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Chapter I Incarceration During Fiscal Restraint: The Problem for Policy-Makers

There may be no issue more important in the coming decade than the cost of corrections, particularly the cost of incarceration. The documentation of the problem includes statistics

that are frequently repeated: prison populations have increased over 60 percent nationwide,¹ overcrowded conditions persist in the correctional facilities of nearly every state,² and harsher sentencing codes have gained a sweeping popularity, moving state officials in directions which generally lead toward more extensive use of incarceration.³ At the same time, states face pending financial crises--currently, 24 states are affected by court orders which declare existing penal operations unconstitutionally inadequate;⁴ recent court decisions hold government and its employees

liable for injuries to prisoners arising from unconstitutional conditions;⁵ current plans call for \$8 billion dollars in new construction expenditures alone, not including operating costs;⁶ and it is estimated that such costs themselves will increase up to 60 percent in the next decade.⁷ It is not overstating the case to say that, in light of the currently popular government approach of fiscal restraint, the economic crisis facing corrections will be as much a political problem as a monetary one. Indeed, the responses of the legislative and the executive branches of government to this problem have been sometimes curious, given the critical nature of the problem in many states.⁸



However, too frequently the problem of rising costs is thought to be primarily due to increases in crime combined with pressures for greater use of imprisonment. Policy-makers in every state are confronted with familiar scenarios: more criminals are committing crimes; more criminals need to be sent to prison so that less crimes will be committed; more dollars are needed so that more criminals can be put away. In reality, the forces which influence incarceration costs are much more complicated. Below, we briefly explore some of the more crucial aspects

Public treatment of the recent growth in prison and jail populations tends to focus on assessments of the crime rate, which is usually depicted as rising. Such assessments are not only inaccurate but are misleading approaches to an understanding of the population boom. Uniform Crime Reports (UCR),⁹ which are maintained by the FBI and based upon the voluntary reports of citizens, provide data from which most publicized estimates of criminality are drawn. Yet numbers of crimes reported to the police comprise as little as half of the total amount of crime, according to more accurate measures, such as victimization surveys. Upon the incorporation of these more accurate measures into the analysis, it is no longer possible to explain population increases solely in



Recently, attention has been directed toward the development of more appropriate explanations of prison population increases. Popular policy options, such as mandatory sentencing, community corrections subsidies, repeat offender provisions and even new prison construction have all been positively linked to increases in inmate populations, although the effects of each have been found to vary from state to state.¹¹ The point is that policy-makers are in a position to proactively

Much of the policy-maker's justification for increased use of limited incarceration resources may be predicated on assumptions concerning the benefits offered by this sanction. In fact, much of the research related to this topic suggests that these kinds of policy reform are more likely to contribute to overcrowding without meaningfuly affecting levels of crime.¹² Despite a wide range of methodological limitations, a very 13 large body of evidence casts a skeptical eye on the ability of incarcerative measures to seriously affect the number of crimes

The crime-control capacity of incarceration varies according to the benefit anticipated. Examinations of incapacitative effects, for example, can produce very different estimates of averted crime, depending upon the assumptions which are employed regarding the number of crimes felons would be committing were they not in prison. Nonetheless, most of these estimates are discouraging,



but these studies are normally based on less tenable assumptions.¹⁵ Deterrence, on the other hand, presupposes that the criminal justice system will behave in a way in which, in fact, it has been shown not to behave. Evaluations of stiff mandatory penalties¹⁶ consistently reveal the refusal of system officials to "waste" scarce incarceration space on those offenders for whom they feel the full force of the system is just not warranted. Research which has been favorable to the hypothesis that potential offenders can be deterred from committing crimes, ¹⁷ on the other hand, suffers from serious

Two final categories of crime control--rehabilitation and special deterrence--offer perhaps the least encouraging support in favor of the use of incarceration. Literally hundreds of studies¹⁸ have indicated that prisons do not rehabilitate, yet it is unlikely that costly prison programs can be eliminated from prison life. There is some evidence from the behavioral sciences that is supportive of the crime control benefits of punishment celerity, but celerity is nearly impossible to obtain in a system which honors due process and otherwise has a limited capacity to proceed quickly.

Confounding traditional responses to an inadequately perceived problem is the extreme expense associated with the expansion of prison capacity. Few would argue that prison construction is not a costly endeavor. Yet all too often. decisions concerning new prison construction are formed using



figures--typically per bed estimates--which tend not only to understate the actual costs of building correctional facilities, but which fail to reflect the full range of monetary considerations a commitment to incarceration involves.

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Researchers of the topic of incarceration costs agree that as much as one-third of prison costs may be regularly unreported. In the case of new construction, the largest hidden costs may encompass architectural fees, equipment costs, site acquisition and preparation, insurance and bid, and construction supervision.¹⁹ If the construction effort must be financed, original estimates can quadruple.²⁰ For the existing prison, hidden expenses can include pensions and fringe benefits, and

Commonly quoted per bed estimates generally do not lend themselves to the analysis of the many cost-related issues integral to the maintenance of an incarceration policy. For example, per-cell figures do not reflect the costs of running an institution years into the future--yet any commitment to build is tantamount to a commitment to operate. Moreover,

incarceration leaves little opportunity for later reductions in costs, in that most of the expenses associated with the use of prisons are fixed and can decrease only slightly with diminished populations. The acceptance of the extreme costs of new construction may be conditioned on the belief that current demand for cell space will be met by this strategy. However,



researchers²² have indicated that this is not an inevitable result of construction policies. At any rate, prisons can take up to five years to construct,²³ and therefore are not realistic solutions to immediate demands. Per bed estimates can erroneously assume that institutions will comply with contemporary standards of operation, but if they do not, compliance costs can be crippling.²⁴ Finally, per bed estimates, by themselves, preclude consideration of other uses of the same funds. Efficient use of fiscal resources calls for definitive information on a wide range of options, including both incarcerative

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Remedies

The preceeding discussion illustrates the complexity of the prison costs issue. Contrary to public sentiment, sharp increases in prison populations are not the immediate result of a larger number of actors operating outside the bounds of legal behavior. Rather, the crisis is the more direct outcome of an uncoordinated mix of system approaches to an inaccurately diagnosed problem. Solutions which require extreme monetary commitment yield less than desirable results at a higher cost than anticipated, even though less expensive means are available which offer similar ends. This, and not the familiar scenario recounted earlier, is the problem which presently confronts the policy-maker. It is imperitive that the decisionmaker begin to take action toward relief of the current crisis, and responsible action must be based upon an informed

assessment of the problem. Subsequent actions might include the following strategies:

The adoption of short-range solutions which are sensitive to the needs of corrections administrators. Overcrowding is indicative of a breakdown occurring in the later stages of what should have been the evenly distributed flow of offenders through the criminal justice process. To be effective, the short-range solution must involve whatever options may be available at the latter end of the system. Obviously, immediate remedies which alter the flow of persons <u>into</u> prison leave the overcrowding problem untouched. Viable backend strategies must be directed toward decreasing sentence length of those persons already in prison, reducing current capacity, or both. Mechanisms which are available to achieve these aims include work-release, furloughs, clemency, emergency overcrowding legislation, lower custody placements, parole and early release.

