



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

REP. BRADLEY SLAGH

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

10:30 AM

Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections was called to order by the Chair, Representative Slagh.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Slagh, Lightner, Brann, Borton, T. Carter, and Sabo.

Absent: Rep. C.A. Johnson.

Excused: Rep. C.A. Johnson.

Representative T. Carter moved to excuse Representative C.A. Johnson from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Sabo moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 23, 2022. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Angela Sprank, Community Coordinator for the Region 4 Offender Success Program, appeared before the subcommittee to provide an overview of the Region 4 Offender Success Program. Shelly Keene, Director, Michigan Works! West Central was also in attendance and was available to answer questions. Ms. Sprank described the offender success program, participants of the program, and the relationship with Prosperity Region 4 Michigan Works! West Central. She gave a history of the program and discussed state contracts with providers of offender success services, and how steering teams and advisory councils play an integral part in coordinating offender success services. She described the primary services offered to parolees upon their return to the community: housing, including residential stability, base transitional housing, housing resource navigator services, and housing supplies; employment services, including assessment, job readiness, job placement, temporary work experience, on-the-job training, and work supplies; social supports, including clothing assistance, hygiene and food assistance, obtaining vital records, relationships with law enforcement, public and private transportation, and social support resource navigator services; mentoring services; and health and behavioral health services, including assessment, anger management, cognitive behavioral groups, family counseling, batterer intervention services, trauma counseling, individual counseling, and psychiatric evaluation. Ms. Sprank also discussed the success of the Region 4 Truck Driving Program. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

Kyle Kaminski, Offender Success Administrator and Legislative Liaison, appeared before the subcommittee to provide an overview of offender success programs and the effect on recidivism rates. He discussed the Department of Corrections role in the pre-sentence/probation, prison, and parole steps of the process; the department's efforts to expand education programming opportunities for prisoners while they are incarcerated, including efforts to replace antiquated education technology; the department's success with assisting prisoners with obtaining vital records before they are released; the department's efforts to assist offenders with finding employment upon release from prison; and the department's efforts to work with communities to assist with housing and other basic needs, employment, and expanded support services, including mentoring programs. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Representative Slagh adjourned the subcommittee meeting at 11:30 AM.

Representative Bradley Slagh, Chair

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