

Michigan Department of Corrections
Offender Success Administration
Office of Community Corrections – State Board Meeting
August 1st, 2022
1:00 PM- 2:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Dr. Marlene Davis (Chair), Sherriff L. Paul Bailey, Chief Natalie V. Thompson, Honorable Martha Anderson, Jennifer Janetsky, Jake Smith, William DeBoer, Kevin R. Krieg, State Board Liaison Douglas Clark, Director Heidi Washington, Offender Success Administrator Kyle Kaminski.

Call to Order-Roll Call

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm and roll call was completed by Richard Payne.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Davis entertained a motion to approve the agenda as stated. Moved by Jennifer Janetski and second by L. Paul Bailey. Motion carries.

Approval of April 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Dr. Davis entertained a motion to approve meeting minutes from April 11, 2022. Jennifer Janetski moved and second by Martha Anderson. Correction on Sherriff L. Paul Bailey's name. Motion carries.

Opening Remarks from Director Heidi Washington

Director Washington began talking about FY 2023, being the year of expansion with new partnerships that were formed to meet a broader market and be able to provide evidence-based programs to probationers who have previously not been served. Specifically, Montmorency County will be joining the Northeast Region and Huron County is joining the Thumb region. Director Washington gave a shout out to Kalamazoo County for successfully transitioning to a virtual program model that has helped them reach more people and be able to assist other locations as well. She stated she was excited about the ability to help more people in rural areas through the use of virtual programming. She is looking forward to this year and stated that we have received more request for funding which is a good sign. She thanked everyone for their continued

commitment and support for our programs and being partners with us in helping offenders improve their lives.

Budget update from Administrator Kyle Kaminski

Administrator Kaminski began talking about the high level of interest in funding request just over 15 million dollars. He stated the Legislator provided us with the same funding for FY 23 as we had for FY 22, which is just below 13.2 million dollars. Administrator Kaminski indicated that this year, we will be doing things a little different in terms of the allocations. In previous years, we would take the appropriated amount and generally allocate 100% of it. But we know that we would end up with lapses even with midyear movement of funds. He said this year, we will allocate an additional 650 thousand dollars to start the year and will end the year spending no more than what the Legislator appropriated us. This will help with the lapsed funds and make it easier when it comes to midyear adjustments. Many of the counties of the regions are back at full strength, if not even stronger than before, while others are still being impacted by COVID. We don't know what this winter and spring will bring, so this approach gives us a little more cushion. For the current year, we are still seeing allocations that are still below the full appropriated amount and are expecting a laps this year and will have to report that to the Legislature. We have started to do utilization shifts between counties and if you are in need of more funding in FY 22, get with your County Specialist (Molly or Dawn) as we will be approving those as necessary.

Administrator's Report

Manager Doug Clark began by stating for FY 23, we are back up to 43 counties that applied for funding with a total of 32 Community Corrections Advisory Boards (CCAB). In addition to the Director's comments about the overall trend and theme of FY 23, we continue to see an uptick of virtually programming and an increase in pretrial. Washtenaw County's mentoring program is also gaining utilization. The overall theme is that counties are finding new ways of doing business in the programming landscape. Overall, 43 counties are being recommended for funding and we continue to gauge interest from non-funded counties as it pertains to the creation of a CCAB. OCC expects another year of supporting counties, including those that struggle with programming as we think of creative solutions to address needs.

Public Comment

Eric Schmitt, Manager of Oakland County Community Corrections, thanked the board for making pretrial services a state board priority and target population. He is also encouraged that funding is being allocated to the pretrial field. A recent settlement in a 36th district court case, reinforce the importance of proper pretrial operations and decision making. Emphasizing the procedures of due process and the protections that are required. He stated the conditions under the settlement will be difficult but not impossible for pretrial agencies and criminal justice systems to implement.

However, all should work to do so or face similar lawsuits. Oakland County's pretrial programs and criminal Justice System are not immune from these pressures, and it will take significant effort to meet the standards outlined in the settlement. However, through collaborations and following best practices of National Standards, we will definitely get there. He indicated that he is also on the board for the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies holding a position of West Regional Director. In that capacity, he encourages the State Board to continue the funding of Pretrial and Pretrial Agencies would do so with program oversight, training, and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) to make sure pretrial agencies that are receiving funding are trained and continue to follow best practices. The 36th District Court settlement provides a framework for us all to follow. This again will ensure that the OCC funded agencies are getting bail right, and we all know how important that decision is.

Tammy Price, Barry County Manger, wanted to thank Doug and Dawn in finding creative solutions to the issue with the gatekeeper that was discussed at the last State CCAB meeting. They really appreciate the support and are very happy with the outcomes.

Ken Bobo (Kalamazoo County Manager) also wanted to thank Doug and Molly for their support in region 8 remote programming and thanked the Board for supporting them also.

Old Business

Dr. Davis discussed the last State Board Meeting, there was a request from Oakland County to consider having a returning citizen as a board member. Dr. Davis indicated they did research and looked into it and determined trying to put a whole new seat on the board will be a difficult task involving the Legislator. However, she indicated that when a public representative leaves the board, then that will be the opportunity to appoint a returning citizen. Manager Doug Clark also agrees with this.

New Business

Dr. Davis entertained a motion to approve the proposals for funding. Jennifer Janetski set the motion and was seconded by Jake Smith, Motion carries.

Public Comment

Ellen Moore, Berrien County CCAB Manager, wanted to introduce herself as the new Manager. She thanked the Board for all they have done and looks forward to working with everyone.

Dr. Davis also reminded the board that the meetings for FY 2023 will be February 7th, April 18th, and August 15th.

Dr. Davis also indicated that Jake Smith will be possibly leaving the State Board and she wanted to thank him. He is the County Rep in Battle Creek city and running for State office. Assuming he wins he will be gone and cannot be on the Board anymore.

Adjourned

Dr. Davis accepted a motion to adjourned. Motion set by L. Paul Bailey and meeting was adjourned at 1:19 pm.