Montana Community Corrections Association (MCCA)

Section D Subcommittee 6/15/2022
A group of 5 NON-PROFIT organizations that operates 17 treatment, assessment, sanction, and pre-release centers founded in 2015

+ Employs more than 800 staff in administration, security, treatment, medical and case management services

Almost 2,000 individuals served each day
+ Eight Pre-Rlease Centers.
+ Seven Inpatient Treatment Programs.
+ Two Assessment and Sanction Centers

Focus is re-entry, treatment, and jail diversion

Public Safety is priority

Substance Use, Mental Health, and Criminogenic Based treatment is provided

Success rates are higher than traditional incarceration
Corrections Industry: Confused yet?
Community Corrections in Montana

- **DOC**
  - Direct Commitment
  - To Treatment
  - To Assessment
  - To PRC

- **Courts**
  - Sentence to Commitment
  - DOC
  - Treatment, Jail Alternatives

- **Jails**
  - Pre-Trial Supervision
  - ETSS
  - Holding for Prison Placement and Jail Alternatives

- **P&P**
  - Sanction
  - Revocation
  - ETSS

- **Prisons**
  - Inmates Paroling & Discharging Sentence

**Community Corrections**
- Treatment
- Sanction
- Assessment
- Pre-Release
- Non-Residential Services

**Community Release**
Pre-Release Facilities

Helena Pre-Release Center
105 beds

Alpha House
173 Beds

Passages Pre-Release Center
76 Beds

Butte Pre-Release
120 beds

Women's Transition Center
60 Beds
Pre-Release Facilities/Assessment & Sanction Centers

- Missoula Pre-Release: 117 Beds
- Great Falls Transition Center: 205 Beds
- Gallatin County Re-entry Center: 40 Beds
- START: 152 Beds
- ASRC: 60 Beds
Treatment Facilities

- Elkhorn Treatment Center: 42 Beds
- Passages Alcohol and Drug Treatment: 55 Beds
- WATCH- East: 50 Beds
- Watch- West: 81 Bed
- Nexus: 84 Beds
Treatment Facilities cont.

Connections Corrections Program - West
86 Beds

Connections Corrections Program - East
62 Beds
Part of the Community
- Understands community needs—listens and responds
- Not viewed as part of the bureaucracy
- Public safety is prioritized

Flexibility & Adaptability
- Less red tape
- Can more easily respond to changing needs
- Innovative and Efficient

Proven Stability
- 40+ years of effective services
- Expansion capability
- Less expensive to tax payer

History of Community Corrections in Montana
A Formula That Works!
Prerelease Center staff assist residents with the following areas to prepare them to re-enter the community:

- Secure suitable, stable housing
- Secure and maintain gainful employment
- Appropriate referrals to community-based programs for Substance Use Disorder and/or Mental Health Treatment and Aftercare
- Enroll in Medicaid if appropriate
- Enroll in SSI/SSDI if appropriate
- Tax Assistance
- Secure Proper Identification - Driver’s License, State ID, Birth Certificate, Social Security Card
Recidivism Statistics - Pre-Release Centers

2014-2017 Persons from Prison whom return to prison within 3 years

**Federal**
- Overall: ~50%

**State**
- Overall: 38.6%
  - Men: 39.5%
  - Women: 32.2%

**Pre-Release**
- Overall: 25.4%
  - Men: 27.2%
  - Women: 15.3%
Recidivism Statistics - Pre-Release Centers

2014-2017 Pre-Release Residents from All Referral Sources (Including DOC Commits) whom enter prison within 3 years

- Overall: 20.7%
- Women: 14.1%
- Men: 22.8%
Income Sources

Missoula Correctional Services PRC

MCCA relies on DOC Per Diem to pay expenses.
Financial Implications
If MCCA clients were in Prison

Daily Cost to house in Prison: $217,434.00*

Daily Cost to house in Pre-Release: $49,303.82**

Daily Cost Savings: $160,132.18 (total daily cost for full occupancy at all PRCs in lieu of prison stay)

**Annual Cost Savings to taxpayers $58,448,245.70**

* Based on average daily cost to put the current community corrections residents in MSP/MWP per DOC 2020 rates
** Daily Cost for 100% occupancy of all community corrections beds at average per diem rate in 2020
Nearly 1,000 businesses earned an income of $11,464,255. Income taxes paid were $2,092,027. Restitution paid was $3,778,380. Spending in 2020 was $336,816. Savings in 2020 were $5,064,438, and family support paid was $552,985.
ASAM 3.5 Residential Treatment Program

Daily Montana Medicaid Rate: $246.05

Daily Cost Range for MCCA Treatment Facilities: $75.30-$139.74
Inflation Rates vs Per Diem Increases

Inflation 2010-2021: 26%
Per Diem 2010-2021: 13%
**Differential: -13%**

- Inflation Rates
- Per Diem Increases

Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics
Workforce Shortage in Montana

Historically High Number of Job Openings

- 41,000 unfilled job openings in January
- 28,000 hires during the month

More openings than hires suggest worker shortages

Openings Partially Due to Worker Churn

- Close to 20,000 quits per month
- Re-adjustment of workers promotes increased productivity and higher wages

Source: Data from BLS Jolts
See MTDLI dashboard at https://lmi.mt.gov/Home/Job-Tracking
PERSONNEL COST INCREASES
Boyd Andrew Community Services (Helena) Changes 2019 to 2022

- Security Staff Starting Wages up 49%
- Overall Payroll up 6%
- Helena Cost of Rent up 40%
- Agency Health Insurance Premiums up 27%
Security Staff Wage

- Correctional Officer: $18.46
- Detention Officer: $21.01
- Prevailing Wage CO: $18.85
- Low Range: $15.59

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Job Market Competition

Starting Pay

- McDonalds: $20.00
- Panda Express: $19.00
- Taco Bell: $18.50
- Wendys: $20.00
- MCCA Security: $15.59
What Makes Community Corrections Unique?

Why does this arrangement work so well?

- Employer Relationships
  - Mutually beneficial
  - Resident wages often higher than facility staff wages
  - Short waiting period for jobs once released

- Lower Recidivism
  - Benefit to the entire system
  - Cost efficient
  - Offender-specific programming

- Treatment Component
  - Need for additional treatment in MT
  - We can be part of the solution
  - Includes criminogenic thinking
What Makes Community Corrections Unique?

Why does this arrangement work so well?

- Front lines: Work from home not an option
- 24/7 Shift Coverage: Security wages especially challenging, Must be staffed around the clock
- Public Safety Prioritized: Adequate staffing not optional
To remain competitive in the job market, recover from COVID and address inflation.

Community Corrections providers will need a one time 10% increase in per diem in year 1 of the next biennium.
In year two, assuming that COVID’s impact on utilization of bed space is less...

MCCA requires a 3% adjustment in per diem.
## MCCA Per Diem Requirements

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