

Correctional Treatment Board



MINUTES
October 15, 2013
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Members In attendance: Brian Connors, Marc Condojani, , Jeanne Smith, Dave Walcher, Jim Bullock, Eric Philp, Kelly Messamore (phone-in)

Non-Members in attendance: Jagruti Shah – OBH, Terri Hurst – CBHC, Jessica Johnston - Judicial, Alex Walker – DCJ, Kim English -DCJ, Christie Jordan – Signal Behavioral Health

Board Co-Chairman

Marc Condojani, Director
Community Treatment & Recovery
Division of Behavioral Health
Department of Human Services

Board Co-Chairman

David Walcher, Undersheriff
Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
County Sheriffs of Colorado

Board Members

Jim Bullock, District Attorney
16th Judicial District
Colorado District Attorney's Council

Brian Connors, Chief Deputy
State Public Defender's Office

Kelly Messamore, Assistant Director
Division of Adult Parole,
Community Corrections, YOS
Department of Corrections

Eric Philp, Director
Division of Probation Services
Colorado Judicial Branch

Jeanne Smith, Director
Division of Criminal Justice
Department of Public Safety

Board Staff

Tia Mills
Division of Probation Services
Colorado Judicial Branch

Administration

- Brian moved to approve minutes with a second from Dave. Minutes were approved.

FY2015 Funding Plan

The Board was tasked with allocating FY2015 funding. A discussion of base appropriations was had with agencies answering questions regarding use of base resources. Issues discussed were indirect costs and the transfer to Denver County within probation's budget, which consists of money given to Denver to cover misdemeanor cases in Denver County probation. It was decided that base appropriations should remain the same for FY2015 for each agency.

In order to balance the allocation for FY2015, the Board had to reduce over \$500,000 from new funding requests. The issue of the 21st Fast Track program and statutory authority was discussed. The Board agreed that the program provided value and if CTCF money didn't support it, it would fall on probation for continued support. The board agreed that it would fund the program for FY2015 with the caveat that the statutory language issue needs more attention.

A separate discussion about diversion programs was had. The Board wants to ensure that funding for diversion is consistent with statute and has parameters around the programming. HB13-1156 authorized diversion programs within the state and lists the CTCF as a funding source. The money would pass through probation and there is more concern regarding statutory language around diversion programs. This was put on the list for future board action. Eric had asked for \$150,000 in new funding for diversion programs, including Fast Track, and the Board was supportive.

A short discussion was had about the 4th Judicial District's request for a problem-solving court assessment tool. It was determined that while assessments are appropriately funded from the CTCF, the board wanted to address issues like these on a statewide basis and through a request from the program managers rather than individual districts. It was decided that the 4th district should bring this matter in front of the problem-solving court advisory committee for discussion.

The Board then discussed all the new requests and arrived at a funding model that met the \$3.5M budget increase. The plan provides funding for JBBS continuing care, Diversion programs, Community Corrections treatment vouchers, IRT bed expansion for probation/parole, synthetic drug testing and UA co-pays for Parole, a TASC case management increase, SSC funds to back-fill the loss of federal block grants, the 21st's Fast Track program and money for research and evaluation projects the Board plans to undertake.

The Board reviewed the written funding plan and discussed the categorization of expenses. It will be kept general for Fy2013 and future discussions will be had regarding the value and ability to provide more detailed, consistent reporting across agencies.

Jagruti Shah provided the Board with an update on the Jail-Based Behavioral Services (JBBS) program. This program first received funding in 2011 for 10 programs. It has grown to now provide jail-based services in 32 county jails across the state. County jails partner with local treatment providers to provide screening/assessment/treatment in the jails with the goal of reducing recidivism, shortening jail sentences and linking offenders to community-based services. There are different models of programs across the state and Jagruti provided the board with a significant amount of data that has been collected over the past few years. Discussions were had about the data collection and ways to improve/expand it and questions were answered about overall program management.

Moving forward, the Board would like to see information on services targeted for Spanish-speakers, JBBS efforts to connect with the Veteran's Administration, Consistency on screening processes and how jails pick clients for JBBS programs, more detail/break-out on "successful completion" vs. "compliance when discharged," post-release engagement strategies, data analysis regarding program success, and future program management initiatives.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15.

October Meeting Topics

- Establish Board Goals/Action Plan for next year
- Discussion possible statutory changes for upcoming legislative session
- Set policy on funding for one-off programs (diversion, local district initiatives, other)
- Review FY2014 conference