The adoption of long-range solution which can effectively match supply with demand. Basically, what is being referred to here is the development of resource management framework for action. This approach presupposes the interaction of a wide spectrum of decision-makers who are ultimately responsible for creating a demand for incarceration--e.g., legislators, who pass stiffer penalties, but who can authorize the adoption of less drastic means, such as restitution, or special probation; prosecutors, who can press for non-custodial sanctions, and members of the judiciary, who can employ them; officials of departments of corrections, who can revise classification practices to adhere to more accurate criteria--with those parties, e.g., prison and jail administrators, who are charged with the responsiblity of managing a limited supply of incarceration space. While construction of additional prison capacity offers one long-term avenue toward relief of overcrowding, decision-makers must realize that this is a sluggish measure requiring extreme expense for little gain in capacity.

Some Observations

The preceding treatment of the crisis in corrections and potential responses bares two critical impediments facing those parties whose job it is to deal with the problem. The first of these is that constructive solutions to the current crisis depend upon the working union of parties who normally perform their duties apart from each other. Seldom do they have to confront the ultimate impact of their occasional decisions about corrections, and even less frequently are they able to develop an interacting, supportive network for addressing the problem.

A second impediment, and certainly a crucial one, is the lack of information at the policy-maker's disposal upon which he or she can make rational decisions. Clearly, a considerable gap exists between the fruits of prison cost-related research and the behavior of the policy-making community. This should

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come as little surprise, since the training and experience of most of these individuals are rooted in fields other than corrections, and the pressures of corrections administration often leaves these officials uninformed of corrections research. The point is that all too often key decision-makers are unaware of the information that is already available which can help them in policy decisions regarding incarceration costs. Their needs for information can be divided into three major categories.

At the most basic level, decision-makers need descriptive data on incarceration costs. These should include a detailed description of all "bricks and mortar" costs, in addition to an account of all potential operating costs. To be most helpful, cost figures should transcend the boundaries typically associated with public corrections budgets. Such a description should be capable of reflecting other costs committed, such as the amortized construction debt. Beyond the mere distribution of costs by categories, decision-makers need to be aware of the degree to which these costs are subject to alteration due to policy and population changes.

A second category of costs information needed by decisionmakers involves projections of the demand for incarceration space, since these are critical to their role as final authority over policy planning. The point here is not the provision of a crystal ball prediction of future need, since projections were never intended for this purpose. Because they are unscientific guides, projections can only be as

accurate as the assumptions, or trends, upon which they are based, Trends are nonetheless important, of course, because they show the demand for resources which may be experienced by the corrections agency. For the policy-maker, trend data can be used to reflect the differential impact of different operating assumptions--especially punishment policy options. For example, projections that include alternate representations for pending sentencing reforms, optional redistributions of penalties emphasizing community corrections, changes in the age structure of the population and differing economic forecasts can all demonstrate helpful points regarding the volatility of prison costs. The point is that various policyproduced cost forecasts demonstrate the degree to which decision-makers, through enactment of policies that influence incarceration, have the capacity to artificially inflate the costs of prisons.

The final category of costs data with which policy-makers should be equipped is information regarding alternative expenditures for the corrections dollar. One particularly meaningful measure here is the conceptualization and comparison of punishment "experiences".²⁷ Simple per client estimates of service tend to disguise the fact that different punishment options are applied for varying lengths of time. When per client costs (calculated by dividing an institution's or program's operating costs by the number of its inmate days)

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are similar for programs which otherwise involve dissimilar sentence durations, the failure to take sentence length into account can lead to erroneous conclusions regarding the optimum use of resources. On the other hand, what may appear to be lower per client costs in one program may end up as higher total costs if the sentence exceeds alternative options with higher per diem rates. Decision-makers need to be able to determine how many punishment experiences of different sanctions can be bought for a fixed amount of resources.

[1] See, particularly, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Prisoners in 1980, Advance Report, May 1981.

[2] For one picture of the degree to which crowded conditions persist in correctional institutions nation wide, refer to J. Mullen and B. Smith, <u>American Prisons and Jails Volume III: Conditions and</u> <u>Costs of Confinement</u> (Washington, D.C.: National Institute of Justice, (1980).

[3] See T.R. Clear, "Correctional Policy, Neo-Retributionism and the Determinate Sentence," Justice System Journal 4 (Fall, 1978); see also S. P.Lagoy et al., "A Comparative Assessment of Determinate Sentencing in Four Pioneer States," <u>Crime and Delinquency</u> 24 (Fall, 1978).

[4] This number changes frequently although the figure has, lately, remained high. For recent updates on states affected by court orders, see American Civil Liberties Union, <u>Report on Prison Litigation</u> (most recent issue).

[5] Owens, City of Independence, Mo. (1980).

[6] Milton G. Rector, "Reduce Imprisonment--Why and How", paper presented to the Alternatives to Imprisonment Conference, York University, Toronto, June 8, 1980.

[7] Coopers and Lybrand, <u>The Cost of Incarceration in New York</u> <u>City</u> (Hackensack, N.J.:National Council on Crime and Delinquency, 1978).

[8] See, for example, <u>The Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers</u> <u>Act</u>, proposed by the Joint Legislative/Executive Task Force in Michigan, 1980. Moreover, several states--for example, New Jersey-have encouraged policies which limit intake in state facilities, thus transferring the problem to local jails. The problem of prison costs and populations is a cross-jurisdictional, multi-branch political and economic problem.

[9] U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, <u>Uniform Crime Reports 1965-1980</u> (Washington, D.C.; U.S. Government Printing Office, 1965-1981).

[10] U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Criminal Victimization in the U.S.: 1973-79 Trends (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1981).

[11] For a thorough exposition of the affects of various policy options on prison populations, see A. Rutherford et al., <u>Prison</u> <u>Population and Policy Choices Vol. 1</u> (Washington, D.C.: Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, 1977).

[12] See, for example S. Van Dine et al., "The Incapacitation of the Dangerous Offender: A Statistical Experiment," Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency 14:22-34; and J. Petersilia and

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[15] See, for example, S. Shinnar and R. Shinnar, "The Effects of the Criminal Justice System on the Control of Crime: A Quantitative Approach," Law and Society Review 9:581-611.

[16] See, for example, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Drug Abuse Council, Inc., The Nation's Toughest Drug Law: Evaluating the New York Experience (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1977; and R. Ku, American Prisons and Jails Volume IV: Supplemental Report -- Case Studies of New Legislation Governing Sentencing and Release (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1980) p. 47.

[17] For further explanation, see Nagin, supra note 13.

[18] See, for example W.C. Bailey, "Correctional Treatment: An Analysis of One Hundred Outcome Studies," Journal of Criminal Law, Criminology and Police Science 57 (1966):153-160; J. Robison and G. Smith, "The Effectiveness of Correctional Programs," Crime and Delinquency 17 (1971):67-80; and D. Lipton, et al., The Effectiveness of Correctional Treatment (N.Y.: Praeger, 1975).

[19] See G.P. Falkin et al., Revising Connecticut's Sentencing Laws: An Impact Assessment (Alexandria, Va.: Institute for Economic and Policy Studies, Inc., 1981).

[20] This calculation is suggested by D. MacDonald in The Price of Punishment: Public Spending for Corrections in New York (Boulder, Co.: Westview Press, 1980) p. 54.

