

STATE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD MEETING

August 24, 2006

Michigan State Library and Conference Center
Lansing, Michigan

APPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Louis Dean, Patricia Caruso, Brigette Officer, Carl Solden, Larry Inman, John Phillips and Benard Parker.

ABSENT: Alfred Butzbaugh, Inez Brown, Stuart Dunnings, Charles Brown, George Zulakis and Dennis McMurray.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Larry Inman specified that the CCAB presentation would be given by Barb Hankey from Oakland County, the MPRI Update would be given by Le'Ann Duran and the Jail Re-Entry presentation would be given by Administrator Brzozowski.

Motion by Louis Dean, supported by Bridget Officer, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2006 MINUTES:

Motion by Bridget Officer, supported by Louis Dean, to approve the April 20, 2006 Minutes as written.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

III. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Brzozowski indicated that since 1995 the Office of Community Corrections (OCC) has been under the Field Operations Administration and as a result of the Department's reorganization, OCC is now under the Planning and Community Development Administration. This administration is responsible for planning and developing initiatives within the Department and communities, and will plan for prison control and growth. The administration includes the Office of Planning and Research, the Office of Re-Entry and the OCC. Also, the Department's Office of Substance Abuse (OSAS) has been moved under OCC. OSAS is responsible for department drug testing, prevention and treatment programs throughout the department, institutions, camps, and parole and probation offices. The County Jail Services Unit (CJS) has also been moved under OCC. CJS is responsible for inspecting both jails and lock ups that are under the administration of the county sheriff. The Unit audits jails to ensure that they are operating the jails in compliance with the State Law and Administrative Rules and ensure that they are being run in a safe manner. They also review all jail construction plans or any type of remodeling that affects capacity.

Director Caruso indicated that the Department is trying to realign administrations differently and focus on operational departments within our prison system and take a look at other operations from an internal and external perspective.

Administrator Brzozowski indicated that included in the State Board Packet was the latest OMNI report on prison dispositions which covers statewide dispositions through March 2006. He indicated that as part of the 2007 review process, this is the first year that OCC did not include objectives for the county using the State's rate as a benchmark since the rate does not necessarily apply to each county. OCC has taken a new approach to analyze each county individually and establish goals accordingly.

Regarding residential services, Administrator Brzozowski reported that through the 3rd quarter FY 2006, the average daily population is at 926. The Director approved a one-time reallocation of \$330,000 to support residential services for 16 CCABs (Berrien, Eaton, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Marquette, Mason, NWMCOG, Oakland, St. Joseph, Shiawassee, Sunrise Side, Thirteenth Circuit, Thirty-Fourth Circuit, Wayne and WCUP) that have over-utilized services.

Although the Department still has a deficit, OCC has been very fortunate to reallocate funding this year to help those counties that have over-utilized residential services.

With regards to the FY 2007 Appropriation, the budget has been signed by the Governor. The Appropriation is a continuation of FY 2006 – Comprehensive Plans and Services is \$12.5 Million, Residential Services is \$16.9 Million which will support 976 beds at a per diem of \$47.50, and the Drunk Driver Jail Reduction Program is \$2.1 Million. OCC received and is recommending funding for two new CCABs – Branch and Gratiot Counties for FY 2007 even though the budget is a continuation budget.

On the agenda, the Board will consider 34 applications from CCABs that cover 59 counties. There are 14 CCABs representing 15 counties that are under multi-year contracts. Those counties under multi-year contracts will receive a continuation budget and the Board will not be reviewing them. Administrator Brzozowski announced that OCC staff has met with several counties to discuss the proposals and contract conditions. The Board was given updated information for their packets and Mr. Brzozowski explained those updates/revisions.

Bernard Parker questioned whether the reorganization of OCC affected the responsibilities of the Board or whether or not the addition of the Office of Substance Abuse to OCC would reflect responsibility changes. Administrator Brzozowski indicated that the responsibilities of the Board would not change and that no changes would be made without the Board being advised of the proposed changes and given the opportunity for discussing the changes.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

FY 2007 Application Reviews

Chair Inman called the Board's attention to the spreadsheet outlining the FY 2007 Recommended Award Amounts Summary for Comprehensive Plans & Services, Residential Services and DDJRP/CTP. Those counties include: Bay, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Eastern U.P., Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Ingham, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Midland, Monroe, Muskegon, Northern, Northwest MI, Oakland, Ottawa, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Sunrise Side, Thirteenth Circuit, Thirty-Fourth Circuit, Thumb Regional, Tri-County, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne and West Central U.P.

Chair Inman questioned if any member of the Public wished to pull a recommendation for further discussion and there were none. He then questioned if any member of the Board wished to pull a recommendation for further discussion and there were none.

Chair Inman then asked if any Board Member had a conflict with any of the applications that were being considered for approval of funds: Bernard Parker – Wayne County; Bridget Officer – Wayne County; Louis Dean – Kent County; Larry Inman – Thirteenth Circuit; and John Phillips – Washtenaw County.

Motion by Louis Dean, supported by Bernard Parker to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

VOTE: There was a roll call vote to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. John Phillips – Yes; Louis Dean – Yes; Bernard Parker – Yes; Patricia Caruso – Yes; Brigette Officer – Yes; Carl Solden – Yes; Larry Inman – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Inman then acknowledged Administrator Brzozowski and the Director's leadership with regard to the staff and the amount of time and effort with preparing the packet to the Board. He also acknowledged the CCABs' with their assistance with putting the application together. Administrator Brzozowski then acknowledged his own staff for their commitment with the application process as well. Director Caruso also acknowledged the staff.

