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Council Member Attendance

<i>Allison George</i>	<i>Glenn Tapia</i>	<i>Bill Cecil</i>
<i>Judge Delgado</i>	<i>Tim Hand</i>	<i>Hassan Latif</i>
<i>Jason Talley</i>	<i>Chad Dilworth</i>	
<i>Angela Cifor</i>	<i>Alex Walker</i>	
<i>Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky</i>	<i>John Draxler</i>	
<i>John Draxler</i>	<i>DJ Johnson</i>	
<i>Joe Thome</i>	<i>Judge Bland</i>	

[Welcome and Introductions](#)

[Approval of the Minutes from the January 29, 2021 Meeting :](#)

There was a motion and second from council members to approve the January 29, 2021 meeting minutes with a note to send out the presentations with the minutes. The council voted unanimously to approve the January minutes.


[Figure Setting](#)

Ms. Katie Ruske provided a quick update regarding the current state of the community corrections budget. The approved reversion of 10.4 million has been pulled out of current year budget but due to the continuing pandemic there is the possibility that approximately 7 million additional dollars that will need to be reverted. If the census in community corrections were to increase before the end of the fiscal year, this reversion amount could decrease.

Katie then reported a summary of the funding recommendations of the DCJ legislative liaison that was approved by the JBC. The plan approved by the JBC was to maintain the current level of funding from FY21 into FY22. Included in this is a 2.5% common policy increase across all lines which includes per diems, facility payments and board administrative funds. This increase will be facilitated by a decrease of 100 funded community corrections beds around the state. The General fund amount across all lines of the budget equals \$73,221,536.00. This recommendation was approved by the JBC.

The second recommendation by the legislative liaison was the creation of a cash fund using the reversion money from this current fiscal year to fund performance-based contracting when it begins. Initially, the JBC passed this recommendation but on a re-visit, the recommendation failed.

The third recommendation by the legislative liaison was that the department respond to a request for information (RFI) about performance-based contracting. The RFI document should include the following information:



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- Payment model-Where will the funds come from and how will funds be distributed to high performing programs?
- Outcomes to Measure Performance of boards and programs-what will be measured and how will performance levels be defined?
- Baseline Targets for PACE & CORE Security
- Frequency of PACE & CORE audits
- Warning system-how will low-performing programs be notified of their status and what sanctions might be put in place.

These are the same details identified by the Urban Institute as details that will need to be determined to move forward with PBC. Our office has started work on this RFI and are engaging a consultant to assist with project management and stakeholder outreach. The RFI is due to the JBC on January 3, 2022.

A council member asked if there was any assistance the council could provide as this work moves forward. Katie advise that there will be a presentation at the May meeting and that we will be engaging stakeholders to provide input and feedback on the proposed PBC model.

Another council member asked where the money to fund this model would be coming from as the JBC removed the cash option. Katie outlined several avenues where the money might come from and also advised that our office will develop a timeline identifying when we might be ready to fund this model as part of the RFI.

There was also a question and discussion about the board performance metrics and the history behind them. This is a new idea that is included in the RFI and the OCC will begin work on that as well.

Legislative Update:

Katie advised that there were not any bills at this time that directly impact community corrections. She did advise, however that there is a bill that may to the work done by members of the council and the OCC. HB 21-1097 is the establishment a behavior health administration. This bill is the result of a recommendation from the Behavioral Health Task Force and requires a report be submitted by CDHS that goes over the creation and establishment of a behavioral health administration. The Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) has contracted with a consultant to assist them with the planning and development of this report and administration. If the bill passes, the report is due to the state on November 1,

They have also created a website to discuss the work they are doing with regard to this bill:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/about-cdhs/featured-initiatives/behavioral-health-reform/change-management?utm_source=hma&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bha

Glen Tapia encouraged people to pay attention to the implementation of this bill as there may be unintended consequences with regard to funding for the criminal justice system. He advised that there are many positive goals in this bill but he also believes that the criminal justice system could lose funds. He also believes criminal justice could have a larger role in

the implementation of this bill as it impacts not just behavioral health, but also those people with behavioral health issues who are involved in the criminal justice system.