[22] One report indicated that demand for prison space would exceed expansion of capacity within two years of new construction of a single prison. See Carlson et al., American Prisons and Jails Volume II: Population Trends and Projections (Washington, D.C.: National Institute of Justice, 1980). Other researchers have re-evaluated this data and have concluded that the original researchers overestimated the rapidity by which new prison space would be consumed. This reanalysis was conducted for the Panel on Sentencing of the National Academy of Sciences. Their report is currently being drafted.

[23] K. Carlson et al., supra note 22.

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Chapter II Design of the Seminar

The seminar was designed with three major aims in mind:

(1) To present state-of-the-art information on incarceration policy in a format that would be meaningful to key decisionmakers.

To provide key decision makers with an opportunity to (2) interact with one another around the problem of incarceration policy.

(3) To promote cost-effective change in the incarceration policies of participating states.

In addressing these objectives, several design issues emerged. In two meetings, the Advisory Board exercised a prominent role in determining the best ways to resolve these issues.

Issues in Seminar Design

Many of the issues confronted by this seminar surface in any type of training program--e.g., what quantity of materials should be distributed prior to the seminar; what meals should be held in group fashion; what visual aids should be used, and so on. These technical design issues were resolved by project staff, based upon their prior experience in numerous other training programs.

However, the fact that program staff sought the participation of predominantly top officials in state government raised three major problems of design, which are listed below. Each

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of these problems was fully discussed and resolved by the Advisory Board, and their suggestions incorporated into the seminar design.

ISSUE # 1: To what degree should the seminar design take an advocacy position against new construction?

This was perhaps the central substantive issue in the area of seminar design. Because most of the project staff and Advisory Board members believed that the evidence supported a position of limited or no new construction, it was important to clarify how this issue would be handled during the project. On the other hand, concern was expressed that the project could be perceived as a version of "bait and switch". That is, were the seminar participants to be recruited with the aid of a neutral seminar title such as "Costs of Incarceration During Fiscal Restraint," staff could not responsibly place them in the position of attending a seminar focusing solely on alternatives to incarceration. Hence, a straightforward presentation of materials was encouraged, which left policy-relevant interpretations to the participants. It was agreed that an appeal for participation based upon a pretext of information--which would precede, in fact, a, program of advocacy--would be unfair to those attending. Nonetheless, both Advisory Board membership and program staff strongly believed that the facts, when fully understood, led naturally to a position against wholesale construction programs and that such an implication of the data could not be downplayed

by the seminar design.

It was further argued that "facts" in and out of themselves were not the only important data on the problem, but that "expert opinion" would exert an additional, crucial influence over the projected audience.

Similar concerns were expressed regarding the degree to which other policy changes should be promoted by the seminar. If the purpose of the program were merely to disseminate information, then an agenda of change would be inappropriate. Yet the proposal called for the creation of "state plans" for resolving the problems faced by systems of incarceration, and it was these plans which were viewed as the first step toward improved methods of handling incarceration demand problems. Again, it was recognized that the decision to force state officials to develop "action plans" as part of a seminar could lead to a task unsuitable for a disseminationtype seminar, but not for an advocacy program. Therefore, the issue of advocacy was directly relevant to the problem of seminar design.

After extended discussion, staff and advisory board acknowledged that the program should not take any position on the substantive issues facing the participants. It was finally decided that the program should 1) help define the issues correctly, 2) provide data about various positions on the problem, 3) and provide the opportunity for decision-makers to explore various resolutions to the problem, given the problem definitions and data. To the degree that it was to be "expert", and not personal opinion which was to be solicited by participants during the program, any personal opinions which might be offered by speakers as answers to questions would be regarded as highly inappropriate. This point of view helped staff to resolve those problems

which concerned the issue of enforced change itself. They recognized that the gathering of an influential, concerned group would be only wasteful were no arrangements made to provide them with an opportunity for discussing the problem among themselves. But provision of the opportunity to work together on the problem demanded an acceptance of the legitimacy of those solutions which included as cornerstones programs of new construction.

All these related issues were finally resolved through agreement in favor of a position of "disinterested advocacy." The program was defined as a change-promoting vehicle through which the faculty and staff could provide information about and insight into the problem of incarceration costs. Plans were made to provide participants with the opportunity to explore solutions to these problems that could be applied to situations in their own states, without emphasizing the preferability of non-construction solutions. It was acknowledged that solutions could not be dictated by the project; that instead, their development depended on those persons who would have to implement them, and therefore, that some time should be put aside which would allow participants to plan solutions to these critical problems.

ISSUE # 2: How long should the seminar last?

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The original proposal called for a three day seminar that included three overnight stays. It was felt that this much time would be needed to adequately cover the material. However, several Advisory Board members questioned whether truly "key" decisionmakers would be able to attend for this length of time. It was felt that elimination of one overnight stay--while maintaining the program at three days--would be much more feasible. The analysis of program costs also made clear the financial advantages of eliminating one of the overnight stays. Advisory Board members encouraged staff to test the feasibility of a longer program during the recruitment stages of the initial seminar.

It was learned that many of the target participants who could have attended a shorter program would not have been able to attend the proposed longer program. On the basis of this experience, a program was designed which was to begin on Sunday and conclude on Tuesday, which would consume three days but require accomodations for only two nights.

ISSUE # 3: How should the seminar time be apportioned among lecture, task and open discussion time?

There was clearly a need for lecture format in the program; the amount of material to be covered made it necessary to present the seminar in a time-efficient manner. Yet, there was also value in giving the participants discussion-tasks with reported results as it is during these tasks that the concepts and informa-

tion presented in the lectures is clarified. Moreover, tasks allow the participants to test their reactions to the new approaches to the problems covered in the seminar. There was also a need for time for open discussion among the participants. Advisory Board members pointed out that, at its basic level, incarceration policy is in fact a political problem, and that the people who would be attending the KDM programs would be accustomed to resolving political problems informally, such as over a drink or dinner conversation. They needed to be allowed time to conduct their business in this manner. Because the Advisory Board members were widely experienced in the presentation of similar educational programs and materials, they were quite helpful throughout discussion of these design issues. They encouraged the following strategy: each substantive component of the program would be presented by short lecture, or at least some type of participatory task, using the component's concepts, following each presentation. In addition, the seminar would begin with a group discussion task. This design would reinforce the importance of participation during the seminar, while providing opportunities for concept clarification and experimentation regularly through the seminar. Moreover, it would break up the intensity of the material. All evenings would be left open for informal interaction among the participants, but to facilitate this process, the staff would "host" a reception in their suite on at least one evening during the program. Design of the Seminar

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The specifications of the seminar design were completed

jointly by the seminar faculty, rather than by the Advisory Board, because it was they who would be ultimately responsible for presenting the materials. Two different designs were actually used, but the essential sequencing followed the general model contained in the original proposal. This design is as follows:

6:30-8:00 -

Delinguency This presentation begins with a group task which outlines the scenario in which incarceration problems are typically addressed in many jurisdictions. The point of the task is to demonstrate how limited policy options and fragmented decision-making have exacerbated the fiscal dilemmas facing most state prison systems. This is followed by a presentation of recent findings regarding the relationship between policy-making, crime trends and changes in prison populations.

* Dr. Austin lectured during the Cherry Hill, Atlanta and Kansas City seminars. Dr. Galvin participated in the Raleigh and Indianapolis seminars.

