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OACCD Opposes HB 2002 and the proposed -4 Amendments

OACCD would like to recognize the hard work that has been done to incorporate the concerns from various stakeholders. However, we still have concerns over the impact this bill will have on the way in which citizens on supervision receive services, which are outlined below:

Supervision Fees

The current amendment proposes eliminating the collection of supervision fees and acknowledges the funding gap that will present problems for many counties. These fees pay for staffing and services for justice-involved individuals. Recognizing that many counties do not have general fund dollars to make up for this gap, the allocation amount in the proposed (-4) amendments would require \$12,129,380 as backfill.

Visitation Restrictions

The current bill restricts officers from contacting citizens on supervision when they are at locations where they seek social services or other public benefits, or at the person's place of employment. The proposed amendments do not recognize that many Community Corrections offices are locations which offer social services and other public benefits. The proposal does not recognize those times in which an employment visit is necessary to avoid a warrant being issued for a person's arrest due to noncompliance. The terms "all reasonable attempts" and "imminent risk to public" are too vague, does not provide clear guidance to our officers and will be difficult to enforce.

Least Onerous Means of Reporting

Proposed amendments to the bill call for changing conditions of supervision to mandate the least onerous means of reporting be used as the standard in case management. OACCD wants to ensure that there exists in-person requirement to report and not eliminate all in person reporting. While the COVID-19 pandemic has shown that virtual meetings are possible, maintaining in-person requirement is important to track concerns and address issues in person. Current practice

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calls for those on supervision to participate in a Risk and Needs assessment and follow recommendations resulting from the assessment and corresponding case plan to support successful completion of supervision based on individual's assessed needs, risk to recidivate and responsivity concerns. This language would devolve community supervision from a behavioral health intervention to a legalistic negotiation.

Sanction Options

For community supervision to continue to provide for the safety of the community as well as satisfy the needs of prosecutors in providing a viable alternative to prison sentences, it is imperative that all sanction tools remain available to address the failure of complying with conditions of supervision. This includes the ability to use jail as a sanction for failing to comply with using drugs or alcohol.

Justice Reinvestment

We have a number of concerns related to what is still in the current legislation related to Justice Reinvestment funds allocation:

- 1. We would advocate for the CJC to retain the authority to approve local recommendations, and potentially bring in consultants on the grant review committee who have expertise in culturally specific programming to help determine grant approvals.
- 2. We are concerned about allocating a predetermined 20% of JRI to an independent entity (NW Health Foundation Fund II) for determining local culturally specific programming because it reduces the autonomy of local jurisdictions and restricts their overall funding available for locally prioritized services.

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