

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
STATE BOARD MEETING**

AUGUST 22, 2019 @ 1:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

Attendees Present – Judge Martha Anderson, Paul Bailey, William DeBoer, Jennifer Janetsky, Anna Kohn, Jake Smith, Keith Turpel, Todd Woodcox, Director Washington

Staff Present – Crissa Blankenburg, Dawn Karfonta, Molly Maynard, Kyle Kaminski

Approval of Agenda – Kyle Kaminski asked for a discussion of the agenda. He stated at this time we have no state budget. We will still conduct the meeting today and delay the vote of the funds until we have the state budget. Kyle asked for a revision to the agenda to remove agenda item VII. Consent Calendar Items, FY 2020 Applications. Anna Kohn asked for the approval of the revised agenda, removing agenda item VII. Motion to approve agenda was moved by Jennifer Janetsky and seconded by Jake Smith.

Board Member's Appointments and Introductions – Crissa Blankenburg introduced new Board Members: Jennifer Janetsky, Prosecuting Attorney for Genesee County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and is representing County Prosecuting Attorneys. Anna Kohn, Chair of the Board representing the general public and works for a non-profit organization. Jake Smith, Calhoun County commissioner, representing County Commissioners. Crissa also indicated Sheriff Paul Bailey is a returning appointee to the Board. Crissa welcomed the new Board Members.

Opening Remarks from Director Washington – Director Washington stated it is great to be here. She welcomed new Board Members and thanked staff for their hard work throughout the year. Director Washington supports the mission of the OCC. She stated applications have increased in their quality. We don't have a state budget so today will be a little different. We obviously cannot make any promises or commitments on what allocations are going to be. Suffice it to say, when we do have a budget, we will have no problem expending those funds because there are so many great plans and ideas. Director Washington commented that we recently published our latest strategic plan. If anyone hasn't had the opportunity to look at the plan, she strongly encouraged everyone to do so. It is on the MDOC website and is our road map for the Department of Corrections for the future. When Director Washington talks about the plan, she talks about the broad concepts and the things that we are tackling as a Department like trauma informed care. We are a trauma informed department focusing more on gender responsivity and those types of things. Director Washington noticed in a couple of the applications, Monroe County in particular, they are proposing a gender responsive aftercare program. Also, in Jackson County they have a program that is going to be focused on trauma as well and that is really important as we continue to understand and learn more about the effects that trauma has on our

population. Director Washington is pleased to see that and is looking forward to hearing everyone's comments throughout the rest of meeting.

Review of February 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes – The February meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board. Todd Woodcox had one suggested change on page 4 of the February minutes. In the Board Members Comments section there is a typo "lead way" should indicate "leeway" not "lead way". Jennifer Janetsky indicated there is also a change to Page 3, Robert Bowman, Saginaw County Controller should indicate "Robert Belleman". Changes were noted and will be made to the meeting minutes. Motion by Anna Kohn for approval of the meeting minutes with the two changes, moved by Jennifer Janetsky and seconded by Jake Smith. All Board Members were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report – Crissa Blankenburg indicated she was excited for everyone to be here and welcomed the new board members. She indicated 34 Community Corrections Advisory Board applications covering 44 counties for FY 2020 were reviewed and we are awaiting funding to be approved. Our overall prison commitment rate for FY 2018 is at 19.8%, group 2 straddle cell is our focus for the Board and our prison commitment rate is 26.4%. Recidivism has maintained at 25% and was one of the topics at our February meeting. Crissa welcomed some of our Probation Sentencing Specialists, who are attending today's meeting. Introducing themselves were Probation Sentencing Specialists Kathy Arnold, who covers Regions 4B, part of 4A and all of Region 9. Jamee Babbitt covers Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, and part of 4A, and Mark Bartolomeo covers Region 10 (Wayne and Macomb Counties). Crissa thanked them for being here and indicated that she, Molly, and Richard recently had the opportunity to sit down with some of the Probation Sentencing Specialists to discuss initiatives in place and review the two counties they are taking on to look at recidivism rate and how to impact those and reviewing the probation violations. Crissa stated we are excited about that project to hear the data outcomes and see if we can duplicate any of the best practices statewide. It will be great to get feedback from them. Crissa also indicated that we are doing well and seeing a decrease in overall prison commitment rate for this year. As Director Washington stated in review of the proposals, we have seen some progress with different counties adopting key components of the strategic plan and initiatives. Crissa indicated Barb will be holding a pre-trial conference in September and Barb will be sharing more of that information. Those things are great, and we welcome that. It has not been overlooked and we appreciate all your efforts. Crissa stated the next Community Corrections meeting will be held in October with our reentry team. It is a chance for us to reconnect with our community coordinators on the Offender Success side. Chris Trudell, Offender Reentry Manager is here in the audience today and the things he has implemented we are looking at fine tuning in probation. Crissa indicated she looks forward to the October meeting to network together and work on ways to maximize resources.