Day #1

Presenter: Dr. Todd R. Clear Rutgers University

The general problems of incarceration costs and incarceration trends are summarized. Specific issues facing each participant state are identified. The seminar design is presented, with highlights of the link between lectures, tasks and substantive incarceration policy problems in each state.

5:30-6:30 - Reception

Dinner

8:00-9:00 - Open discussion of incarceration problems

Day #2

8:30-11:00 - Prison Populations and Incarceration Policy Presenter, Dr. James Austin, Dr. James Galvin* National Council on Crime and

11:00-12:00 - The Costs of Incarceration, Part I Presenter: Dr. Gail Funke Institute for Economic and Policy Studies

> A complete assessment of the costs of incarceration is presented. Areas covered include operating, capital, hidden and opportunity costs. Research on correctional expenditures is summarized, including the total costs of different incarceration policies.

12:00-1:00 - Lunch; discussion in state groups

1:00-3:00 - The Costs of Incarceration, Part II Presenter: Dr. Gail Funke Institute for Economic and Policy Studies

The conclusion of this presentation focuses on longrange incarceration costs. Incarceration policies are approached from the point of view of "resource management", and a group exercise is used to illustrate the varying costs of alternative resource allocation strategies.

3:00-5:00 - The Crime Control Effectiveness of Incarceration Policies Presenter: Dr. Todd Clear Rutgers University

A major impetus for incarceration is its crime control value: This lecture summarizes the most recent research on the effectiveness of imprisonment as a deterrent, incapacitative and/or rehabilitative device. Benefits of increased use of incarceration are explored, based on this research.

6:00

- Dinner; discussion in state groups

At this dinner, several issues facing each state are summarized, and dinner discussion is directed toward the significance of the day's information for the state.

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This lecture focuses on the effectiveness of existing strategies for controlling incarceration costs by managing demand for limited incarcerative capacity. New policies at the entry and exit stages of the prison system are explored, with general points regarding their potential for cost-control. The benefits of flexible punishment methods are also described.

10:30-12:30 - The Politics of Cost-Effective Incarceration Policy Presenter: Honorable Jeffrey Padden

Any improvements in incarceration policy require political decisions, and the context and strategies in this area are discussed in this presentation. The presentation begins with a frank, instrumented assessment of the political climate in each participating state. The experiences of the state of Michigan in politically dealing with this issue serve to illustrate the need for politically feasible cost-effective incarceration policies.

12:30-1:30 - Lunch; state groups Planning Strategies for Managing Incarceration 1:30-3:30 Costs

The availability of assistance from consultants and organizations serves as a starting point for developing strategies for improving the cost-effectiveness of incarceration policies. Put into state groups, each group is given a task of assessing its current need for change, capacity for change and potentially feasible direction for achieving results. The task is followed by group reports.

3:30-4:30 5:30

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Day #3

8:30-10:30 - Punishment Policy Options Presenter: M. Kay Harris Temple University

Michigan House of Representatives

Presenter: Stefanie Barth National Council on Crime and Delinquency

- Discussion, evaluation and wrap-up

- Dinner (optional)

The logic underlying the program, using this design, is fairly straight-forward. After introductory activities, the program begins by providing the participants with a task that illustrates the policy-based nature of the problem. This was followed by a lecture on prison populations; a lecture on the costs of various prison policies, including policies based on construction; and the completion of a group task which linked the two concepts. Thus, the first segment of the seminar was used to define the problem as a variety of policy-related demands for correctional resources, and to demonstrate the requisite costs of providing those resources.

The second segment addressed the crime-control benefits of incarceration by assessing productive outcomes of various policies. This is the only segment not followed by a task--rather, the participants were provided with time for open discussion. During these initial segments, participants were put in mixed state groupings to facilitate exchange across political and jurisdictional lines.

The next logical step--that of policy options and their political feasibility--was covered in two lectures and complemented by a single task. To address this area, participants were put back into home state groupings, in preparation for the final segment of the program.

A lengthy, state-specific assignment comprised the final program element, in which the state groups were asked to develop plans for change based on what participants had learned in the program. This was the most crucial part of the program, and set the stage for later work on the problems, summaries of which are reported in Chapter 6. (Program evaluations are presented in Chapter 5.)

This design proved extremely effective, and the manner in which major design issues were resolved helped to make the seminar a success. The only problem--which varied in seriousness from state to state--was a tendency to lose some participants. A re-design experiment which allowed the program to end earlier on Tuesday did not markedly reduce this problem, and it was felt that the difficulty in keeping all participants would apply, no matter what design was employed. One might speculate whether early departure provided an avenue by which participants were able to avoid participating what may have been perceived as a threatening or difficult in state planning task. Nevertheless, this problem did not substantially interfere with the work group products for all but 2 or 3 participating states.

Chapter III Design of Seminar Materials

The materials were designed with needs of the users in mind, and these included: need for summaries which could be easily and quickly reviewed; need for limited, representative selections from the literature which provide detailed information; need for references to further material, need for data on the problem nationwide but also locally. The materials contained in the seminar notebook were divided into five packets. The packets corresponded to the materials covered by the presentations in the seminar:

Packet	#1:	Prison Populations and Incarceration Policy
Packet	#2 :	Costs of Incarceration
Packet	#3:	Crime Control Impact of Incarceration
Packet	#4:	Punishment Policy Options
Packet	#5:	Resources for Change

The final packet, designed by Stefanie Barth of NCCD, contained a function-organized listing of technical assistance resources that participants could turn to for specific problems they might face. Each of the other four packets were divided into four sections. The contents and development of each of the sections is as follows:

Literature Review

The first drafts of the literature reviews were prepared by project staff. Each literature review was designed first, to summarize and criticize the existing literature in the area

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and second, to assess its implications for the problem of to each review, are as follows for each packet:

decades, rates and levels of crime can be expected to decline due to shifts in population characteristics. Packet #2: Expansion and maintenance of incarceration resources cost from 3-5 times the normally published statistics. Delays in construction suggest this approach does not provide solutions to the immediate population crisis.

Packet #3: The deterrent, incapacitative and rehabilitative effects of incarceration are very difficult to estimate with confidence, however research suggests that these effects can be meaningfully increased only at the expense of major and unprecedented increases in prison populations. Packet #4: Useful options exist for controlling demands for incarceration resources, particularly release options. But these must be carefully planned and implemented, especially

incarceration costs. In order to be most useful, this needed to be done in no more than 12-15 pages. The purpose of these discussions was not only the provision of critical summaries of the literature, but the emphasis on those guidelines regarding incarceration costs which a survey of the literature can yield. Principal points of interest, which were highlighted in a preface

Packet #1: Prison population changes, especially recent changes, are more a product of changes in incarceration policy than changes in rates or levels of crime. Moreover, in upcoming

those that operate at the selection stage.

Each of the literature reviews underwent two stages of preparation. Initial drafts were prepared by project staff, which were sent to Advisory Board members for commentary and used in the first seminar. Based on their reaction to these drafts, revisions were incorporated into the final materials.

