

Presentation

Mr. Chairman and Commission members, Good Morning, my name is Dell Horn and I am the director of Jamestown Community Corrections. I am here as a member of the North Dakota Community Corrections Association. Thank you for granting us the opportunity to present information on Community Service in the State of North Dakota today.

Our Mission is To provide a comprehensive and statewide association of programs which provide for community-based alternatives to incarceration and traditional sentencing that allows the offender to repay the community and to successfully complete these and traditional mandates of the court.

We are broken into 16 regional offices. We have individual and varied programs but we all coordinate and monitor Community Service and report to referring agencies. The organizational structure of each region varies from a Private NonProfit organization to a County employee.

All regions gather funding from a variety of sources including (program fees paid by the offender, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, City and County budgets, Charitable Foundations, other grant opportunities, and state juvenile court). In order to continue operating all regions must reapply annually to receive continued funding from these sources.

To give you a little background:the Community Service and Restitution Programs were started as a Pilot program in Williston in 1991 by the Department of Corrections. The community service agencies established the North Dakota Community Corrections Association in 1995. Representatives from each agency meet at least three times during the year to support one another, have common training, work at developing goals and projects, share ideas and methods to better supervise/monitor offenders and provide for the seamless transfer of offenders from one community service agency to another.

During 2001 the Association established an internet web page, www.ndcommunityservice.org. The site provides information about the Association and each individual office, a glimpse at the office's history, the cost for the program, some information about worksites and the offenders served.

Offenders include both juveniles and adults. These offenders come from juvenile court, Schools, drugs courts, municipals courts, district courts, child support, Department of Parole and probation and other states. The level of offenders ranges from school violations, First offenses for Minor in Possession and Drug Paraphernalia to those returning from the State Penitentiary.

During the 2007 fiscal year, 5458 offenders , worked a grand total of 142,894 hours of community service, in the state of North Dakota. These hours were completed by adult and juvenile offenders referred by municipal and district courts, probation officers in the Department

of Corrections and Rehabilitation Field Services Division and juvenile justice system. To calculate a dollar amount for the hours completed, we have used the DOCR standard rate \$6 an hour which, when multiplied out, gives the value of the community service hours for the year at \$857,184 dollars. The hours of Community Service completed were monitored by 17 people in 16 regional offices. The nonmonetary impact to the communities is immeasurable.

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Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration

To Whom It May Concern:

I am currently the Community Service Coordinator for both Foster and Eddy County in North Dakota, but before my experience coordinating other's community service work, I had an experience on the other side of the community service program. When I was 20 years old, I was cited for Minor in Possession of alcohol. When I went to court, I was given a decision 241 hours of community service with a deferred sentence of 30 days in jail. Unfortunately, I was young and did not realize the consequences of not finishing my community service in the allotted time. I was pulled over by a Highway Patrolman several years later and learned that there was a bench warrant for my arrest because I failed to complete my community service. When I went before the judge this time, he wanted me to serve the original 30 day sentence in jail, but I insisted that I had changed and would like to give the community service program another try. I was working two jobs at the time and had just bought a house. I had also just enrolled full-time in college and I knew that 30 days in jail would set me back tremendously in my personal life. It took quite some time to complete 241 hours of community service, but I finished in the time I had allotted and now consider myself a much stronger and much better person for having done so. I do not believe that I would have learned as much or grown as much as I did had I opted to spend 30 days in jail.

The time I spent performing community service not only allowed me to grow as an individual, but also gave me the chance to see what a difference it makes when an individual gives back to the community. I believe that the time I spent in the community service program as an offender has helped me to become a better coordinator for the program. I know what it is like to be young and make mistakes, but I now also realize that no one is immune to mistakes. We all make them and we all must deal with the consequences of our actions. I can now tell the young adults who enter the community service program my story and hopefully they will learn from my mistakes as well as from their own. Through the community service program I learned that there are real ramifications for wrongdoings and in the end it is better to give to the community than to try to cause harm to it. Taking part in the community service program has challenged me to become a more productive member of my town and now my county. I fully believe that I am who I am now thanks in part to the community service program and what it taught me.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Dunn

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COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE COLLECTED BY REGION
FROM SENATE BILL 2243

August 2007(collected in September) through February 2008(collected in March)

1	Willison	\$0.00
2	Minot	\$50.00
3	Rugby	\$1,050.00
4	Devils Lake	\$20.00
5	Cavalier County	\$0.00
6	Pembina County	\$39.00
7	Grand Forks	\$1,158.74
8	Dickinson	\$605.00
9	Bismarck(Rural)	\$220.00
10	Bismarck (Urban)	\$1,490.00
11	Wells County	\$200.00
12	Jamestown	\$6,635.00
13	Fargo	\$850.00
14	Sargent County	\$350.00
15	Richland County	\$1,475.00
Total:		\$14,142.74

\$14,142.74 divided by 7 months averages at		\$2020.39 per month
12 months projection		\$24,244.68
2 year projection		\$48,489.36

