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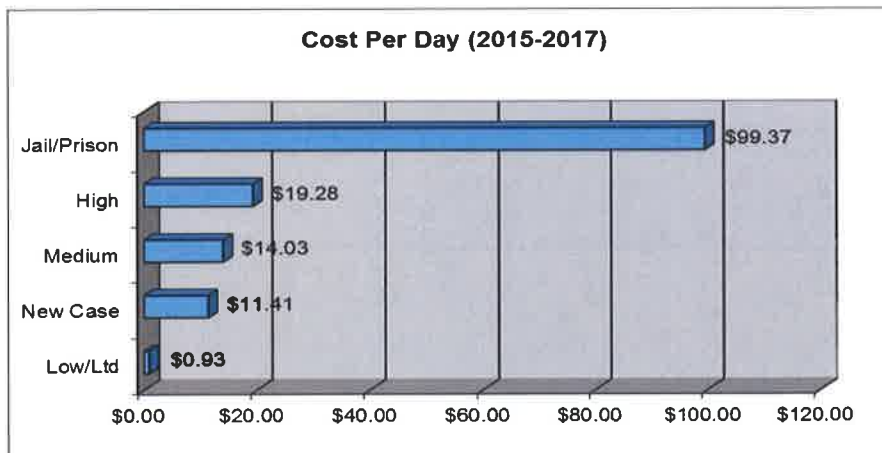
Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. My name is Kiki Parker-Rose, Community Corrections Director for Klamath County. I am honored today to appear before you with Stan Gilbert, CEO of Klamath Basin Behavioral Health.

Klamath County Community Corrections employs 38.5 staff members that provide supervision, services and sanctions to nearly 1,000 felony offenders in our community.

I come before you today to let you know the importance of fully funding Community Corrections in Oregon.

Cost effective:

Community supervision is the most cost effective correctional approach to public safety. The average daily cost of supervising a felony offender in the community is \$10.71. The average cost of a prison bed per day is \$99.37 ('15-'17).



Across Oregon Community Corrections Programs are effective when funded at baseline.

Supervision:

Full funding for community corrections allows Klamath County to maintain manageable caseloads. We use the latest research in employing supervision strategies, including the use of Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS), which teaches probation and parole officers how to apply the principles of effective intervention.



Services:

Over the last two years, our agency has been able to build programs and services that address every criminogenic risk factor.

By working collaboratively with several community partners, we are able to maximize our local resources to provide services to this population. This decreases duplication of services and increases participation.

Community Corrections Center

This Center provides a “one-stop-shop”, and is co-located in community corrections building. The services provided are:

- Alcohol and drug treatment (KBBH/KCCC)
- GED and credit recovery
- Medicaid/OHP sign up
- Employment services
- Mental health services (KBBH)
- Tele-medicine for medication management (KBBH)
- Gender responsive programs
- Spiritual Services/Support
- Mentors (contract) AAI
- Cognitive programming (MRT)
- Women and Adult Victim Services (contract) Marta’s House/Turtle Cove
- Nutrition and Wellness
- Assistance with obtaining Social Security, birth certificate and identification
- Skill building and Carey Guide sessions
- Budget and financial classes
- Parenting classes (KLCAS)
- Sex Offender Treatment (contract) (KBBH)
- Batterer’s Intervention Program
- Polygraph Examinations (contract) (Polygraph Associates of Oregon)
- Community support groups
- Male and Female transitional housing
- Sky Lakes Medical Case Management Services
- Klamath County Public Health education services

Our primary partner at the Center has been KBBH. KBBH employees, therapists and case managers, are embedded in our agency providing alcohol, drug, mental health and medication management services.

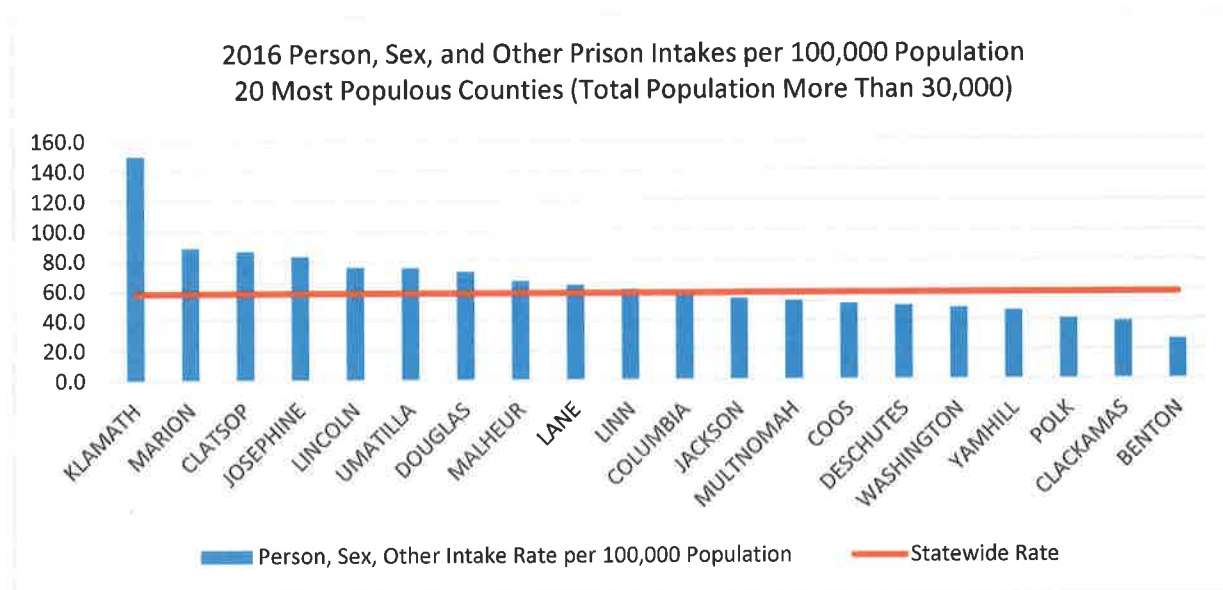
We do not have waiting lists for outpatient alcohol, drug or mental health services. We are able to obtain same day assessments and next day treatment.



Local Control Enhances Local Options

Providing baseline funding to Community Corrections provides Counties the ability to be creative in addressing criminality specific to their community.

In Klamath County, we have a high rate of person-to-person crimes, as evidenced by the number of offenders sent to prison from Klamath County in 2016. Multigenerational criminality is apparent in our community.



We created the Victim Family Justice Coordinator (VFJC) position who works with offenders and their children. This position conducts an assessment to identify barriers the family may have and then provides referrals to the appropriate services to address the needs of the family.

It is our belief; this early intervention will divert these families out of child welfare, juvenile and adult systems; including prison and community corrections, and reduce this multigenerational impact.

This is just one example of a creative option at a local level.

Full funding for Community Corrections allows us to invest in our local communities. In Klamath County, we spend just over one million dollars in outside contracts. This investment provides us access to service and sanction capacity. Services and sanctions combined with our supervision strategies increases public safety.

Co-Chair Winters, Co-Chair Stark and Members of the committee, I ask you to fully fund Community Corrections baseline budget, so that agencies like mine in Klamath County and 35 other counties across the state, rural and urban, can continue to do the jobs we are charged with doing.

Thank you again for the opportunity to appear before you.