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Key Literature

Upon completion of literature review, a series of papers were selected for potential inclusion as key literature. Advisory Board members were also asked to identify candidates for key literature. To be accepted as key literature, a paper had to (1) make a unique contribution to the area; (2) represent a state-of-the-art workpiece; (3) be comprehensive; and (4) be readable by laypersons. The following list of handbook contents shows the key literature for each packet:

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PROGRAM MATERIALS

PACKET #1: INCARCERATION POLICY AND PRISON POPULATION

A. <u>Literature Review</u> B. Key Literature

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- C. Abstracts

D. Data

PACKET #5: RESOURCES FOR KEY DECISION-MAKERS

Packet #3 was the only one for which we had problems in selecting key literature, largely because of the highly technical problems associated with interpreting the work in the area of crime control research. As a consequence, this section of key literature includes formulas and other difficult reading. Nevertheless, it was felt that a non-technical reading of these documents, in combination with the literature reviews, provided a suitable understanding of the area.

Abstracts

It was recognized that 3-5 articles might not be sufficient for some purposes, and so additional sources were provided in abstract form. Initially, the project staff prepared original abstracts. However, it soon became clear that this task would be unreasonably time-consuming, and so the <u>Crime and Delinquency</u> <u>Abstracts</u> were employed as the chief resource for this section, an approach which proved satisfactory. The following articles were abstracted in the final notebook:

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Data

The last section of each packet included data from each of the states pertaining to the packet. For example, the section on "incarceration costs" included data on the corrections budget and the existing corrections facilities.

Unfortunately, adequate data on each of these points are

not always easily available. Some information could be taken from regular census sources such as the American Corrections Association's annual directory of correctional institutions. However, for many of the tables, we had to rely on the states own data sources, but these are of highly variable guality and scope. For example, some states collect monthly intake and population data, while other states are barely able to provide this information at approximate yearly intervals. Where possible, we provided specific information on each participating state. For each seminar, we provided each participant with data on all the attending states, since this allowed comparison of state information on a regional basis.

For most states, we were able to provide the following data: Population trends Intake trends Institution-specific population counts Institutional capacity Capital and operating budget for corrections Construction-expansion plans Offense-specific prisoner distributions Distribution of offenders among sanction alternatives

Summary Concerning the Materials

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It is difficult to evaluate a set of materials such as that prepared for this project. In retrospect, however, we can say that we substantially underestimated the costs--in both money and time--of their preparation. Yet, there was feedback of various types concerning the importance of these materials. Participants rated them highly

(see Chapter 5) and continued to use them after the program was over (see Chapter 6). Moreover, a special issue of <u>The Prison</u> <u>Journal</u> was devoted to a paper based partly on a revision of these materials, and negotiations to publish the notebook in its entirety are progressing rapidly.

Chapter IV Site and Participant Selection In order to be selected, states had to meet three criteria: (a) They had to be facing serious problems of incarceration policy, with current consideration being given to expensive construction programs; (b) They could not have made any irrevocable commitments to programs of construction; (c) They had to be in close physical proximity to other states that met the first two criteria, in order to minimize travel costs. The assistance of the Advisory Board was enlisted to identify states of various geographic regions which met the criteria. Based on their comments a preliminary plan for seminar sites was established: Seminar #1 (pilot program): January Connecticut Delaware New Jersey Seminar #2: March North Carolina South Carolina Virginia Seminar #3: April Indiana Kentucky Michigan

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Seminar #4: May

Alabama Georgia Mississippi Tennessee

Seminar #5: June

Kansas Missouri Oklahoma

In February, the NIC Overcrowding Project selected South Carolina and Michigan to be among their sites. Considering the potential conflicts of two NIC projects in the same state, it was decided to substitute Florida and Iowa in seminars #2 and #3, respectively. Centrally located training facilities were selected in each region, and the recruitment process was started early in January.

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Recruitment

Participant selection followed a multi-stage process which began with the assessment of each states socio-political climate and ended with the identification of those actors with the greatest potential for creating change.

The first step in this sequence of events was the identification of a key contact person who was familiar with the political structure in the state in question, and who could recognize the most influential actors in that structure. In some cases, this contact person was a staff member of NIC's Overcrowding Project, who had already made a similar state assessment during the technical assistance application process. State-specific identification of key persons proved to be critical, because the roles of these persons were found to vary considerably among our states.

Based upon the suggestions of this key contact person a list of key decision-makers was developed. At this point, initial, personalized invitations, with an agenda and program description enclosed, were mailed to each decision-maker. This mailing was followed by the contact (by letter or phone) of each participant by an influential person from the participant's state such as the governor's chief of staff. Project staff followed this contact with a telephoned invitation, and at this point a final list of participants was developed. By the time of the last seminar, the program's reputation appeared to have spread and demand for participant slots had grown to such a point that prospective participants needed to be advised that openings were limited, and that participants accepting late would not be able to secure space in the program. From beginning to end, the recruitment process required approximately 4-6 weeks of intensive effort for each program.

The participant selection process was central to the success of the seminars; one comment consistently received from participants complemented the caliber of attendees. The use of a space-limited, personalized and multi-faceted recruitment process, intensively applied over a very short period of time, was the best mechanism for insuring high quality participants. In this type of process, one noted a mobile effect: as persons learned of other

colleagues who planned to attend, they became encouraged to similarly accept the invitation.

Results were quite positive. In virtually every state, most key agencies--the Chief Executive's Office, the Department of Corrections, the judiciary, the Attorney Generals' Office, budget, planning and private criminal justice agencies were represented. Sometimes, however, a core concentration of persons from single areas--such as the legislature--was desired depending upon the political climate in some states. In other cases, representatives from a wide variety of interests were impossible to obtain, given the circumstances which governed their capacity to attend, such as the timing of sudden meetings. The distribution of agencies represented, by seminar, is presented in Table 1.



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Chapter V Evaluation Results

Upon termination of the final program task, participants were asked to complete an evaluation measuring their reactions to the quality and content of the Seminar. Participants were asked to rate each of the program's segments with respect to 1) the degree to which the purpose of the session was achieved; 2) the usefulness of the subject matter presented; 3) the quality of the speaker's presentation of the subject matter; and 4) the usefulness of the group task in better understanding of the session's issues. Participants were asked, also, to rate the general quality of handouts and written materials. Scales ranged from 1 to 5, with 1 defined as "not useful"; 3 as "moderately useful"; and 5 as "very useful." In addition, the evaluations included two open-ended inquiries, requesting the participants' opinion on the most important aspects of the program, and asking them to indicate any changes which they would like to see implemented in future training. A copy of the evaluation used in the program is appended to the end of this report.

Results

With the exception of the Cherry Hill Seminar, respondents were limited to the number of participants who remained at the program through its completion. For the Cherry Hill Seminar, evaluations were mailed to participants who departed early. In all cases, completed evaluations were obtained from at least three quarters of participants. Quantitative results are provided in Table 1. The number of participants responding to evaluation inquiries within seminars tends to vary; this is because not all participants could be present for each session. Scores

Each of the seminars was rated relatively high in most respects, with most scores falling between 4 and 5. The mean scores of the Cherry Hill Seminar evaluations tend to be lower overall than are the mean scores of other seminars, which may be attributed to the fact that this was the pilot program. Atlanta ratings for the orientation session are lower than those for orientation sessions at other seminars; this may be because the Atlanta program started earlier and ran longer than the other programs. Scores for the "politics of incarceration costs" segment of the Indianapolis seminar are lower than most other scores for that seminar; however, the scheduled speaker was not able to be present and was replaced by another member of the faculty who was not deeply experienced with these issues. Scores for the "costs of incarceration" task tend to be lower than the scores of other tasks; lower scores may be attributed to the somewhat complex and quantitative nature of that particular exercise. An attempt has been made here to explain abherrent scores; in most respects, it appears that the seminars were

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considered very useful and meaningful to the persons who evaluated them.

