



# New Mexico Corrections Department

CCJC Committee Hearing  
LFC Audit Findings  
July 26 2012

# **LFC Review: Reducing Recidivism, Cutting Costs and Improving Public Safety**

- The NMCD partnered with LFC Staff December 2011 through May 2012.
- The NMCD expended approximately \$25 thousand in staff time to assist the LFC in this study.
- Many issues presented in the study findings were those previously identified by NMCD and reported to the investigators.
- We agree that the report articulates the NMCD's challenges.

# LFC Findings and NMCD's Response

- **Reducing recidivism could save tax dollars:**
- Basing our future decisions on credible evidence will most certainly generate a positive return for both public safety and the taxpayers investment in our work.
  - Working with OptumHealth and the Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative to reconcile prior year contracts and payments.
  - Working with OptumHealth to identify additional providers.
  - NMCD is currently in negotiations with Otero County MTC to transition inmates on in-house Parole that are truly difficult to place at a daily rate lower than incarceration.
  - Considering expanding the Men's and Women's Recovery Center capacity.
  - Closely monitoring inmate release dates to avoid in-house parole.
  - Statewide audit of all inmate files.

# Findings and Responses Continued

- **Programs are not delivered based on risk and needs:**
  - The NMCD continues to assess all programs at all the facilities.
  - Unproven or unsuccessful programs will be eliminated or re-implemented based on best practices.
  - IT staff will upgrade and update the offender management programming module of CMIS to more closely monitor attendance and completion of programs.
  - Reception and diagnostic staff will be trained to use the COMPAS tool to properly assess risk and needs for appropriate program placement.
  - Collateral risk instruments will be added to our risk assessment repertoire to address specific offender typologies such as violence and sexual offending.
  - Program offerings will be aligned across all the prisons and carried out with greater fidelity.

# Findings and Recommendations Continued

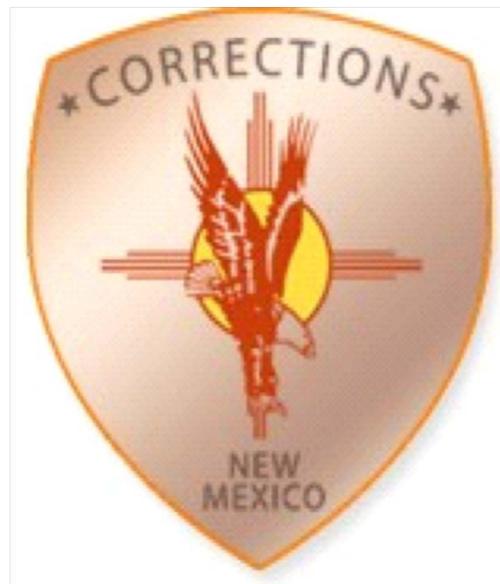
- **Probation and Parole Office Salaries are comparatively low:**
  - The NMCD is working with SPO to upgrade the salaries of PPO class.
  - Working with SPO to provide mid-point salary increases as many of our staff are well below mid-point.

## **Findings and Recommendations Continued**

- **Reducing private prison per diem and paroling medically fragile inmates could save money:**
  - The NMCD continues to assess staffing penalties. A per diem reduction at this time does not appear conducive with the public safety approach by which our current efforts to address staffing vacancies is couched in.
  - Medically fragile inmates have been screened for possible early release and some have been identified.

# Findings and Recommendations Continued

- **Statutory changes and Increased Staff could improve efficiency:**
  - The bill to change the statutory case limit for intensive supervision cases died in the Senate last session. The department is committed to creating a greater understanding of the needs associated with this statutory update and seek to see that it is re-introduced in the next legislative session.
  - Three FTE will be added to the FY14 request for a research and data evaluation unit.



# General Organizational Update

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# Prison Staff Vacancy Rates

Facility	Vacancy Rate November 2011	Vacancy Rate July 2012	Changes Observed
<i><b>PNM</b></i>	<b>23.03%</b>	<b>21.35%</b>	↓ <b>1.68%</b>
<i><b>CNMCF</b></i>	<b>18.82%</b>	<b>17.70%</b>	↓ <b>1.12%</b>
<i><b>SNMCF</b></i>	<b>18.70%</b>	<b>17.48%</b>	↓ <b>0.52%</b>
<i><b>WNMCF</b></i>	<b>41.30%</b>	<b>29.71%</b>	↓ <b>11.59%</b>
<i><b>SCC</b></i>	<b>30.56%</b>	<b>37.50%</b>	↑ <b>6.49% (n = 5)</b>
<i><b>RCC</b></i>	<b>31.48%</b>	<b>37.04%</b>	↑ <b>5.56% (n = 6.5)</b>