[Community Corrections Progress report for the Parole Board](#)

The parole board put in request to the Governor's Advisory Council to explore a way to get better information on clients coming before the board from Community Corrections. The information they were getting was not very useful and many times missing important details from a client's time in community corrections. This made the decisions of the parole board about these clients more difficult to make. A sub-committee was convened and a new form was developed in a very short amount of time with cooperation from programs, the parole board and OCC. Chrystal Owin was recognized for her work with the committee, keeping them on task. The parole board recognized the good work being done in the programs and could not be happier with this form. Mr. Dilworth advised that now it has been approved by the Parole Board, he would like to begin working the implementation of this effort as soon as possible.

[EDI Update \(OCC Next Steps\)](#)

The OCC has done some presentations about EDI data within community corrections and where the disparities lie and also where there were no disparities. The next steps for the OCC with regard to EDI are:

Chrystal Owin and Carrie Barton are developing a bias and decision-making training for all of our providers and programs. An EDI consultant has been hired to help them develop the training as well as coaching them to be better trainers in this topic.

Our office and other DCJ offices are engaging with the CDPS EDI council in a variety of ways to help this movement and that work will continue.

[Updates:](#)


[Covid-19](#)

Ms. Ruske gave a brief update regarding the community corrections programs and the Covid pandemic. There are three programs in outbreak status at this time. Programs have been successfully working with their local health departments to get vaccine clinics set up in their areas to assist their clients in getting vaccinated.

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The new system build is coming along. The OCC has a change management group for this project and they recently sent out a survey for which they got 100 responses. The engagement from stakeholders with regard to this survey was unexpected and quite fantastic. Ms. Bacchi advised for folks to keep watching for more opportunities to provide feedback and other things for the new system as the project develops. The anticipated timeline for User Acceptance testing and deployment is still late 2021 or early 2022.

[Action Items:](#)



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Ms. Bacchi reviewed the status of the Action items with the Council (attached).

- EDI Subcommittee – There are no updates for this committee at this time.
- Standards review committee – The subcommittee has not meet since the last Council meeting as the focus was on the progress report for the Parole Board. Ms. Ruske advised that the OCC will present a process for reviewing the standards at the May meeting. She also explained that once the review plan is presented to the Council and they have had a chance to provide feedback, the OCC will move forward with setting up meetings with stakeholders to begin the review process.
- Parole Board Progress Report – As discussed earlier in the meeting, this form is complete and the work for implementing it will begin.
- The by-laws sub-committee met and began the process of triaging where updates need to happen, whether it is updating a practice to conform how the Council currently runs or adding enhancements to current processes to make them more rigorous and prescribed. It was good work to get started and the sub-committee is hoping have a document ready for the council's review soon.
- Judge Bland and Ms. Ruske were not able to meet since the last Council meeting and have no report at this time.
- The updated UA standard, while complete, is still on hold due to the pandemic.
- CLEAR ACT Report – A presentation regarding this report from the Office of Research and Statistics for the Council will be scheduled at a later date.
- Larimer Progression Matrix Review – This will tentatively be scheduled for the July meeting but would prefer to do it in person.

Action items for the next meeting are Mr. Johnson's agenda item and the OCC will present the plan for reviewing the Standards at the May meeting. Ms. Ruske asked to have PBC added as an agenda item for the May meeting.

Announcements:

Mr. Hand advised that there were some changes coming from DOC with regard to how they work with community corrections clients and he asked Mr. Johnson to discuss those changes. The DOC caseloads have been realigned to be a more administrative monitoring process. Staff will be identified to monitor eight centers around the state with the expectation that they will continue to work closely with the boards and providers as appropriate. This will help the process to be more efficient and support the clients' needs without over-supervising them.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 28, 2021.