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2243

Introduced by

Senators Nething, Erbele, Heckaman

Representatives Carlisle, Pollert

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 29-26-22 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to community service supervision fees; and to provide an appropriation to the
3 department of corrections and rehabilitation to provide funding for community service
4 supervision grants.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 29-26-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **29-26-22. Judgment for fines and ~~court~~ - Court administration fee - Community**
9 **service supervision fee - Special fund funds - Docketing and enforcement.**

- 10 1. In all criminal cases except infractions, upon a plea or finding of guilt, the court
11 shall impose a court administration fee in lieu of the assessment of court costs.
12 The court administration fee must include a fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars
13 for a class B misdemeanor, two hundred dollars for a class A misdemeanor, four
14 hundred dollars for a class C felony, six hundred fifty dollars for a class B felony,
15 and nine hundred dollars for a class A or AA felony.
- 16 2. In addition, in all criminal cases except infractions, the court administration fee
17 must include one hundred dollars. Of the additional one hundred dollar court
18 administration fee, the first seven hundred fifty thousand dollars collected per
19 biennium must be deposited in the indigent defense administration fund, which
20 must be used to contract for indigent defense services in this state, and the next
21 four hundred sixty thousand dollars collected per biennium must be deposited in
22 the court facilities improvement and maintenance fund. After the minimum
23 thresholds have been collected, one-half of the additional court administration fee
24 must be deposited in each fund.

1 3. In addition to any court administration fees that may be imposed under
2 subsections 1 and 2, the court shall impose upon each defendant who receives a
3 sentence that includes community service a community service supervision fee of
4 fifty dollars. The community service supervision fee must be deposited in the
5 community service supervision fund. The fees deposited in this fund must be used
6 to provide community service supervision grants subject to legislative
7 appropriations.

8 4. A court may waive the administration fee or community service supervision fee
9 upon a showing of indigency as provided in section 25-03.1-13. District court
10 administration fees, exclusive of amounts deposited in the indigent defense
11 administration fund and the court facilities and improvement fund, and forfeitures
12 must be deposited in the state general fund. A judgment that the defendant pay a
13 fine or court administration fee fees, or both, may be docketed and if docketed
14 constitutes a lien upon the real estate of the defendant in like manner as a
15 judgment for money rendered in a civil action. The court may allow the defendant
16 to pay any assessed administration fee or community service supervision fee in
17 installments. When a defendant is assessed administration fees or a community
18 service supervision fee, the court may not impose at the same time an alternative
19 sentence to be served if the fees are not paid.

20 **SECTION 2. COMMUNITY SERVICE SUPERVISION PROGRAM.** In addition to the
21 funds appropriated in section 3 of this Act, the department of corrections and rehabilitation shall
22 use \$100,000 of the funds appropriated in the field services line item in section 3 of House Bill
23 No. 1015, as approved by the sixtieth legislative assembly, for the purpose of providing
24 matching grants for community service supervision of offenders, for the biennium beginning
25 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009. The funds made available under this Act of \$225,000
26 must be granted on a per case basis and require a local program match of one dollar for each
27 two dollars provided by the department. The department may not use these funds for any other
28 purpose.

29 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
30 community service supervision fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum
31 of \$125,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of corrections and

**Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly**

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- 2 offenders, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BY SITE FOR 2007

Greater Grand Forks Community Service Program

Work Site	Hours	Work Site	Hours
Air Force Recruiting Office	50	Lutheran Disaster Response	11
American Memorabilia Trust	25	Lutheran Disaster Response-New Orleans, LA	40
Arc Upper Valley	30	Lutheran Sunset Homes	52
Arc Value Village-Eden Prairie, MN	10	Manvel Parks	85
Arvilla Community Club	20	Mayville State University	4
Blake School Arena-Hennipen, MN	20	Memorial Park Cemetery	85
Center Court Fitness	182	Mercer County Landfill	184
C.H.U.M Shelter-Duluth, MN	3	Middle River Community Choir	11
Center Court Fitness	46	Minto Area Joy Riders	100
Chester Fritz Library	1729	Mountainbrooke	20
Children's Wish Foundation-MB	24	Native American Student Services	290
City of Larimore	20	ND Museum of Art	437
City of Manvel	60	ND School for the Blind	216
City of Northwood	69	North Shore Health Foundation	15
City of Trimont, MN	40	North Valley Vocational School	40
Dakota Boys Ranch Thrift Store	565	Northland Rescue Mission	1013
DFO Community Corrections-MN	20	Northwood Deaconess Hospital	35
Easter Seals	234	Northwood Men's Club	20
Easter Seals-Apple Valley, MN	40	Northwood Parks	12
Easter Seals-Hopkins, MN	36	Red River High School	521
Emerado Fire Department	61	Red River Valley Community Action	95
Empire Arts Center	14	Reynolds Centennial Committee	52
Family Crisis Center-MN	40	Rivendell Academy School-Altoona, FL	42
Forks Fighters	151	Ronald McDonald-North Carolina	39
Fraternal Order of Eagles-MN	19	Salvation Army	289
Grand Forks County Sheriff	73	Second Chance Rescue Center-MN	39
GFAFB Youth Center	14	Sharon Lutheran Church	10
Good Samaritan Home-Park River	40	Silent Hill Cemetery	10
Goodwill of Shakopee, MN	10	Special Olympics	71
Gospel Outreach	19	St. Amant Centre-Manitoba	13
Grafton American Legion	60	St. John's Catholic Church-Pisek	6
Grafton Chamber of Commerce	2	St. John's Catholic Church-New Brighton	16
Grafton Parks & Recreation	10	St. Michael's Church	40
Grand Forks Park Board	37	St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store	751
Habitat for Humanity-MN	20	University of North Dakota	13
Habitat for Humanity-Manitoba	45	Union Gospel Mission	36
Head Start	263	United Methodist Church- MN	3
Hillsboro Municipal Airport	20	Urban Development	821
Home Place Thrift Store	101	Valley Thrift Store	30
Honker Free Newspaper	11	Veteran's of Foreign Wars	21
Hope Fire Department	40	Walleyes For Tomorrow-MN	20
Humane Society-Minneapolis, MN	4	West 7th Community Ctr.-St. Paul, MN	42
Kittson County DAC, MN	41	Yellowstone Historic Center	30
Knights of Columbus	1316	Total Work Contributed to 89 Sites	11,529
Larimore Dam	91	2,217 Hours worked-Supervised Probation (19%)	
Larimore Good Samaritan Home	124	9,312 Hours worked-Unsupervised Probation (81%)	