# Prison Inmate Population Report

Facility	Capacity	November 2011 Count	July 2012 Count	Change
<i><b>PNM</b></i>	<i><b>864</b></i>	<i><b>842</b></i>	<i><b>836</b></i>	<i><b>-6</b></i>
<i><b>SNMCF</b></i>	<i><b>768</b></i>	<i><b>711</b></i>	<i><b>741</b></i>	<i><b>+30</b></i>
<i><b>WNMCF</b></i>	<i><b>368</b></i>	<i><b>358</b></i>	<i><b>346</b></i>	<i><b>-12</b></i>
<i><b>CNMCF</b></i>	<i><b>1,300</b></i>	<i><b>1,170</b></i>	<i><b>1,141</b></i>	<i><b>-29</b></i>
<i><b>RCC</b></i>	<i><b>340</b></i>	<i><b>324</b></i>	<i><b>338</b></i>	<i><b>+14</b></i>
<i><b>SCC</b></i>	<i><b>296</b></i>	<i><b>254</b></i>	<i><b>244</b></i>	<i><b>-10</b></i>
<i><b>WWF</b></i>	<i><b>60</b></i>	<i><b>38</b></i>	<i><b>36</b></i>	<i><b>-2</b></i>
<i><b>NMWCF</b></i>	<i><b>606</b></i>	<i><b>583</b></i>	<i><b>596</b></i>	<i><b>+13</b></i>
<i><b>GCCF</b></i>	<i><b>601</b></i>	<i><b>551</b></i>	<i><b>583</b></i>	<i><b>+32</b></i>
<i><b>LCCF</b></i>	<i><b>1,267</b></i>	<i><b>1,089</b></i>	<i><b>1,171</b></i>	<i><b>+82</b></i>
<i><b>NENMDF</b></i>	<i><b>626</b></i>	<i><b>613</b></i>	<i><b>609</b></i>	<i><b>-4</b></i>
<i><b>TOTAL</b></i>	<i><b>7,096</b></i>	<i><b>6,533</b></i>	<i><b>6,638</b></i>	<i><b>+108</b></i>

# Probation and Parole

Date	Total # of Offenders Supervised	PPO Caseload Range	PPO Caseload Average
<i>November 2011</i>	<i>13,319</i>	<i>90-130</i>	<i>120</i>
<i>July 24, 2012</i>	<i>12,432</i>	<i>90-130</i>	<i>110</i>
<i>Change Observed</i>	<i>887</i>		<i>10</i>

**PPO Caseload Targets:** 75 - General Caseload and 40 to 45 - High Risk Caseload

**PPO Caseload FY 13 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Target:** 92

**Number of PPO's to be hired FY 13 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter:** 25

**Note:** July 20, 2012 we graduated 14 PPOs

## **Short-Term Initiatives:**

- Red Tape Cutting Initiative: Reduction and standardization of forms and reports; streamlining of offender supervision.
- Continue assertive recruiting and retention initiatives

## **Long-Term Initiatives:**

- Change in ISP Statute

# In-House Parole

## (as of June 30, 2012)

- Number of IHP's: **252 (Dynamic Figure) down 29 from May**
  - Cost to keep inmate on IHP per day (FY11): \$92.89
- Initiatives to reduce costs:
  - Short Term:
    - Cost to pay for an offender's stay in community transitional housing: Less than half - approximately \$40 per day. (net savings of \$19,345 per offender annually)
    - Pending contract with Otero County to house extreme hard to place sex offenders who are less likely to achieve a parole plan but will eventually be released back into our community. Housing at the facility will be designed to provide ongoing SO treatment programming at a lower daily cost than that resulting in public facilities. Also moving protective custody inmates from other prisons. (Cost is approximately \$75 per day)
    - Continued monitoring to ensure due diligence with IHP's
  - Long Term:
    - State Sponsored Half-way Houses
    - Increase the number of Sex Offender Programs,
    - Transition Facility

# Medical Contract Update

- Inmate Medical Contract awarded to Corizon, Inc.
- Contract Term: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 thru May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
- Contract Cost \$37.5 Million per year, excluding pharmaceuticals.
  - Unlike our last contract, performance measures and defined penalties have been built into this contract.
  - Current contract design could save taxpayers as much as \$13 million over the 4-year contract cycle.

# Private Vendor Compliance Report

- As the OIG model is being developed, current audit and monitoring of our private prison partners has been focused upon staffing.
- Current penalties as of June 2012:

Facility	Penalties Assessed
<i>LCCF (Hobbs, NM)</i>	<i>\$1,757,764</i>
<i>GCCF (Santa Rosa, NM)</i>	<i>\$38,501</i>
<i>NENMCF (Clayton, NM)</i>	<i>\$27,830</i>
<i>NMWCF (Women's – Grants, NM)</i>	<i>\$65,807</i>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,889,902</i></b>