Update on FY '24 MDOC Budget Projects

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Key Investment – Body Worn Cameras

- The MDOC received \$3.3m in one-time and \$3.8m in ongoing funds to deploy body cameras within the Department of Corrections.
- The 8 positions for this new unit have been hired and we are working to finalize the vendor contract for the technology.
- A draft policy has been created and employee townhalls have started to educate about the technology and policy.
- Cameras will be deployed via a phased deployment schedule, with the first deployments expected early this summer.



Key Investment – Intelligence Unit/Phone Services

- The MDOC received funding and 30 FTEs to create an "In-House" Intelligence Unit.
- Phone call rates were reduced by 15% to \$0.0735 per minute to reflect these services no longer being part of the phone contract. This change was effective October 1, 2023. Phone rates are now 65% lower than in 2015.
- The Administrator of the new Unit was hired in February and the Intelligence Analyst positions have been posted, with over 150 candidates expressing interest. Interviews for analysts will begin soon.
- Intelligence software has been secured from a vendor, but the MDOC will continue to explore other supports for the new unit.



Key Investment – Officer Recruitment and Retention Bonuses

- The MDOC received \$12m in one-time funding for bonuses for new CO recruits, as well as retention bonuses for current officers.
- Approval by the Civil Service Commission occurred in February. Bonuses will be paid to existing staff as soon as administratively possible.
- The distribution was consistent with the proposal included in the budget, with a \$3,000 (threestage) bonus for new hires.
- Existing staff bonuses amounts were based on time in service, with a focus on early career staff.



Key Investment – Medication Assisted Treatment

- The MDOC received \$11.2m in ongoing funding to increase the availability of MAT at 3 MDOC facilities (SLF, MCF, and MTU).
- Healthcare has selected the expansion sites and there will be a phased start to prescribing beginning in March.
- The MDOC currently has 10 sites offering MAT.



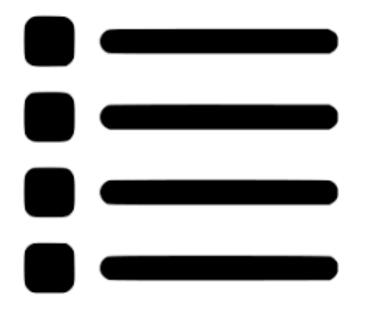
Key Investment – PREA and Discriminatory Harassment Unit

- The Department received \$3.3m in ongoing funding to create a specialized unit to investigate complaints of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and discriminatory harassment filed by prisoners or staff.
- This unit will operate as part of the MDOC's Office of Legal Affairs.
- Initial interviews for a Unit Administrator did not produce a selection, but additional interviews will occur soon.
- Once an Administrator is selected, the remaining staff in the unit will be hired and the unit will begin its work.



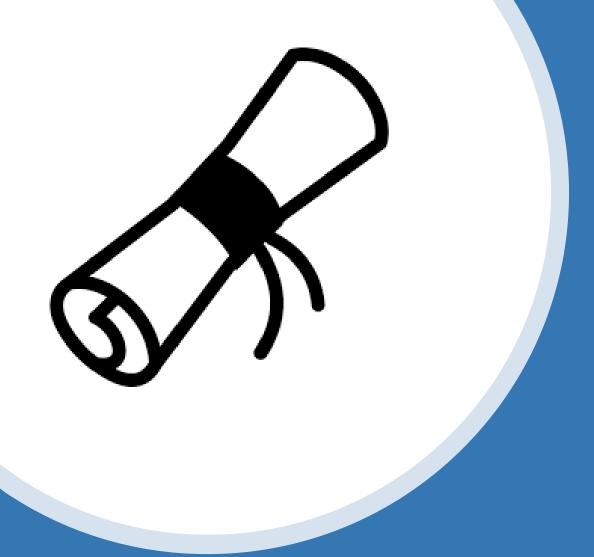
Key Investment – Peer Reentry Supports

- The FY '24 budget contains 3 special projects to support reentry in specific communities.
- Come Out, Stay Out Serving parolees and their families in the Saginaw Region.
- Silent Cry Serving parolees with trauma supports in SE Michigan.
- Nation Outside Serving parolees with peer supports, navigation, and services in multiple counties around the state.
- Contracts and budget have been negotiated for each of the 3 projects.
- Services for all 3 will start in March.



Key Investments – Mobile Breast Milk, Goodwill Flip the Script, Contraband Prevention Fund

- The MDOC has been working with Mama's Mobile Milk on creating a breast milk delivery program at WHV. The budget for this program is still being negotiated with the outside contractor.
- Goodwill Flip the Script's Contract was amended to add services in Oakland County.
- The MDOC is using funds from the Contraband Prevention Fund in FY '24 to purchase package scanners for each facility to aid in the search of packages received at the facilities.



Key Investment – Support for Post-Secondary Programs

- The FY '24 budget contains \$1.25m in funding for baccalaureate programs within the MDOC, as well as \$250,000 specifically designated to Eastern Michigan University.
- The MDOC sent a direct solicitation to partner schools in February.
- Contracts for services will be finalized via the procurement process and will cover costs incurred since October 1, 2023.