VI. CCAB PRESENTATION:

Barb Hankey – Oakland County Manager gave a Power Point presentation on Oakland County's Felony Plea Program. The Board received a packet with regards to this presentation and Ms. Hankey handed out additional information. Ms. Hankey indicated that the program was an expedited plea of a felony matter at the District Court level. She indicated that in accordance with MCR 6.111(A), it allows for the circuit court arraignment and the plea to be taken by a district judge. The defendant, defense counsel and prosecutor must consent on the record as this program is a volunteer program. She discussed the reasons on why this program should be implemented, how the program works, and the steps taken to complete this program. She then indicated the number of offenders who have been through this program and the obstacles that must be overcome while participating in this program.

Administrator Brzozowski asked why there were two courts in Oakland County not participating in this program and Ms. Hankey indicated that the first court not participating is a one judge court and they only average 1 to 2 felons a week. The second court not participating is a three judge court. One of the judges here has agreed to start the process and we hope that once the other judges see the program in action that they will come aboard as well.

VII. MPRI UPDATE:

Le'Ann Duran – Manager of the Office of Offender Re-Entry gave a presentation on the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative. Ms. Duran handed out MPRI packets and pamphlets. She indicated that she has been involved with MPRI for approximately three years. She indicated that the MPRI will be implemented statewide in a three-step approach with the goal of having the entire state involved in the MPRI model by September of 2007.

She indicated that the Implementation Plan describes (1) the three-step approach to implementation. (2) The activities that will occur in each Pilot Site as part of MPRI and describes how JEHT Foundation funds will be blended with MDOC funds to form a comprehensive and seamless funding strategy that will enable effective implementation. (3) The roles and responsibilities of the three organizations involved in planning and coordinating the implementation of MPRI: Public Policy Associates (PPA), PPA's non-profit partner, the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency (MCCD), and the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC).

Ms. Duran indicated that the first eight Pilot Sites were selected because those communities had begun community coordination and re-entry planning with their own resources. These first sites include 7 of 14 urban counties that account for 75% of all prison releases each year. The remaining urban counties will be included in the second wave of Pilot Sites beginning in FY 2007.

The goal of MPRI is to ensure that all 14 urban counties are fully operational before the end of FY 2007 with some evidence collected that demonstrates the effectiveness of the MPRI in reducing recidivism across a broad base of communities.

Bernard Parker asked how many individuals MPRI anticipates will be in the program. Ms. Duran indicated that approximately 1,000 inmates will participate in the pilot sites with round 1 and 2 for FY 2007. She indicated that Round 1 has completed their planning stage and that this will be their first year of implementation. Round 2 is just now completing their planning stage and thus, Round 2 will start their implementation this Fall. She indicated that the pilot sites have been in operation about nine months.

Mr. Parker asked Ms. Duran if she could describe what types of readiness the pilot sites provide. She indicated that each site designs their own program structures to coincide with their community. Such programs include employment readiness, working with substance abuse providers, housing, vocational and educational programs, all to make sure that these programs are connected to the prisoner prior to release so that when they walk out the door, they have their plan in place. She indicated that there are 16 different domains in each community that they have to choose from.

Director Caruso indicated that the most significant piece of this is the collaboration within the communities. She pointed out that community is the most important part and although re-entry is the same, it will look different because every community is different. She indicated that MDOC is learning as they go along as it is a work in progress. She also indicated that the State of Michigan is getting a lot of recognition around the country for its MPRI initiatives.

Louis Dean indicated that he is pleased with Kent County's MPRI progress.

VIII. JAIL RE-ENTRY FORUM

Administrator Brzozowski informed the Board that they had been given a packet of information regarding The Michigan Jail Reentry Forum. This forum is being held on September 27, 2006 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, Michigan. He indicated that the forum is being cosponsored by the Office of Community Correction/Michigan Department of Corrections, Michigan Association of Counties and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association and that the purpose of this event is to educate key state and local stakeholders on the philosophy and practice of jail reentry/transition from national, state and local perspectives, and to promote local adaptation of that philosophy. A panel of experts representing many aspects related to jail reentry/transition will provide presentations intended to lay the foundation and create an environment to engage in open discussion.

OCC has encouraged a team attendance from each jurisdiction to include representation from the following: Sheriff and/or Jail Administrator; Community Corrections Manager and CCAB Chairperson; MDOC/FOA Supervisor/Area manager and Agent; Circuit Court Judge; District Court representative(s)-judge, probation, court staff; and County Commissioner.

He then listed the panel of speakers to be present at the forum and welcomed Board Members to attend.

IX. STATE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE – FY 2007:

Motion by Brigette Officer, supported by John Phillips to approve the State Community Corrections Board Meeting Schedule for FY 2007 as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Murray – Eastern U.P. CCAB Manager commended the Community Corrections staff and Coordinator, Abigail Callejas (previously Sandi Hoppough) for their extensive help on their proposal and Comprehensive Plans and Services, and for attending their board meetings. He again extended his appreciation.

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

Bernard Parker asked for more direction on the February Board Meeting. Administrator Brzozowski indicated that the meeting agenda is to be announced – depending on agenda items submitted by the Board Members. Mr. Brzozowski indicated that the FY 2008 training would be held in early January and the applications will be distributed shortly thereafter. Mr. Parker indicated that he would like a February Board Meeting for discussion concerning the application and Chair Inman informed Mr. Parker that an October Study Session is scheduled for open discussion. Approximately one month prior to this meeting, all Board Members will be contacted for agenda items to determine if an October meeting is necessary.

Brigette Officer inquired as to how the multi-year contracts were working for the small counties. Administrator Brzozowski indicated that it is working out very well as evidenced by program utilization data. He further indicated that OCC will not issue Gratiot or Branch counties a multi-year contract due to their being a newly formed CCAB this year.

Chair Inman moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Carl Solden, supported by Brigette Officer. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.