

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

DATE: October 30, 2019

Representative Albert called the subcommittee meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll was taken: Present – Representatives Albert, Slagh, VanSingel, Lightner, Maddock, Pagan, Sabo, Anthony,
and Kennedy
Absent – None

I. Approval of Minutes from Previous Subcommittee Meeting

A motion was moved by Representative Slagh to approve the minutes from the subcommittee meeting held on May 22, 2019. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members voting in the affirmative.

II. Community Corrections

- A. Kyle Kaminski, Offender Success Administrator/Legislative Liaison, appeared before the subcommittee to give a brief overview of community corrections programming, and how funding is allocated, monitored, and transferred if requested by local community corrections advisory boards.
- B. Andrew Verheek, from the Michigan Association of Community Corrections Advisory Boards, appeared before the subcommittee to emphasize the importance of the success of community corrections advisory boards, community corrections programs, and keeping offenders in communities and out of prisons. He discussed the need for the Department of Corrections to assist local units with obtaining the data they need to make evidence-based decisions about programming, and the importance of local units retaining control of decision-making on programming that best fits the needs of their communities.
- C. Mary McLaughlin, Manager, Saginaw County Office of Community Corrections, appeared before the subcommittee to describe how community corrections programming helps to shape case disposition. She discussed the specific programs offered and how programs directly influence prison commitment rates and support goals and objectives of the Department of Corrections. She discussed recent state budget reductions and the effect of those reductions on local budgets.
- D. Brent Denny and Ron Morseau, from the Ionia County Office of Community Corrections, appeared before the subcommittee to discuss issues in Ionia County that affect the four community corrections programs they operate. Issues include under- and overutilization of programs and the inability to predict utilization, keeping administrative costs under control, understanding the referral process, and devising solutions to communication barriers.
- E. David Stevens, from the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections, appeared before the subcommittee to discuss the need for local communities to work closely together to assess program needs of the communities and how a “one-size-fits all” approach does not work.

Discussion ensued (questions and answers). Kyle Kaminski returned to the table to provide clarification to subcommittee members on information presented.

III. Adjourn

Representative Albert adjourned the subcommittee meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robin R. Risko, House Fiscal Agency