Virginia Department of Corrections

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DOC Reorganization

- Establishes a unified approach to improving public safety through maintaining a safe and secure environment in our facilities and one that is conducive to change.
Regional Structure Model

Director

Chief
Corrections Operations

Corrections Operations
Director

Regional Administrator
Institutions

Executive Secretary Senior
Regional Operations Manager
Office Services Specialist

Regional Ombudsman
Regional Support Manager
Agency Management Analyst Senior

Institutions

Regional Administrator
Community Corrections

Executive Secretary Senior
Regional Manager
Probation & Parole Offices

Office Services Assistant
Community Corrections Facilities
Community Corrections
Probation and Parole

- 43 District Offices, 3 Detention Centers, 4 Diversion Centers
- 713 officers supervise 58,342 convicted felons
- Caseload 100-120 per non-specialized field officer
  - Caseload of 40-50 for a specialized officer (sex offender, intensive)
  - Historically 60 cases/officer has been the standard
- Monitor offenders across 39,598 square miles
Circuit Court Support

- 12,096 Pre-Sentence Reports annually (require approximately 10 hours each)
- 1,770 Sentencing Guidelines prepared annually
- Substance Abuse Treatment for 80% of cases
- Sex Offender Treatment provided as appropriate
Alternative Sentencing

- **3 Detention Centers** – community service, vocational training
  - Appalachian, Chesterfield, Southampton

- **4 Diversion Centers** – work release; payment of court costs, fines, restitution
  - Chesterfield, Harrisonburg, Stafford, White Post
Re-entry Achieved by:

- Evidence-Based Practices
  - Motivational interviewing, engaging offenders in planning for their success
- “Thinking for a Change” – cognitive restructuring, intrinsic motivation, better decision-making
- Focus on high-risk cases
  - Need to expand the use of supervision through technology for low risk offenders
Challenging Barriers

- Homeless offenders
  - Limited funding to provide emergency housing or long term housing for homeless offenders – the largest percentage of which are sex offenders

- Lack of housing for:
  - Violent offenders
  - Sex offenders
  - Geriatric offenders

- Lack of residential community transitional programming

- High caseloads for P&P Officers
Closures

- Community Corrections closings since October 2008
  - 2 Facilities
    - White Post Detention Center 105
    - Chatham Diversion Center 100
    - TOTAL 205
  - Elimination of 12 Community Day Reporting Programs
  - Discontinue operation of Therapeutic Transition Community Programs
Institutions
Facilities

- 42 Institutions which house approximately 31,000 offenders.
- 4 Intensive Re-entry programs established
  - Deep Meadow, St. Bride’s, Coffeewood and Indian Creek
- Specialized facilities
  - Marion- mental health
  - Deerfield- Geriatric
  - Indian Creek- Substance Abuse
  - A 2nd female TC program is planned for Unit #13
Facilities

- **EBP**
  - Implemented in 4 facilities
    - WRSP, Sussex 1, Sussex 2 and St. Bride’s
    - Plans to expand to all facilities by next year.

- **All inmates are eligible for programs and services while incarcerated.**
  - **Education-**
    - Basic Education to college courses
  - **Vocational**
    - Woodworking, masonry, optical lens repair, plumbing, small engine repair
  - **Treatment programs**
    - Coping skills, healthy relationships, anger management, parenting, productive citizenship, etc
Out of Compliance

- Increased reliance on local/regional jails to house SR inmates.
  - Since October 2008 SR out of compliance inmates in jail has increased from 1438 to 4086 as of April 2011.
  - Without additional capacity, SR out-of-compliance offenders in jails will continue to increase.
Closures

- Institutions closed since October 2008
  - 5 major institutions
    - Southampton CC: 650 beds
    - Pulaski CC: 426 beds
    - Brunswick CC: 767 beds
    - Botetourt CC: 352 beds
    - James River CC: 464 beds
  - 2 Field Units
    - Tazewell: 138 beds
    - Dinwiddie: 130 beds
  - TOTAL: 2927 beds
Green Rock and Grayson County

- 1034 Virginia inmates removed to accommodate inmates from Pennsylvania
- The facility in Grayson County was completed but sits empty at a cost of $700,000/year.
Capacity- DOC has lost elasticity

- All facilities have reached capacity as evidenced by the 4,000 out of compliance SR offenders remaining in local and regional jails.

- Virginia’s capacity has been further impacted by the closing of 7 prisons responsible for 2,927 beds. In addition there remain 817 temporary emergency beds added to our capacity since 2001.
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Infrastructure
Capital Needs

- FY2012 Capital Budget Request submitted in May contains $300+M in needed repairs
  - Replace roofs, security systems, HVAC, fire alarms, water and wastewater systems

- Several important new projects were also requested and are not included in the $300+M above:
  - Re-entry program space, shakedown buildings, Planning for Powhatan CC replacement and P&P Offices
Current Operating Budget Shortfalls

- Annual Shortfall=$25M (Requires utilization of Turnover and Vacancy)
  - IT Requirements, Utilities, Gasoline, P&P Office Leases
- Unfunded Direct Inmate Costs (mainly driven by increases in medical care costs)
  - Chapter 890 provides $8.1M for inmate medical costs but the Department still faces a shortfall projected to be $8M+ in unfunded medical costs in FY12 (DOC is currently initiating internal actions to help offset these increases)