

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

May 7, 2026

C. – Minutes from the April 14, 2026 meeting

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Thursday, April 14, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Hearing Room 704, 500 Griswold, Detroit, MI 48226 and on Zoom.us

A.	Roll Call	3:06 p.m.
	Alex Garza - Wayne County Commissioner	- Present
	Dr. Keisha Allen	- Present
	Chief Judge Pro-Tem David Braxton-Wayne County Probate Court	- Absent
	Paul Bruno	- Present
	Sam Churikian - Defense Attorney	- Present
	Eli Day	- Absent
	Chief Robert Dunlap - Wayne County Sheriff's Office	- Absent
	Armond R. Harris	- Absent
	Presiding Judge Donald L. Knapp - Third Circuit Court	- Present
	Janella Robinson	- Present
	Andrea L. Smith	- Excused
	Deputy Chief Tiffany Stewart - Detroit Police Department	- Present
	Pastor Eddie Williams Jr.	- Absent
	Judge Larry Williams 36th District Court	- Absent
	1 vacancy	

A quorum was not present

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| B. | Remarks from the Chair | Chair Garza discussed future CCAB meetings and reported that, beginning in May, the meetings may be held at the Criminal Justice Center (CJC). He also noted that, due to logistics at the CJC, staff is considering moving the meeting time from 3:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the same meeting days. An email will be sent to members to determine their availability for the proposed time change. |
| C. | No action taken due to lack of a quorum | The January 22, February 19, and March 19, 2026 meeting minutes. |
| D. | Unfinished Business – None | |
| E. | New Business | |
| 1. | Overview of program utilization | |

Lester Thomas, Community Corrections Administrator, presented the April 2026 CCAB utilization report and provided an overview of program utilization for Fiscal Year 2026. He reported that the Centers for Family Development cognitive behavior program was allocated \$125,000 and had new client activity in November,

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January and February, with approximately 13.6% of its funding utilized to date. Lakeridge was allocated \$175,000 and had steady monthly referrals from October through February, with approximately \$32,810 spent and nearly 30% of its funding utilized.

Mr. Thomas also reviewed the Education Training Research Services domestic violence programs. The jail-based domestic violence program was allocated \$50,000, had new clients from October through January, and had spent nearly \$15,000, or about 19% of its funding. The community-based domestic violence program was allocated \$175,000 and had increasing referrals, including 16 new clients in February, with approximately \$33,000 spent and 18% utilization.

Mr. Thomas explained that the Habilitation, Empowerment, Accountability and Therapy (HEAT) violence prevention program was not included on the utilization report because adjustments were made to make it HEAT-only. The amended program was approved by the Michigan Department of Corrections, and two referrals were pending.

2. Discussion on the Fiscal Year 2027 Michigan Department of Corrections Grant Application

Mr. Thomas reported that the Fiscal Year 2027 Michigan Department of Corrections grant application is now open. He stated that staff will begin reviewing data and preparing the application, with the goal of maintaining current funding levels. He noted that the department has been working closely with the Michigan Department of Corrections to address challenges and improve operations. Mr. Thomas also indicated that this will be the second year the application is submitted electronically, which has improved efficiency but presented some initial challenges. He stated that the Board will be kept informed throughout the process and that the application will be brought forward for approval once completed.

- F. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Board - None
- G. Public Comments – None
- H. Adjournment

Chair Garza declared the meeting adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Octavia Hunter

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Legislative Research Assistant