

Michigan Department of Corrections
Office of Community Corrections
State Board Meeting

August 13, 2024

1:00pm – 2:00pm

In Attendance: Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth, Director Heidi Washington, Jewel Hurn, Chokwe Pitchford, Chief Natalie Thompson, Chief Judge Bradley Knoll, Brandon D. Davis, Gary Davis, and State Board Liaison Douglas Clark

Not Present: Chief Judge Martha Anderson, Marilena B. David-Martin, Jennifer Janetsky, Brenda Gross Andrews, Kevin R. Krieg

Call to Order

Brandon D. Davis called the meeting to order at 1:02pm and roll call was completed by Jane Blount.

Approval of Minutes

Chokwe Pitchford motioned to approve meeting minutes from February 12, 2024. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Wriggelsworth and the board voted in favor of approving the previous minutes without corrections.

- I. Opening Remarks/Introduction of New Members – Director Washington
 - a. Director Washington welcomed everyone to the Green Oaks training center, the MDOC's new professional development center and invited members to tour after the meeting.
 - b. OCC is continuing to see growth with Shiawassee County added and Marquette expanding services. Kalamazoo County has been delivering virtual programming to underserved populations resulting in 456 probationers from 28 counties gaining access to services.
 - c. Brandon D. Davis Introduced Gary Davis and welcomed him to the board.
- II. Community Corrections Report – Douglas Clark
 - a. OCC received 33 applications for FY 25. Over 17 million requested for funding, with 14.8 million appropriated.
 - b. State board began prioritizing pretrial in recent years. The midyear PRAXIS completion rate is 15,000 with approximately 12,600 defendants enrolled in pretrial services. The midyear appearance rate 91% and 97% public safety rate.
- III. Public Comment
 - a. Eric Schmidt Oakland County Community Corrections Manager
 - i. With OCC and their general funding Oakland County expects to be able to complete 11,000 bail investigations in FY25. Oakland County has 14 district courts, with community corrections having a physical presence in 13. They expect to serve approximately 5000 people on supervision in FY25. They also provide OUIL 3rd MAT assessments as well as cognitive programming in the jail and community, reentry in jail, and the Step Forward program in the community serving about 1000 individuals. Oakland County partners with Nation Outside for mentoring, and center for employment opportunities. They also provide

trauma informed programming. Discussed growth of applications and increase of counties requesting funding and encouraged the board to work with legislature to meet the needs of counties providing programming.

IV. New Business

a. Approval of FY25 Proposals

- i. Motion to approve by Chokwe Pitchford seconded by Director Washington. Board unanimously approved the FY25 proposals.

b. FY25 Meeting Dates

- i. Douglas Clark reminded the board to respond to survey to set upcoming meeting dates. The next meeting date will be sent once the responses are received.

V. Board discussion

a. Chokwe Pitchford asked Oakland County Community Corrections Manager Eric Schmidt about national trends and innovations.

- i. Eric Schmidt discussed national organizations are working on the implementation of behavioral health interventions into pretrial, including specialty courts. Data shows people are successful during pretrial phase without required court ordered intervention. Access to resources can still be provided without making it court ordered. Assisted outpatient treatment is being started in Michigan. Current house bill for petitioning someone into assisted outpatient treatment while keeping pretrial services out of the process. The goal is working together to help make the connections without overhauling the pretrial process.

b. Sheriff Wriggelsworth

- i. Proposals currently due in May and the counties find out their funding the week before board meeting. Proposed creating earlier due date for proposals so that counties can address funding issues earlier. This would allow them to make changes, updates, or appeals before the board meets. Proposals are currently due in May, which is not statutorily required so it could be changed to allow for this.
- ii. There are some comparable counties that have their entire pretrial services funded by PA511 and some counties have been proactive in funding it through their general funds. The same has been noticed with electronic monitoring. The counties that have been funding it themselves are having difficulty getting PA511 funds to help.
- iii. There is an opportunity for state office of OCC to build on pretrial services. Daily jail populations are continuing to increase. If we could build on pretrial opportunities for local CCAB's it could decrease jail and prison time. There is state discussion about trial court funding currently and there is a possibility of pretrial time continuing to grow.

VI. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 1:24pm.