

# Michigan Department of Corrections

## Overview of the FY '22 Executive Budget Recommendation

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# MDOC Executive Recommendation Overview

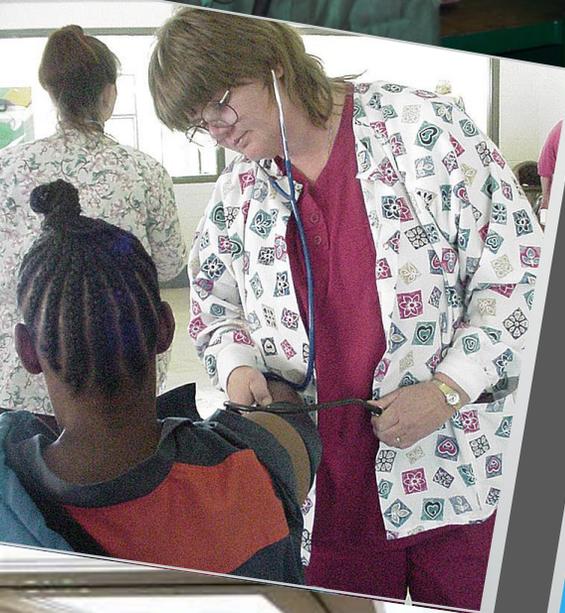
- The FY '22 Budget maintains key MDOC operations and programs, while making strategic investments targeted at Staffing and Wellness.
- The total budget request is \$2.08b gross or an increase of just 0.89% from the current fiscal year.
- Provides funding consistent with FY '21 for all MDOC facilities to prevent reductions in staffing or prisoner programming.
- Includes \$312m in funding for prisoner healthcare and \$132m for Offender Success, including job training, education, and reentry assistance. These represent ongoing long-term investments in public safety, public health, and reducing the prison population.

# Key Strategic Investments

- Staffing
  - The Executive Recommendation includes \$7.4m in additional funding to hire and train Corrections Officers. When combined with other funding in the budget, this will allow the Department to hire 800 officers in FY '22, after hiring a projected 800 officers in FY '21.
  - With this level of funding support, the MDOC hopes to reach its goal of 400 statewide CO vacancies at the end of FY '22 based on current attrition and hiring rates.
- Wellness
  - The Executive Recommendation includes an additional \$800,000 (total \$2m) to support the expansion of Wellness services for all MDOC employees.

# Other Investments/Reductions

- Administrative Hearings Officers
  - The MDOC is requesting \$200k GF/GP in additional funding to support the work of LARA administrative hearings officers conducting hearings within the MDOC. The number of hearings has increased by roughly 9% compared to the prior year.
- Michigan State Industries Transportation
  - MSI has increased the number of orders being shipped within the MDOC, requiring a \$72,000 increase in their restricted fund expenditures for this purpose.
- DOE Settlement
  - The MDOC is requesting funding to finalize the FY '22 and FY '23 payments related to this past litigation settlement, totaling \$40m.
- Detroit Reentry Center Closure
  - The budget contains \$10.5m in additional savings from the full year closure of DRC, bringing the total annual savings from this closure to more than \$22m.



Questions?



