

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

DATE: February 28, 2018

The subcommittee meeting was called to order by Representative Pagel at 10:30 a.m.

Attendance was taken: Present – Representatives Pagel, Yaroch, Afendoulis, VanSingel, Santana, and Durhal III
Absent – None

I. Approval of Minutes from Previous Subcommittee Meeting

A motion was moved by Representative VanSingel to approve the minutes from the subcommittee meeting held on February 21, 2018. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members voting in the affirmative.

II. Prisoner Health Care Services

Lia Gulick, Health Care Administrator, Bureau of Health Care Services, and Kyle Kaminski, Reentry Administrator and Legislative Liaison, appeared before the subcommittee to give a status report on prisoner health care services. Ms. Gulick discussed all of the following: Wayne State University partnership agreement, which allows the department to access the university's network of medical experts, protocols, and research, and provides clinical leadership and direction; the status of Hepatitis C treatment for prisoners, including caseload statistics and drug pricing; recruitment and retention challenges the department is facing when hiring qualified health care professionals, in particular registered nurses, dentists, and mental health care professionals; strategies for recruitment and retention including sign-on bonuses, increased pay rates, and use of college students for internships and clinical rotations; pursuing a targeted case management Medicaid benefit for the justice-involved population, which would provide a specialized health service network that would be able to provide a closely followed and tracked transition for successful reentry of prisoners and county jail inmates to their communities; the status of the mental health population in prison; Connections to Care pilot project in Macomb County, using community health workers to help prisoners who are returning to communities navigate the health care system; and the Hepatitis A Vaccination pilot project at Detroit Reentry Center and Detroit Detention Center using federally-funded vaccines provided through DHHS.

Discussion ensued (questions and answers).

III. Prison Population Projections

Jeff Anderson, Administrator, Office of Research and Planning, and Kyle Kaminski, Reentry Administrator and Legislative Liaison, appeared before the subcommittee to give a presentation on population projections and trends in key indicators. Mr. Anderson discussed factors driving prison population change, prison population projection methodology, new prison population projection assumptions, including prison intakes, paroles, and parole revocations, and implications for the new prison population forecast. Mr. Anderson discussed the following trends in key indicators: felony court dispositions, felony probation population, probation violator intakes and commitments to prison, prison intakes, parole approval rate, parole board decisions, moves to parole, parole population, discharges on maximum sentence, return to prison rate, parole violator new sentence intake, and parole technical violator returns to prison.

Discussion ensued (questions and answers).

IV. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, Representative Pagel adjourned the subcommittee meeting at 11:40 a.m.