

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

STATE BOARD MEETING

August 20, 2020

ATTENDEES: Anna Kohn (Chair), Director Heidi Washington, Sheriff L. Paul Bailey, Commissioner Jake Smith, Chief Natalie V. Thompson, Dr. Marlana David-Martin, Attorney Jennifer Janetsky, Deborah Smith Olsen, Mayor Bobby Hopewell, CEO William DeBoer, Attorney Marlana B. David-Martin, Judge Martha Anderson, Offender Success Administrator Kyle Kaminski and State Board Liaison Crissa Blankenburg

- Anna Kohn began meeting at 1300 and introduced Michael Keck for housekeeping instructions. Michael Keck provide instruction about the virtual platform used for this meeting.
- Anna Kohn completed roll call at 1304
- Director Washington welcomed everyone to this virtual meeting and indicated she is glad the use of technology allows everyone to stay connected and work together. She stated that through this challenging and unprecedented time that good things are still coming out of this. She thanked everyone for their flexibility and working with each other to keep the community safe. She also thanked the staff at the Michigan Department of Corrections for staying connected and for all the work they have done. She indicated this is a challenging budget year and are still in the dark right now and working on a budget that will come out at some point but will be difficult. She looks forward to continuing to work with everyone and hope that we can see each other in person for the next meeting and there will not be an in-person training as previously planned. She closed by saying good luck and thank you for all that you are doing.
- Anna Kohn did welcome Mayor Hopewell as his name was not announced during roll call. Motion to accept last meeting minutes as presented, Mayor Hopewell moved and second by L. Paul Bayley. Motion is passed and meeting minutes accepted.
- Anna Kohn introduced new members and asked to give a brief statement of their background. Marilena David-Martin, Deputy Director State of Public Offender, introduced herself. Dr. Marlene Davis, Retired School Superintendent, introduced herself. William Deboer, CEO of Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program (KPEP), introduced himself. Chief Natalie Thompson, South Haven Police Department, introduced herself.

- Administrator Kyle Kaminski provided the budget updates. Started off thanking everyone for all their work during these challenging times and pushing the limits on creativity with all partners. Indicated that no plan will be approved today as there is no budget from the legislature, and when it comes time to approve the plan, the state staff will be making recommendation to the state board for the programs that should be supported as well the overall funding amount, but will leave it to the counties to establish what the initial distribution between the programs should be. Administrator Kaminski indicated that we are facing a challenging budget and indicated next week, two fiscal agencies as well as the state budget office and Department of Treasury are going to come up with what they view as the new projections for state revenue for the new fiscal year starting October 1st. The last time they met was in May and projections were quite weak. Since then, some of the numbers in terms of revenue have shown improvement and we are hopeful that the situation is not quite as dire as predicted earlier in the year but we are still probably looking at somewhere between a 1.5 and 2 billion dollar deficit for the state government over all. With that type of deficit, the legislature and the executive are going to have to work together to find several reductions. Administrator Kaminski indicated that his goal is make sure reductions are not made to the areas where the money has the greater impact. As we go into negotiations, Community Corrections is an area of high impact, especially right now there is a lot of need. He indicated that it will be towards the end of September before there is an actual budget, and at that point we will reconvene and make recommendation to the state board to consider, and there will be a final vote. Administrator Kaminski indicated we will keep everyone up to date and would not hurt to talk to local legislature to remind them of the importance of these programs in the communities. He indicated the other goal for this meeting was to start reengaging with the state board and with the managers more and get out of “the meeting were it felt like it was the same thing over and over again”. Administrator Kaminski indicated we are excited to have Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry Clayton here to talk about important topics that is impactful. The hope is that this would be the first in a series of having guest speakers or others that can come in and help educated people on the board.
- Manager Crissa Blankenburg provided the administrators report. Manager Blankenburg indicated the Office of Community Corrections received 35 grant applications to review covering 43 counties, Probation Residential Services received 19 bid responses. 2 are from new contractors that are on the east side of the state which will impact and extend our options to our female offender population. Prison Commitment rate from counties that submit plans and work with us and have applications and budgets approved have a rate of 18.9%. In comparison to those who did not submit a grant application, their prison commitment rate is 25%. The overall statewide prison commitment rate is 19.6%. Manager Blankenburg indicated that our agencies that partner with us in the community are doing a good job and we appreciate you. Group 2 Straddle cell prison commitment rate for FY 19 is 23%, which is a decrease considering fewer felony dispositions in

comparison to FY 18 prison commitment rate of 26.4%. Probation Violators (recidivism rate – offenders sentenced to probation and commit a violation, either a technical violation or new sentence) for FY 19 is 23.5% in comparison to 25% in FY 18. Manager Blankenburg indicated that we had to cancel the training in September due to current conditions but will be looking to plan another training meeting. She thanked everyone in the community for doing an excellent job and their ability to pivot quickly and establish virtual platforms to continue programming.

- Anna Kohn introduced guest speaker Sheriff Jerry Clayton of Washtenaw County to give a presentation. Please see attached power point “Impact of Bias-Leading Change in Organizational Culture”. Following the presentation was a Q&A session. Marilena David-Martin asked if there were other agencies around the state that Sheriff Clayton knew of that are getting this information or training, or did Sheriff Clayton speak with other agencies or sheriff offices about this topic? Sherriff Clayton indicated he believes there a lot of agencies engaging in these discussions. His concerns are some of them is going to be “check the box”, and the activity there is not what’s needed to fundamentally change what needs to be changed to achieve the outcomes in which a lot of us desire. There were no other questions.
- Anna Kohn proceeded with the approval of the board meeting schedule for the 2021 year. Manager Blankenburg indicated that there is no budget set for Community Corrections at this time and will have to meet again to vote on the grant applications. Administrator Kaminski indicated that his hope would be the last week of September but will be dependent upon on the legislature action on the budget. Anna Kohn indicated there will be a survey for availability sent out and asked members to respond to the survey. There were no questions regarding the schedule.
- Public Comment was given by Barb Hankey, Manager of Oakland County Community Corrections, and president of Michigan Association of Community Corrections Advisory Board. Please see attached document for her presentation and CJARS data. Megan Kerekes, CCAB Manager of Livingston County commented and gave thanks to the board this past fiscal year for the support to Livingston county as they work to revise and rebuild their program.
- Anna Kohn proceeded with old business and Crissa Blankenburg indicated there was none to address.
- Anna Kohn proceeded with new business. Mayor Bobby Hopewell requested that Barb Hankey’s comments be moved to new business for future action. Anna Kohn and Crissa Blankenburg indicated this will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

- Motion to adjourn meeting moved by Marlene Davis, and second by Marilena David-Martin. All was in favor and meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm.