

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
STATE BOARD MEETING**

FEBRUARY 22, 2019

1:30 pm meeting was called to order

Attendees: (Crissa Blankenburg called roll) Dawn Karfonta, Todd Woodcox, Bill DeBoer, Paul Bailey, Bobby Hopewell, Debra Smith-Olson, Kyle Kaminski

Kyle Kaminski approved agenda. Todd Woodcox 2nd the motion to approve the agenda.

Kyle Kaminski stated there has been a change in the Governor and the new local board changes. Kyle would like to go over goals and objectives. Over the past years quality of programs has increased. Funding is not necessarily there to support all the proposals that have been submitted. Prisoner pop. declined over 10% in 4 years. Last year prison admissions were down for first time in 20 years.

There a couple of State board positions that are empty due to term ending. The Governor's office will be consulted for new members. If there are any questions or concerns for current board members, let Crissa or Kyle know. Folks with midterm expirations will continue and hopefully be continued after the mid-term.

Linsey LaMontagne has moved onto Arizona. Acting CC Manager is Crissa. Introduced Crissa Blankenburg and had her thoughts on OCC.

Invite all to take the opportunity to speak today to let us know what's going on in your areas. Please give the board the opportunity to listen and help.

Crissa introduced herself and spoke about her experience and how she would like to see OCC move forward.

Kyle extended the invitation to anyone that would like to take part in the public speaking portion of the meeting, to please do so. Also, if there are things that need to be on OCC radar, Kyle encouraged people to speak frankly and give the board the opportunity to hear concerns.

Paul Bailey asked if the August meeting minutes could be approved. Kyle moved to approve the August meeting minutes. William DeBoer 2nd the motion and the minutes were approved.

Crissa reviewed the 2018-2019 numbers so far. Introduced that Dawn Karfonta would be going over the county boards that were approved. Crissa introduced new PRS Liaison will be Richard Payne.

Kyle commented – entering in new era in drugged driving. Be aware of how much and how quickly you are spending this money. OCC will be monitoring as well.

PRS – change in approach for MDOC. Time out during the day changes. Offender should not be leaving PRS site without approval of the Agent. Sometimes offenders are housed in a county that is not their county of parole. For public safety purposes make sure agent is approving “time out” during the day. Direction that came out was draft. A final version will be sent out soon.

County Performance Update:

Dawn Karfonta:

(Introduced Molly from Molly's written statement) Molly has been a grant coordinator for OCC for about 6 years. She provides technical assistance and program development to about 18 counties throughout Michigan. Also responsible for providing Cognitive Substance Abuse Services programs for all counties in Michigan. Dawn gave statistical information on all of Molly's counties.

Dawn introduced herself and gave overview of her counties.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Bowman, Saginaw County controller/Chief Administration Officer with Commissioner Tyson

Recognize there is a deficiency in meeting standards as it related to local CC Advisory Board. Taken steps to remedy those issues. More committed now than ever. Request assistance in funding FY19. Board of commissioners has funds are through March 2019. Programs are in jeopardy after that. Need additional funding thru board. Commitment rate is growing. Revenue is stagnant. Saginaw County is building a jail. Not a lot of resources. Building is funded through reduction of staff. Long history of strong partnership and look to continue partnership. Program has been successful throughout the years.

Jim Tyson, County Commissioner Saginaw county

Saginaw is very committed to reducing crime rates. Saginaw County has been in top 5 of "most violent communities". In last several years Saginaw is not in the top 40 anymore. This is thanks to the commitment of the state and MDOC. This progress can be reversed if finances aren't funded very quickly. We are in financial straights as it is. We had a technical violation that kept us from getting funding. We are very committed to getting things done. We do not want to see the jail population go up. We do not want to have to release offenders due to overcrowding. This effects the private sector if that happens, our reputation goes down as the crime rate goes up. We are now able to market our community as a safe community. Please look at the funding and see if it is possible to send some funds our way.

District Judge Frank, Saginaw county. Also presiding judge for Mental health court. We have the task of looking for alternatives for jail. Looking for people that are on the edge of being sent to jail or staying out and making sure they don't recidivate. OCC has been instrumental in assisting us in helping to find alternatives for offenders instead of jail/prison. Thank you for the opportunity to request additional funding be put into reserves. We will demonstrate that we are compliant and use the resources for alternative programs that OCC can help with.