New Cases Opened: 529

Gender: 140 Female 389 Male

78 Bond Drug Testing (15%)

23 Social Services Drug Testing (4%)

48 Supervised Probation (9%)

380 Unsupervised Probation (72%)

Cases Closed: 542

126 Closed Unsuccessfully (23%)

416 Closed Successfully(77%)

72 Drug Testing for Bond (54% Successful 46% Unsuccessful)

11 Social Services Drug Testing(82% Successful 18% Unsuccessful)

66 Supervised Probation (69% Successful 31% Unsuccessful)

393 Unsupervised (82% Successful 18% Unsuccessful)

1,749 Drug Tests Performed

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Study: completed community service sentences limit repeat offenses -
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A new study by NDSU researchers say offenders who complete community service are less likely to re-offend

Study: completed community service sentences limit repeat offenses

A new study by North Dakota State University researchers says offenders who complete community service sentences are significantly less likely to be re-arrested than persons who don't finish their sentences. The research, led by Jeff Bouffard, assistant professor of criminal justice, monitored 810 offenders in Fargo during 2003.

Bouffard and graduate assistant Lisa Muffic studied adult offenders who had been assigned to a program called Responsibly Enforced Sanctions Through Offender Required Employment (RESTORE). The non-profit entity is the primary agency responsible for monitoring the compliance of juvenile and adult offenders sentenced to community service by local courts in the Fargo area.

Bouffard said the research showed that offenders who completed their community service sentences were nearly 30 percent less likely to be re-arrested on other charges over an 11-month follow-up period.

"What we infer from the results is that it seems that the community service process is having an impact. It's reducing the likelihood that these people re-offend," Bouffard said. "Sometimes a small shock may make people think twice about how they behave in the future. In this type of population-maybe they made a bad choice-it lets them know that there are consequences."

Bouffard describes the persons in the study as "low-level offenders" who violated city ordinances or were arrested for various misdemeanors in the city of Fargo, such as minor in possession of alcohol. He said they were often first-time offenders who were ordered to the RESTORE program through the Fargo Municipal Court, with smaller proportions also coming from the local juvenile court, district court and probation department.

Also, the study showed that people who completed their community service

sentences went longer (by an average of 1.5 months) before being arrested again, compared to offenders who did not finish their community service.

In addition to being effective in preventing repeat offenses, Bouffard said the work helps the community. The 810 offenders in the study contributed more than 46,000 hours of labor to local businesses and agencies, with an estimated value of nearly \$300,000.

"It looks like the process is working," he said.

Bouffard's research was funded through an "Efficiency in Government" grant supported by the NDSU Development Foundation.

Bouffard joined the NDSU faculty in 2002. He earned his bachelor's degree at Suffolk University, Boston; his master's degree in clinical psychology at St. Michael's College, Burlington, Vt.; and his doctorate in criminology and criminal justice at the University of Maryland, College Park. His research interests include community corrections and correctional rehabilitation.

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Return

Juvenile Drug Court

- ❖ 59 total participants since starting in 2002, 25 successful graduates, 7 current participants
- ❖ Group projects at various worksites including: United Way Day of Caring, Dakota Zoo, Community Action, Red Ribbon Carnival and Golf Courses
- ❖ In the last two years more than 1000 hours of community service have been ordered and almost 700 hours have been worked
- ❖ We have seen marijuana, cocaine and heroin as the drugs of choice, but we also have seen intravenous drugs such as dilaudid, which is a pain killer, and also meth

Youthworks

- ❖ Students that have been suspended from school do a mandatory 2 hours of community service work in the afternoon and do school work in the morning
- ❖ In the last two years there have been almost 800 hours of community service ordered and more than 700 hours worked
- ❖ Suspension from school can happen for various reasons including: drug offenses, theft, violent offenses, weapon offenses or being disrespectful to peers or authority figures