Comments

Remarks by participants tended to focus upon similar aspects of the program's format and content. Most participants who responded to the "important aspects" inquiry of the evaluation pointed to the capacity of the program to encourage group interaction. Some participants regarded the overall exchange of ideas as beneficial, but others were more specific:

Discussion with other participants - 10 Interaction with other states - 18 Interaction within states - 14 Exchange with other types of professionals - 12 Getting people who could make a difference, together - 2 Getting a chance to talk to people in same situation - 2 The opportunity for legislators to discuss and analyze criminal justice issues in a politically diffused arena - 1 The opportunity to meet others with a different perspective on the problem - 1

Still another body of remarks pointed to the quality and/or importance of the program's faculty, format and materials:

Quality of presentations - 4 Format - 2 Materials - 5 Information - 4 Quality of faculty - 1 Group tasks - 8 Receiving new information - 4 Practical examples - 1 Good pace - 1 Variety of activities - 1 Opportunity to think about the problem - 1 Combination of lecture and tasks - 2 Appropriate combination of people - 4

Making us think of fragmented ideas as a whole - 3 Data which clarified problem - 1 Attention to promoting follow-through after conference - 1 Effective use of statistics - 1 Costs information - 6

A third body of remarks pointed to the importance of various State assessment - 4 Options information (for addressing solution) - 6 Political realities - 1 Crime control - 1 Comments regarding suggested changes represented less agreement. Most of these remarks concerned changes in program format and Restructure group tasks - 1 More emphasis on planning - 1 Less emphasis on statistics - 2 More emphasis on solution - 5 Don't overrepresent roles - 2 More time for participant reaction - 1 Opportunity to get literature pre-meeting - 1 More and better emphasis on crime control - 1 Revise or eliminate punishment policy options - 1 Less lecture - 1 Less emphasis on 'no prison construction' - 2_{\star} Allow participants to mingle freely at dinner - 1 More data on rehabilitation - 1 More participants - 1 Hold meeting in state not represented - 2 Hand out materials in beginning with table of contents - 1 Hand out materials sooner - 2 Shorter sessions - 3 More opportunity for discussion - 2 Less segregation of faculty and participants - 1 Have each person introduce themselves to all - 1 Don't hold in state capitol - 2 More breaks - 1 Reduce task time - 2 Increase fact time - 1 Have more correctional professionals - 1 Change cost exercise -- took too much time - 1 Tasks too ambiguous - 1 Shorter presentations - 1

On some days participants were required to eat only with representatives of their own state.

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More state time - 5 More interaction with other states - 1 Let states use current data in costs task - 1 More interaction within states - 1 Send 'tests' to participants before seminar - 1 Appoint group leader before seminar - 1 Better audio-visual aids - 1 Material had been covered before - 3 Closer control of group tasks - 1 Let media share seminar - 1 Don't use politics questionaire - 1 More time for group discussion - 1 More group exercises - 1 More emphasis on understanding statistics - 1 Change final lecture--too simplistic - 1 More free time - 1 Conduct one program for each state - 1

A small group of participants emphasized that changes should be made in the temporal placement of the seminar:

Too long - 1 Hold at a different time so more legislators can come - 1 Shorter first day - 1 (This by the way, was not Atlanta) Don't start on Sunday - 2

Finally, some participants indicated that no changes should be made:

No changes - 12

The diversity of this latter group of comments and the numbers which they represent preclude further generalizations on this issue.

Summary

From the numerical scores and written comments, it is apparent that the program was quite well received by an audience that can be expected to be fairly critical. Despite the complex and potentially volatile material being presented, the participants were positive in their assessment of the meaningfulness of the material and skills of faculty. Suggestions for change are

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largely ideosyncratic, while valued aspects of the program conform to the major objectives of the seminar.

Chapter VI Results of the Key Decision-Makers Seminars

Follow-up telephone contact with numerous program participants was made during the month of July, a period 2-5 months following individual seminars. The selection of survey respondents centered around persons who were judged by program staff to be in key positions to best note the impact of the seminars in their states. In many cases these participants had served as the spokesperson for the program's final group task, or back-home plan. A wide variety of results was noted, and at least some impact was noted in each state. Outcomes, listed here by category, are recorded below.

Development of New Avenues for Problem Solution

Following the Raleigh seminar, legislation introduced in the Florida House of Representatives by two participants of that meeting established both a task force to examine the problem and the creation of a community based sentencing advisory council.

House Bill 37-H called for the creation of the "Corrections Overcrowding Task Force", composed of 11 members, including the governor, the State Attorney General, the Chief Justice, the secretary of the Department of Corrections, the chairman of the Parole Commission, three senators and three representatives. One senator and three representatives who participated in the Raleigh seminar are among the latter group. Original groundwork for the

task.

House-Bill 39-H, which created a local advisory board for circuit judges in two pilot circuits, has the capacity to recommend offenders in those jurisdictions for community programs. Both pieces of legislation, copies of which are appended to the end of this report, passed through the House successfully. Attendance by a number of key officials from Missouri at the Kansas City seminar, including one state legislator and the Attorney General's representative to the Corrections Committee of the Governor's Crime Commission, has led to the consideration of more constructive ways to spend the corrections share of a recently passed \$6 billion public purpose bond. Participants interviewed pointed out that prior to the seminar a new maximum security prison had been one of the proposals kicked around as a potential solution to that state's overcrowding problem. Now participants state that there is a greater probability that these funds will not be used for this purpose.² One representative from Missouri³ has indicated that the funds will more likely be directed toward the construction of a new

classification unit to encourage the placement of offenders into alternative programs.

The Missouri Coalition for Alternatives to Incarceration (MOCAI) is currently working with members of that state's legislative research staff and representatives of probation and parole to write legislation which would establish and subsidize

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Task Force was laid at that seminar during the state assessment

a local penalty program in lieu of incarceration in that state. One representative of MOCAI⁴ who participated in the Key Decision-Makers Program attributes inception of this idea to the training.

The creation of a new 55 member committee to review Georgia's overcrowding crisis followed participation by that state's representatives at the Atlanta seminar. The committee is divided into four substructures, each which will attend to one of these subject areas: enforcement, prosecution and adjudication; correctional services, citizens' involvement; and policy analysis. The committees, whose members have been selected from a wide range of public and private agencies and groups, will look at their respective topic with the objective of determining what key decision-makers in that area need to do to contribute to the problem's solution, and what resources they need to accomplish a contribution. Each subcommittee will meet two to four times, and it is expected that an interim report will be produced in December.⁵

A legislative budget analyst and participant from Kentucky⁶ has recommended to the legislature that reclassification of that state's inmate population can lead to a better use of corrections resources. Two other participants from Kentucky who serve on a Task Force on Jail Overcrowding now support options as community treatment centers, citations in lieu of arrest, and special programs for alcoholic offenders. One of these members has indicated that these recommendations are the direct outcome of participation in the training program.