Vanessa Guerra, State Representative for Saginaw area. Has been able to vote on dollars sent to Saginaw county. We have come a long way from 2009 because of OCC Programs. We were one of the most dangerous cities in Michigan. In the last 3 years we have made great strides. There has been

almost \$20 million for new investments. We are making great strides towards lower crime rates, etc. We have invested in many new programs. We have been able to change the perception of Saginaw county's because of our partnership with OCC. We would like to continue to utilize the dollars that are being invested in Saginaw County.

Barb Hankey, Oakland County CCAB Manager

Recently issue came to front about recommendations from agents that could possibly impacted our prison commitment rate. Due to a possible misinterpretation of the directive. I immediately reached out to Administrator Kaminski and Manager Blankenburg. Thank you for being responsive to the issue. Welcome all new board members and thank you to existing members. Funding continues to be an issue. A lot more communities coming on board asking for money. Oakland has been stagnant for several years with funding. Lapses are hard to justify from one year to the next. Please be mindful that sometimes there are lapses which doesn't necessarily mean we don't need the money. 100% of the counties under statewide prison commitment rate had community corrections programming. This does show that Community Corrections programs work.

Andy Verheek, Community Corrections Office in Kent County / Executive association community corrections advisory board

Need to discuss the realignment and the possibilities that provides. CCAB doing great work in reducing state prison commitment rate. Would like to continue to partner with state office and administration moving forward with community corrections moving forward. Sounds like the realignment is in the beginning phases and we would like to help mold that and help it move forward.

Paul Bailey – thanked all for comments

Board Member comments:

Woodcox & Hopewell: Do we have any lead way with Saginaw's concerns? There looks to be \$70,000.00 that has not been appropriated yet. This is far short than what they are asking for, however, is there anything we can do to help them out?

Kyle answered, Yes, we will look again in March to make sure lapses are true lapses and money is available. We would like another month's worth of data and then put a proposal together for not only Saginaw but for other counties as well.

Bobby Hopewell: What is this realignment question that Kent county is talking about? What is this? Can someone tell me what this is about?

Kyle answered: We have 2 very good programs CC and Offender Success programs. There is some interplay already, however, there is not been an alignment to use both programs simultaneously. Would like to make sure offenders are getting best possible programming.

Woodcox: Why is the recidivism not dropping? Why is that? Can we dig in and find out why?

Kyle – not a clear answer, however we will work with research team.

Bobby Hopewell: Mayor of Kalamazoo:

What I heard from my community over the last 8 years we have moved away from success. How do we know when they will be sent back to us after prison release? We know we have offenders once they return to our county. How do we know ahead of time that they are coming to us?

Kyle – slightly outside OCC lane. From a number's perspective reentry programs more successful than they have ever been. Fewer people returning to prison and less re-offending. When an offender is sentenced to county jail it is a determinate sentence. When they are sentenced to prison it could be 1 year up to 25+ years. We cannot tell you outside of 6 months who is coming out of prison and when and where they are going.

Bobby Hopewell: Prior to 8 years ago we were able to get updated information a lot sooner. It seems that things have changed and not sure where the direction will go moving forward. We have a moral responsibility to align all services from county to county and connect the dots for these offenders.

Paul Bailey – his county working with offenders before they are released to find housing, jobs, license information, education.

Deborah Smith-Olson. Chairperson of MI works agency, which serves a 6-county area. There isn't a communication between MDOC and Offender success program?

Kyle: Yes, there is. We are in constant communication with Administrative Agencies.

Crissa: Recidivism of 25% is in relation to probation violations

Public Comments:

Barb Hankey – Relating to probation violator recidivism. Community Corrections Managers have discussed this recidivism rates. These numbers are counting against us for people that we may not have ever touched. We would really like to see an evaluation of just the community corrections programs and the effects on recidivism.

Judge: Part of the problem is a definition of recidivism not being clear. Services are not available to everyone. This affects the recidivism numbers and effectiveness of some of the programs.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Kyle will be looking in March at utilization. Send in billings on time to help with projections.

Putting together an agenda for next meeting, please let us know any topics that you feel would be beneficial at the next meeting.

Bailey – please share concerns with board members, Kyle or Crissa.

Next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2019. Any changes an update will be sent out.

August 22 meeting for end of year to get ready for 2020 applications.

CCAB Managers meeting will discuss recidivism

Motion for adjournment:

Kyle motion to adjourn

Wood cox supported

1:51 meeting adjourned.