will be discussed, including an overview on the ideal structure and staffing for mentoring services, the qualities of a good mentor, and the major challenges in mentoring former prisoners. The presentation will end with a discussion of effective strategies in implementing mentoring services within larger reentry programs.

Margo Campbell

Research Associate and Institutional Review Board Director

Public/Private Ventures

E-3: 1:30 – 3:00 – Electronic Monitoring Technology: Selecting Equipment and Developing a Program for Your Needs

Room 203

This session provides information on various electronic and alcohol monitoring technologies used by the MDOC including a demonstration of GPS supervision. A key component of the presentation is the discussion of how to select technology for local needs as well as the cost of contracting with the MDOC for electronic monitoring services.

Jessica Spencer

Lead Agent, Field Operations Administration, Electronic Monitoring Center

Mike Bowker

Lead Agent, Field Operations Administration, Electronic Monitoring Center

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F-1: 3:15 – 4:45 – Sex Offender Assessment and Treatment

Room 101-102

This session will provide information on the assessment of sex offenders as well as the treatment modalities that are available. Additionally, information on MDOC supervision strategies for sex offenders will be presented including activities of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, sex offender registration, safety zones, and GPS supervision.

Virginia Bergamo
Department Specialist, Office of Substance Abuse Services
Sex Offender Contract Inspector

Ron Grooters, MSW
Wedgwood Christian Services and Homeward Bound

Alice Jones
Lead Agent, Field Operations Administration, Office of Parole & Probation Services
Sex Offender Management

Bradley Martin
Director of Corrections Programs, Apex Behavioral Health, P.L.L.C.

Greg Straub
Lead Agent, Field Operations Administration, Office of Parole & Probation Services
Sex Offender Management and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

F-2: 3:15 – 4:45 - Mentoring for Employment Success and More: Lessons Learned from the Ready4Work Reentry Initiative (*repeated session, see description Tues at 1:30*)

Room 103-104

Margo Campbell
Research Associate and Institutional Review Board Director
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F-3: 3:15 – 4:45 –Workshop: Selecting a Cognitive Curriculum (*repeated session, see Tues at 10:45*)

Room 203

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