The director of the Delaware Criminal Justice Planning Upon their participation in the first Key Decision-Makers

Section⁸ has indicated that bail-reform legislation has been passed in that state. Impetus for the legislation is credited to communication with Connecticut participants at the Cherry Hill seminar, who have similar legislation in their state. seminar in Cherry Hill, representatives of the Connecticut legislature and the director of a private criminal justice agency co-authored two pieces of legislation aimed at reducing demand for prison space in that state. House Bill 5925 called for the establishment of combination of measures -- restitution, mediation, and community service--which would primarily have directed class C and D felons away from incarcerative sanctions. This bill did not make it through the General Assembly. One version of this bill that did pass, however, established mediation projects in numerous mechanisms. Both versions of this bill, and an except from a state newspaper chronicling its outcome, are included in the appendix at the end of this report.⁹

Improved Relationship Between Public and Private Criminal Justice Agencies.

The invitation to attend the Key Decision-Makers Seminar afforded one Virginia-based private criminal justice agency a legitimacy never before experienced, claims a representative of that agency who participated in the training. The chance to meet and work with state agency representatives in a reputable setting accelerated and enhanced the ability of the two agencies to work

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with each other. 10

The executive director of a Missouri based private agency (MOCAI)¹¹ noted, also, that inclusion in the program lent her agency a new credibility with public officials. She noted, particularly, that the program convinced public officials of the validity of the kinds of information MOCAI has stressed in the past, however unsuccessfully. Now, she finds, public officials who attended the program are much easier to work with.

Refinement of Ongoing Projects

A representative of the North Carolina Office of the Public Defender¹² communicated seminar information to more influential parties in her state, and upon doing so was able to secure their commitment to support the recommendations of the North Carolina Citizen's Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration.

A group of policy-makers from Mississippi has proceeded with a plan to hold public meetings concerning corrections issues. The meetings, in which representatives of the Department of Corrections and legislature participate, had been in the "preplanning" stages prior to the seminar but was definitized during the state assessment group task.¹³

An Increased Awareness of Issues Involved in the Problem

A representative of the North Carolina Office of the Public Defender¹⁴ notes that members of the Governor's Crime Commission who were present at the Raleigh seminar are now more responsive to

planning for solutions to the problem, and are cooperating with her office in designing strategies for the education of both the Crime Commission and the Public.

A representative of the Kansas Office of the Governor¹⁵ attributes his greater awareness of the definition of the problem to his attendance at the Kansas City Seminar. Following the training, the participant composed a memo to the Governor requesting that he appoint a Task Force members of different disciplines to address the problem. He states that when he approached the governor, he had all his arguments in hand--solely due to his seminar. attendance. He has also discussed the issue with several legislators. The director of Delaware's Criminal Justice Planning Section¹⁶ notes that his state's Comptroller General--also a program participant--seems to exhibit a greater understanding of the problems faced by corrections agencies. While he has no way of knowing for sure, he believes the fact that halfway houses have been funded for the first time in Delaware is linked to the Comptroller's new receptivity upon attending the seminar in Cherry Hill. An Oklahoma legislator who is currently working on revisions of that state's criminal justice code has requested an interim study of the criminal justice system. Although the study had been in the planning stages prior to the Kansas City seminar, the representative's attendance helped him to refine the focus of his

study.

A co-chairman of the New Jersey Governor's Transition Team (corrections committee)¹⁸ claims that his participation in the

Cherry Hill seminar helped him to make better recommendations during his Task Force service. Now, he states he is able to converse intelligently with both legislators and public in such issues as mandatory sentencing and new construction. He is aware now that popularly endorsed, easy "solutions" are not the answer to what he learned was a much more complicated issue.

A representative of the Virginia-based Offender Aid and Restoration organization¹⁹ was able to refine the focus of a project-in-progress aimed at structuring sentencing and encouraging alternatives. Moreover, the participation, and increased awareness, of two state legislators has made his work relationship with them a much more productive one.

Ongoing Dissemination of Program Materials

A legislative analyst from Florida²⁰ duplicated and circulated entire copies of program materials to the Florida Attorney General, the staff of the Senate and the Governor's staff.

A circuit judge from Alabama²¹ plans to distribute program materials at the next meeting of the Alabama Circuit Judges Association, an influential group of which he is chairman.

Mississippi officials have duplicated and distributed copies of the program materials to members of that state's Board of Corrections.²²

Program materials have been distributed to and are in use by the National Institute of Corrections Overcrowding Project staff. An overview of research performed during the preparatory

stages of the Key Decision-Makers program will be published by The Prison Journal in its 1982 Spring-Summer issue. Papers produced by project staff for the training manual more or less represent an original synthesis of the problem of incarceration costs.

Creation of a Working Network of Mutual Assistance Interaction Recognition of Additional Information Needs

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Numerous respondents²³ noted that their participation in the seminar allowed them to meet other professionals in the problem context, and that their association with these parties had continued through the present. Persons represented in these relationships encompassed both participants and staff alike.

A number of states are in the initial stages of planning additional training solely for their area officials. Iowa has petitioned the National Institute of Corrections toward this end.²⁴ Officials in Florida are seeking program lecturers to address that state's Overcrowding Task Force. 25 Mississippi officials have contacted Gail Funke, a member of the training program faculty, to develop more factual cost statements than those which had been in use and to look at the economic longrange implications of their proposals for additional correctional NOTES

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Conversation with Liz Barnes Abernathy, Legislative [1] Analyst, Florida House of Representatives.

[2] Conversation with Lucia Erikson, Executive Director, Missouri Coalition for Alternatives to Incarceration; and Duncan Kinchloe, Missouri Office of the Attorney General.

[3] Conversation with Joe Holt, Missouri State Representative.

[4] Conversation with Lucia Erikson, supra note 2.

Conversation with Bill Kelly, Georgia Criminal Justice [5] Coordinating Council.

[6] Conversation with Barri Christian, Budget Analyst, Kentucky Legislative Research Commission.

[7] Conversation with Mike Bewley, Louisville-Jefferson County Criminal Justice Commission (Kentucky).

[8] Conversation with Tom Quinn, Director, Delaware Criminal Justice Planning Section.

[9] Conversation with Sherri Haller, Director, Criminal Justice Education Center (Connecticut).

[10] Conversation with Jim Nolan, Offender Aid and Restoration (Virginia).

[11] Conversation with Lucia Erikson, supra note 2.

[12] Conversation with Mary Ann Tally, Public Defender's Office (North Carolina).

[13] Conversation with John Hennigan, Chief of Staff, Mississippi Governor's Office. • . .

[14] Conversation with Mary Ann Tally, supra note 12.

[15] Conversation with Bert Cantwell, Kansas Office of the Governor.

[16] Conversation with Tom Quinn, supra note 8.

[17] Conversation with Oklahoma State Representative Don McCorkle.

[18] Conversation with Louis Nickolopoulos, Somerset County Sheriff and Co-Chairman, Governor Kean Transition Team.

[19] Conversation with Jim Nolan, supra note 10.

[20] Conversation with Liz Barnes Abernathy, supra note 1.

6th Judicial Circuit (Alabama).

Board of Corrections.

[23] Conversation with Liz Barnes Abernathy, supra note 1; Conversation with Mark Umbriet, Executive Director, Prisoner and Community Together (Indiana); Conversation with Mary Ann Tally, supra note 12.