# Overview of MDOC Efforts to Respond to Contraband Narcotics

# MDOC Response Summary

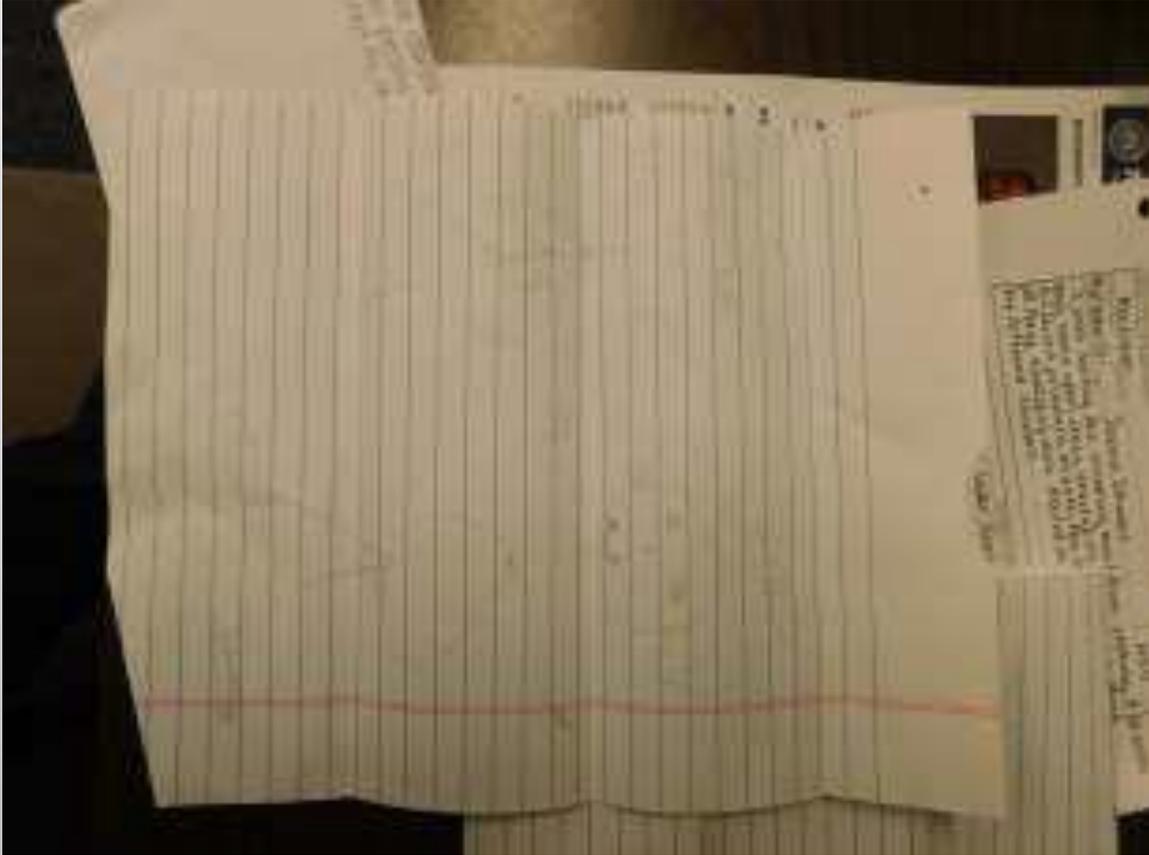
- The MDOC spends significant time and energy developing intelligence to prevent the introduction of drugs into the facility from any source.
- Efforts to introduce drugs are continually evolving.
- Oftentimes, the individuals attempting to smuggle these drugs into the prisons are not the end users, but instead are a criminal enterprise looking to prey on those with addictions.
- The MDOC is not solely focused on enforcement, as we also rely heavily on treatment, with 4,378 prisoners completing SUD treatment in FY '19 and 3,341 in FY '20.
- The MDOC is launching Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Programs at multiple facilities as part of a broader effort to offer MAT to eligible prisoners in the future.

# Picture Sprayed with K2



Picture was mailed with a fake prison ministry return address. Testing showed the picture had been soaked in K2.

# Letters Soaked with K2



One of 3 letters sent to 3 different prisoners from the same sender on the same day that were laced with K2.