Consent Calendar Items –

FY 2020 Applications – (NOTE: Application review was adjourned to a later date with the next meeting date to be determined.)

FY 2020 State Community Corrections Board Meeting Schedule – Proposed schedule for 2020 was reviewed. Anna Kohn entertained a motion to accept the State Community Corrections Board Meeting

FY 2020 Schedule. Motion moved by Paul Bailey and seconded by Jake Smith. All Board Members were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Public Comment –

Barbara Hankey, CCAB Manager of Oakland County asked that since the Board is not voting today on the application what is the process that will take place, she realizes that normally the Board does not respond to public comment, but she was just wondering if a special Board Meeting will be called or can they do an e-vote. Kyle Kaminski stated we will explore all options available trying to make it as simple as possible. We do not know if e-vote is allowable for a Board of this type or perhaps we could do a tele-conference meeting. Kyle Kaminski indicated we will have that information to the Board Members as quickly as we can. The one piece of information we do not have is what the date will be as that will be dependent on the release of the state budget. MDOC Administration will let everyone know the plan as we move forward.

Barbara also wanted to let the Board know about Oakland County, in conjunction with the DOC, is planning a pretty significant pre-trial training on September 24th and 25th. She apologized for not making copies for everyone, but she will get information to Molly Maynard to disperse to the Board. It is a two-day training, and everyone is not required to attend both days. The first day will be focused on stakeholder training and the second day will be more practitioner focused. The great thing about the training is that they are bringing in practitioners from all around the country. There will be pre-trial practitioners mostly from around the Midwest (Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, DC) and other areas including New Mexico. These are all places if you have been following the pre-trial reform movement across the country, that have undertaken very serious valid reform and have been very successful in their endeavors. It is a great opportunity to train with these individuals, network with them and talk with them really asking them the tough questions like what the challenges were that you faced, what were the barriers, etc. There is no reason why we should make those same mistakes if someone else has already made them for us. Barbara indicated she is also putting this out to Legislators. They will be having a small reception after the first day of training. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet and talk with the folks who have done it, particularly Kentucky and DC who are generally held up as the standard for pre-trial. Barbara asked that the Board please mark the upcoming conference on their calendars and hopes to see everyone there. Barb reiterated she will give Molly the information about the upcoming conference for further sharing.

Andy Verheek, President of the Michigan Association of Community Corrections Advisory Board wanted to take this opportunity to speak to new members and continuing members on several of the issues that are important to the managers throughout our state and participate in Community Corrections. He indicated he is aware that the current budget is at an impasse. Funding is questionable this year, but it provides an opportunity for this organization, Board Members and other stakeholders to advocate for an increase in funding in the coming years for Community Corrections. That increase in funding not only allows for CCABs/OCC offices to serve and handle the influx of individuals sentenced to community sanctions given that that prison commitment rate still continues to decrease in the State of Michigan over the last several years, but also allows us to expand and implement more services not only for those

offenders, but also for us to really take a hold and engage in the next steps with regards to evidence based practices. Namely, the evaluations that we need to be doing with our programs, part of these evidence-based practices are evaluations of our programming. A lot of counties and CCAB's will need assistance with regards to having those evaluations conducted whether through funding or other technical assistance. Andy stated that fight, that argument, that need for additional funding is going to be paramount to not only show how well our CCAB's across the state are doing, but also allow us to expand the opportunity to provide those evaluations and services. Finally, Andy mentioned he would like to continue working with the Board and state office to obtain continued data in order for them to do their planning and engage in evidence-based practices. With the help of the state office, they have received yearly reports in terms of disposition data which is great and very helpful. Yet, at this point over the years they need to take the next steps and have COMPAS data provided to them at minimum on a yearly basis to help with organizations, help us with planning and ensure they meet evidence-based practices by reaching those individuals that need the services the most. Andy is asking the Board to take those items into consideration and to continue working together in those areas.

Ebony McCann, CCAB Manager of Wayne County stated she understands that what we are not voting on today is beyond the control of the Board. Her only request is that post-meeting some type of memorandum be sent out to the Community Corrections Advisory Boards. They would then be able to present the memo to their commissions to assure them that us not meeting today to review/approve the plans is beyond our control. The memo should also indicate once the approval has been submitted or issued by the State, we will then be able to proceed with the standard procedures of voting for our proposals as well as sharing with our local vendors that there may be a halt in payment or funding for FY 2020.

