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The following outlines the feedback and recommendations of the Citizen Budget Advisory Committee to the Central Budget Advisory Committee regarding the FY13 Proposed Budget for the Department of Community Justice.

Section 1: Process

The first meeting of the Department of Community Justice (DCJ) Citizen Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) was held on November 7, 2011. The committee met five times to familiarize themselves with departmental activities and review FY13 budget proposals and proposed reductions.

During this period the committee met with program managers and staff to become familiar with DCJ programs and funding streams. DCJ staff members included: Carole Scholl, Londer Learning Center, Edie MacAlistaire, ASD Day Reporting Center; Rick Jensen and Tina Edge, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives; Scott Taylor, Director; Joyce Resare, Business Services Manager; Karen Rhein, Administrative Analyst. In addition the committee reviewed documents related to DCJ budget and operations including the FY12 Program Summary and the FY13 Proposed Budget.

The committee is relatively new with three core members participating in the majority of the meetings over the past few months and one new member who participated in two meetings this past month. Overall the meetings were informative. However, it was difficult to prepare and make recommendations in the short time the new committee has met.

Scott Taylor has done a tremendous job staying on task with the implementation of best practices across the agency. We are impressed with Scott Taylor's expertise and involvement with national probation/parole associations. This involvement allows DCJ to be on the cutting edge of providing programs and services to the adults and youth supervised by Community Justice. His management has led DCJ to constantly re-evaluate the success of different programs; this stringent internal review process has enabled them to get the best results with a limited budget.

Section 2: Budget Recommendations and Major Changes

The Committee has had the opportunity to review the department's proposed budget. The priority areas identified by our committee were:

- Treatment Services – Adult outpatient beds
- Shelters beds for youth and Housing for adults
- Juvenile and Adult Gang Services

Section 3: Emerging Issues

- Personnel reductions
 - The reductions over the past 12 budget cycles has impacted services provided to the populations DCJ supervises. Additional personnel reductions will certainly impact the overall department outcome measures and direct service to the community.
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
 - The committee would like to see the continued focus be on expanding services.
- Clinical oversight and staff for high risk populations
 - The department will need to target training for staff and managers in screening and assessment of the highest risk populations under supervision.

Section 4: Recommendations

1. Treatment Services
 - The committee felt the reduction in outpatient slots appeared dramatic. There is concern there is still a need for treatment in the local community. DCJ should continue to look for what works best with the populations served through these contracts.
2. Housing
 - While the reduction made is for underutilized housing beds, the committee felt it could be managed. It would like to see DCJ develop a strategy to determine the priority for access to transitional housing, subsidized housing, and youth shelter beds. At the same time increase efforts around collaboration with community providers and an analysis of local economic trends.
3. Contracts
 - Providers selected should have performance measures which determine best practices and specific needs of the population.
4. Public Awareness
 - DCJ should explore ways to show case the programs and services provided to the youth and adults. This would increase the public's knowledge of the positive programs and services provided in our community, such as Adult Basic Education, GED prep/testing, Reentry, community service (C.R.O.P.S).
5. Facilities
 - The committee is in support of the facility reductions. They seem reasonable, especially with the implementation of the new case management models and the department's efforts to be more present in the community.