

# MINUTES

## HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

**DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

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

Attendance was taken: Present – Representatives Pagel, Yaroch, VanSingel, Santana, and Durhal III  
Absent with excuse – Representative Afendoulis

I. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Subcommittee Meeting

A motion was moved by Representative Durhal III to approve the minutes from the subcommittee meeting held on March 1, 2017. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members voting in the affirmative.

II. Department of Corrections Presentation on Field Operations and Prisoner Reentry Programs and Services

Kyle Kaminski, Legislative Liaison, and Tom Combs, Reentry Administrator, appeared before the subcommittee to give an overview of field operations and prisoner reentry programming and services.

With regard to field operations, there are roughly 60,000 offenders in the state who are supervised by the department's Field Operations Division. Roughly 45,000 are probationers and roughly 15,000 are parolees. There are 105 field offices around the state, with about 1,200 field officers (parole and probation officers).

With regard to prisoner reentry programming and services, Mr. Kaminski discussed the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative, which was a three-phased program that offered programming while in prison, programming for transition to the community, and programming for discharge into the community. The original model focused more on programming in the community. Under the current administration, focus has shifted to more intensive programming for prisoners while they are in prison, starting as soon as they enter. The primary factors in reentry programming are recidivism, job placement, and job retention. The department collaborates with communities to fulfill the needs of prisoners, as well as the needs of communities. The most costly part of reentry services is housing placements for parolees. The department contracts with providers for reentry services, such as transitional housing, employment readiness, education, health, cognitive behavioral services, substance abuse treatment, and continued treatment for sex offenders. Discussion ensued (questions and answers).

III. Announce Next Subcommittee Meeting

The next subcommittee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in room 426 of the Capitol Building. The agenda will be to report the House Substitute for HB 4227, appropriations for the Department of Corrections for FY 2017-18.

IV. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, Representative Pagel adjourned the subcommittee meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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