Mary McLaughlin, CCAB Manager of Saginaw County indicated she is grateful to be here today to talk with the Board. She is honored to let the Board know that Saginaw County is committed and invested. They are invested in that partnership with the Michigan Department of Corrections. She indicated that over the last 14 months they have been meeting as a Board with their stakeholders at least once a month, if not biweekly. They have been holding various meetings with their county controller, with the Board of Commissioners, and with their judges. Mary stated the road hasn't always been wine and roses. They have met those hurdles and face them together and have successfully overcome those. They have devoted much time and energy to their 2020 application. They have successfully completed their grant application and submitted a comprehensive plan and services in the grant, but they were disheartened to learn that their request for funding was not fully awarded. Unfortunately, Saginaw County does not have a lot of financial resources and they do not have a lot of community resources. Saginaw County relies heavily on the Michigan Department of Corrections in their partnership to assist with the support of finances but also are seeing some trends that are concerning to Saginaw County. They are seeing more arrests, their prison commitment rates are increasing, their probation violation population is increasing, and they are seeing their jail numbers increase. These are areas where she is seeing trends and seeing that if they are not fully funded, they may have to cut positions at Saginaw County. Saginaw is facing a 1.1 million-dollar deficit this fiscal year, so she is respectfully requesting a reconsideration for full funding for Saginaw County.

Mike McMillan – Circuit Family Probate Court Administrator for St. Clair County and President of the Michigan Association of Circuit Court Administrators indicated he too, like Mary, is here to talk about a respectful request for reconsideration for a grant award. A little history of St. Clair County, they have been receiving the OCC grant partnering with the Michigan Department of Corrections since long before his time there, since the 1990's. Primarily, they fund the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (RSAT), a substance abuse program. It has worked well. From 2015 to 2018 they had 500 offenders with a 90% completion rate. In 2017, they were informed some policies and procedure focuses had changed with the Board and that St. Clair County would need to amend their programs. Mike indicated certainly they wanted to adapt and amend as well. So that in working with their grant coordinator, they determined one staff member who had been doing gatekeeper work and overseeing our RSAT programs would then act as a facilitator and begin cognitive behavior classes such as Thinking Matters and Moving On. It did not go well. They had difficult buy in from their Judges and from the MDOC staff. Even though they have a very active CCAB Board and very involved Board, they had some difficulty there. St. Clair County's utilization for this year (FY 2019) was significantly low and they certainly had some takeaways. Mike indicated they have spent the prior months in preparation of their FY 2020 budget looking at the of their area, working really hard with Sheriff Tim Donnellon and looking at their stakeholders to see what is out there that they could partner with and utilize in their application. They created a manager position in the FY 2020 budget, partially funded with hope the new manager would also do some case management and pre-trial services as well. Ultimately, if they receive a "no grant" that is the death rattle for the community corrections program in St. Clair County. Mike indicated they are very committed. St. Clair County Prosecutor and Judges are committed. Language has been added to judgment of sentence orders, getting folks into programs and really identifying the need. Their felony case population is up, their mental health court is full, and they are beginning a drug court with the hope they can pair all these things together to really create a systemic wrap around culture with Community Corrections at the hub of that. They have a residential program, the Huron House which they would love to expand and be able to use that. St. Clair County sees a lot of potential and opportunity and their hope is that the Board would reconsider that even at a decreased funding level, but they would really like to continue to partner with the DOC and the Office of Community Corrections.

Roberta Sacharski, Child Court Administrator for Livingston County, wanted to thank the Board and staff for this year's recommendation for their grant. The history of Community Corrections and Livingston County has been a little rocky, what was once a robust program has unfortunately, due to lack of solid and competent Administration become defunct. This current year it was revived and the recommendation for FY 2020 funding is encouraging to her and the newly revived and invested local CCAB Board, who is excited about increased funding this year to provide services to their felon population. Roberta appreciates the work of the Board and patience of the grant coordinator, with their county getting this program revived to meet the needs of their community.

Old Business – No old business to report.

New Business – Kyle Kaminski reiterated they will be in communication with everyone. He reminded everyone to please make sure they signed in on the sign-up sheets at the entrance of the room, so MDOC Administration can reach out to everyone and let them know what the next steps will be.

Anna Kohn indicated we will lean on Kyle for follow up regarding the next meeting and the next steps.

Director Washington moved to adjourn this meeting. Jake Smith seconded the adjournment.

1:31 pm meeting adjourned