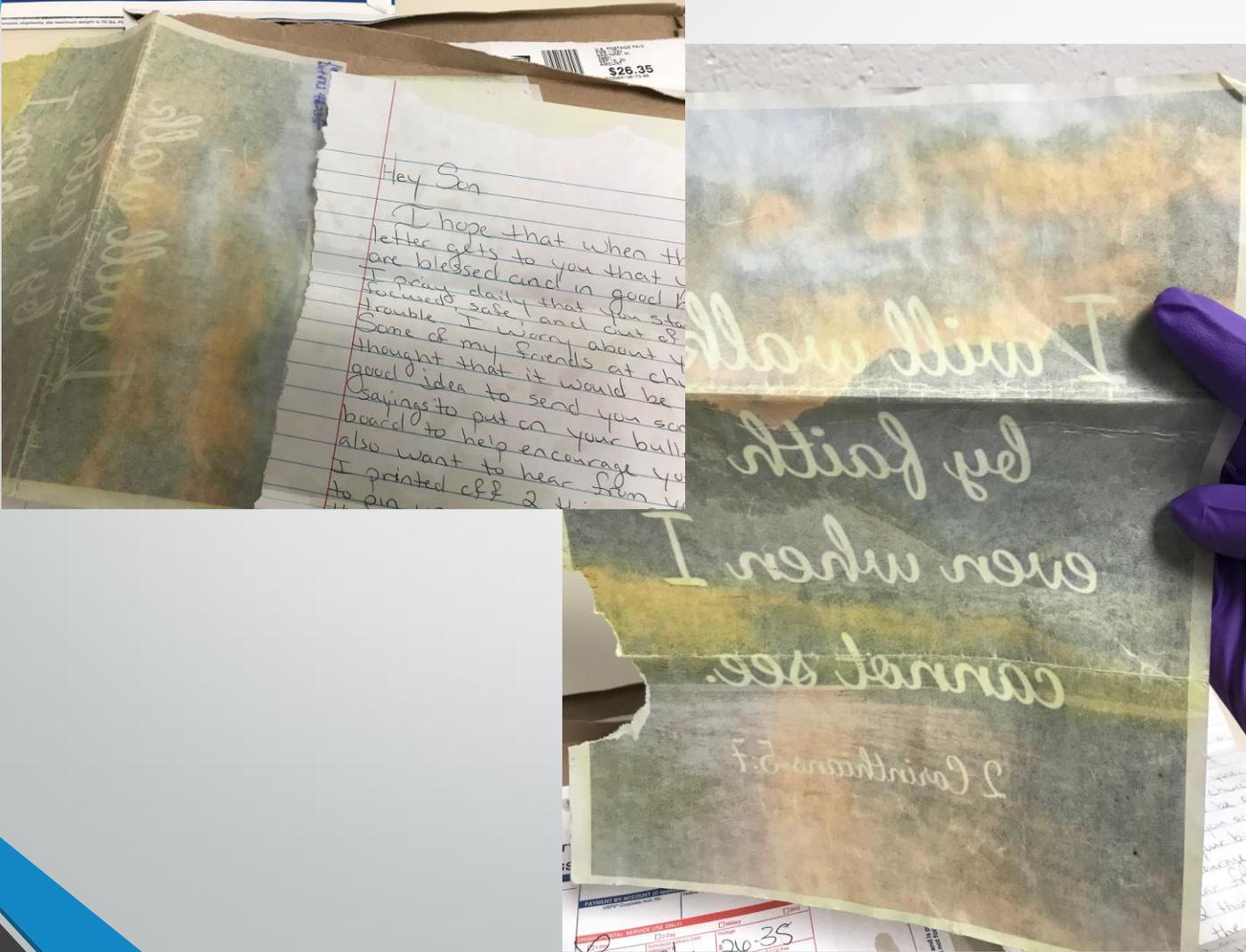
# Letter Soaked in K2

Whats sup my love, me  
much chillin like always,  
you like crazy wishing you  
with the family, well or  
not aint nothing been you  
me chillin like and being  
mom with these kids, tired of this  
sane! stuff this shit is crazy with  
this video stuff wish this david was  
over and they can go to regular school,  
my life has been so busy as you  
can hear when im on the phone, but  
im praying we can get you into  
court and get some of the time knocked  
off, I want my family so bad to  
be full and complete, im so scare  
to have more kids but I will for  
you. I have been ~~thinking~~ thinking alot  
About how its gone be when you come  
home, I believe its gone be b.s.  
in the being but I swear im not trying  
to think like that, I know we both  
not perfect but we both worth the  
wait and the b.s. I love you  
like when I was 16 lol you  
was everything and more to me  
lol. I cant wait to kiss you  
pat self and love all over  
you. Im glad your old mine  
and dont think for a second im shaw



Prisoner letter  
soaked in K2, with  
confirming instant  
test.

# Package Containing K2



Mailed package including letters and pictures soaked in K2.

# Current Trends

- The images on the prior slides represent just 4 of the 30+ drug finds that occurred in the mail in September 2020 prior to the new mail policy being adopted.
- On average, in 2020 the MDOC had 70 contraband narcotics discoveries from all areas of the facilities each month.
- The number of narcotics finds dipped after the pause of in-person visits, but within just a few months had largely recovered with significantly more drugs being found in the mail, particularly “sprayed” or “dipped” items.
- In January of 2021, the MDOC had 45 contraband narcotic discoveries.