

AGENDA

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: BUDGET HEARING

Monday, January 15, 2007
11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Introduction and Opening Remarks

Briefing Issue – Performance Measures (see page 22 of the JBC staff briefing packet)

1. How do your performance measures influence Division activities and budgeting?
2. To what extent do the performance outcomes reflect appropriation levels?
3. To what extent do you believe that appropriation levels in your budget could or should be tied to specific performance measure outcomes?
4. As a Division director, how do you judge your Division's performance? What key measures and targets do you used?
5. Given that federal funds may no longer be available for purposes of conducting research that is required by statute, please respond to the following questions:
 - a. What plans does the Division of Criminal Justice have for conducting research that is statutorily required?
 - b. Will the Division continue to provide the research required by statute?
 - c. Why hasn't the Division request additional resources for this purpose through the November 2006 budget request for FY 2007-08?
 - d. Will the Division seek statutory changes to eliminate or reduce the requirement for the Division to conduct research?
 - e. Provide a summary of statutorily required research that will not be possible because of the decline in federal funds.

DOC Parole Population Projections

6. Why was the December 2005 parole projection so much lower than the actual parole population from December 2005 to present? Why was the 2006 parole projection so much higher than the previous forecast (other than the fact that the actual data in recent months was up so much)? Is there a variable in the model that can explain the change (e.g., lower technical parole violations, a higher percentage of discretionary paroles, etc.)?

Requested FTE Increase (see page 10 of the JBC staff briefing packet)

7. Please justify the requested 0.5 FTE increase. Why didn't the Division submit a decision item request for this FTE increase?
8. Does the department have any vacancies that they have left open as of December 31? If so, how many positions? If so, why are these positions vacant?

Numbers Pages (pages 12 through 18 of the JBC staff briefing packet)

Juvenile Diversion Funding (page 14)

9. What impacts can be attributed to the veto of the Juvenile Diversion programs? Did it have an effect on incarceration?
10. Has there been an impact associated with the restoration of funds in FY 2006-07? Can this be quantified?

Community Corrections Boards Administration Line Item (page 15)

11. How much would it cost to increase the funding from 4.0 percent of community corrections appropriations to 5.0 percent in FY 2007-08?
12. Would there be any additional benefit from adding an additional 1.0 percent for the administration of community corrections boards? How would this benefit compare with the additional benefit for other community corrections programs?
13. Has anyone surveyed the boards to see why they're not accepting inmates?

Day Reporting Center (page 15)

14. How many offenders are day reporting?

Transition Inmates Briefing Issue (see pages 27 through 32 of the JBC staff briefing packet)

15. Why is there a backlog of offenders awaiting a community placement, even though funding has been provided to place these inmates in such programs?
16. Explain the process for DOC to refer inmates for consideration in transition community corrections programs.

17. Could changes be made to the administration of community corrections funds to increase the placement of inmates in community corrections programs (e.g., increase the frequency of changing allocations among judicial districts)? Why or why not?
18. What impediments exist to transitioning inmates from community to community ISP? What steps can and should be taken to ensure that the target for community ISP is met?
19. How much of the community corrections backlog is awaiting a treatment bed? Would it be possible to increase the number intensive residential treatment (IRT) beds (i.e., could providers increase the number treatment beds, or is there a shortage of providers)? Would this help to reduce the backlog? Would it be feasible to increase the number of treatment beds by reducing the number of funded prison beds? Why or why not?
20. Can the Department identify any legislative opportunities to make it more feasible to increase the population of inmates in community corrections programs? If so, elaborate.
21. Does the department see any difficulties increasing the percentage of the population in community corrections beyond 11.5 percent of the inmate population? If so, what are these difficulties? If not, how long would it take to increase the percentage? What is the maximum limit that the Department believes can safely be diverted to community corrections beds? Why can't we go higher? Why aren't we reaching 11.5 percent? Are technical violations causing the difficulties?
22. What percentage of offenders in Community Corrections get into trouble? What kind of trouble (i.e. violent, non violent)? How often is the placement of offenders in community corrections revoked?
23. How did the state come up with offender reimbursement rates of \$17/\$3 for community corrections programs? Could the rate be higher for offenders who can pay (e.g., DUI offenses)?
24. The Parole Board can revoke a parolee to Community Corrections, but it is not used much. Why not?

Diversion Beds Briefing Issue (see pages 33 through 36 of the JBC staff briefing packet)

25. Respond to the JBC staff recommendation for the JBC to consider increasing the appropriation to the Diversion Placements line item in the Community Corrections budget. Would this save the state money?
26. Would there be a benefit to having additional diversion beds?
27. What is the cost of a diversion bed compared with a private prison bed?

28. What affect does diversion as opposed to prison have on an offender?
29. What increase in the number diversion slots would be appropriate to minimize the possibility of "net widening"? How does DCJ calculate "net widening"?
30. Respond to the JBC staff recommendation to consider increasing the number community corrections diversion slots in FY 2007-08. Is this a good idea? Is it feasible?