[24] Conversation with Stefanie Barth, Recruitment Coordinator (this project) and Director, Technical Assistance, National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

[21] Conversation with the Honorable Joseph Colquitt, Judge,

[22] Conversation with Morris Thigpen, Commissioner, Mississippi

[25] Conversation with Liz Barnes Abernathy, supra note 1.

[26] Conversation with Morris Thigpen, supra note 22.

Chapter VII Implications for Future Seminars

The Key Decision-Maker Seminars permit a number of observations to be drawn which deserve review by other groups wishing to pursue similar efforts in the future.

One of the most noteworthy aspects of this program--and probably one of its greatest strengths--was its capacity for getting persons together who need to work with each other, but who otherwise would not have had the chance to do so. The combinations of persons being referred to here include that of the academic community with the community of policy-makers, and of policy-makers with each other.

It is much too rare that members of the academic research community are provided with a forum in which they can share this knowledge with those very persons who are most able to act on the basis of their work. The experience accumulated during the Key Decision-Maker program indicated not only that the community of practitioners has an appreciation for shared information, but also that the material could be presented in a manner that made it both palatable and understandable to persons who most need to use it.

Assigned group tasks provided an opportunity for representatives of diverse backgrounds to meet and commence professional working relationships which are integral to the creation of

solutions demanding the interaction of the agencies and concerns which they represent. Evaluations of program components indicated that participants recognized their need to work cooperatively with other professionals upon receiving a chance to do so. Moreover, the initial contacts provided by the seminar led to the creation of relationships which persisted beyond the completion of the training. Finally, the interaction provided by the seminar instilled an energy in its participants which encouraged them to continue working on the problem even after they had returned to their home states. In this respect, it is suggested that some form of follow-up technical assistance could be a beneficial addition to future programs creating similar kinds of energy. Favorable response to materials during the program and the continued dissemination of program documents by key decisionmakers upon return to their home state indicates that assumptions concerning the needs of policy-makers for relevant and recent research in a convenient and accessible vehicle such as the training manual, were, in fact, appropriate. Future programs should continue to emphasize the availability of similar materials, although the high costs associated with this program's handouts demand exploration of other design and duplication alternatives in order to minimize costs.

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Similar types of training could benefit from a longer time frame from which seminar dates can be selected. In some cases during the present key decision-maker training, such as in the

case of Alabama, training followed the close of the legislative session or fell too far away (and sometimes, was separated by an election) from the start of the next. Since materials preparation consumed one-half of the period allocated for the program, staff had only six months in which to conduct all five seminars. In the future, selection from a period of up to one year can assure that training closely precedes the start of the legislative session in all cases.

One final suggestion regarding future efforts involves the consideration of other groups as subjects for training. Additional parties deserve consideration only if any increase in their understanding of the problem can lead to more constructive efforts toward its solution. Surely one of most advantageous aspects of the present program was that it removed key decision-makers from a political context in which the uninformed pressure of the media is omnipresent; indeed, the program demonstrated, at least, that policy-makers can think creatively about corrections when removed from that context. It is believed that upon return to their home states such creative thinking can be hampered when other key groups in the problem context have not been similarly enlightened.

In general, however, the seminars must be seen as a successful experiment. It is possible to use innovative program designs to bridge the gap between policy-maker and research, between corrections officials and political decision-makers. Programs much as these should be expanded and continued.

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Appendix A

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Appendix B

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TRAINING PROGRAM-GENERATED LEGISLATION AND RELATED MATERIAL



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An act relating to corrections; creating s. 944.927, Florida Statutes, the Local Offender Advisory Council Act; providing legislative intent with respect to establishment of optional pilot community programs within the 1st and 8th judicial circuits to provide sentencing alternatives for certain nonviolent offenders; providing for local offender advisory councils in participating counties and cities and specifying duties thereof; providing for assistance by the Department of Corrections; providing procedure for withdrawal from the program; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 944.927, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

944.927 Local Offender Advisory Council Act .--(1) It is the intent of the Legislature that cities and counties or combinations thereof within the 1st and 8th judicial circuit have the option to develop, establish and maintain as pilot projects community programs to provide the judicial system with sentencing alternatives for certain nonviolent offenders who may require less than institutional custody but more than probation supervision. It is further intended that such programs provide increased opportunities for offenders to make restitution to victims of crime through financial reimbursement or community service, while promoting

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efficiency and economy in the delivery of correctional

services. (2) In the event that cities or counties or combinations thereof within the 1st and 8th judicial circuits elect to develop, establish and maintain such community programs, they shall provide support to a local offender advisory council composed of members appointed by the county or city governing body; if a combination thereof, an equal number of members shall be appointed by each participating governing body. Each council shall also include in its membership two persons appointed by the chief judge of the circuit serving the jurisdiction or jurisdictions participating on the committee, and one person appointed by the appropriate regional office of the Department of Corrections. Such councils shall be responsible for:

(a) Identifying and developing community services and programs for use by the courts in diverting offenders from state correctional institutions.

(b) Providing a mechanism whereby all offenders with needs for services will be linked to appropriate agencies and individuals. (c) Upon referral to the council by the circuit court,

determining if an appropriate behavioral contract can be developed with an offender in a community program as an alternative to incarceration, and providing findings and recommendations to the referring judge.

(3) The Department of Corrections is authorized to assist a county or city, or combination thereof, to develop and to enter into contracts to establish, pursuant to the provisions of this section, community programs to provide the judicial system with sentencing alternatives for those

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offenders sentenced to incarceration but who may require less supervision than that provided in a state correctional institution. The department in consultation with members of the judiciary is further authorized and directed to prescribe standards for the development, operation and evaluation of programs and services authorized by this section.

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(4) Any participating cities or counties or combinations thereof may; at the beginning of any fiscal year, by ordinance or resolution of its governing authority, notify the department of its intention to terminate the local offender advisory council. The department shall notify the Governor and the appropriate substantive and appropriations committees of the Legislature of any such termination, which shall be effective 60 days following notice to the department.

(5) Any participating cities or counties or combinations thereof creating such boards may make recommendations to the department with regard to future adoption of fiscal incentives to encourage further development of existing programs.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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An act relating to corrections; creating s. 944.021, Florida Statutes; creating a corrections overcrowding task force to make recommendations with respect to prison overcrowding; providing for appointment and responsibilities; providing for a report to the Covernor and Legislature; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 944.021, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

944.021 Corrections overcrowding task force .---

(1) There is created a corrections overcrowding task force which shall be composed of 11 members, to include three Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, three Senators appointed by the President of the Senate, and the following individuals or their designees: The Attorney General, the Secretary of Corrections, the chalrperson of the Parole and Probation Commission, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Governor.

(2) Members of the task force shall meet on a monthly basis for a period of 8 months beginning in July 1982. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum. A final report with specific recommendations shall be submitted to the Governor and Legislature no later than February 15, 1983, and shall include consideration of the following:

- (a) Gain time.
- (b) Siting of correctional facilities.

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(c) Youthful Offender Act.

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(d) Local monitoring of county jail populations, corrections plans, alternative community services programs, and restitution.

- (e) Judicial use of local offender advisory councils.
- (f) Pre-trial intervention programs.
- (g) Corporal punishment/excessive use of force.
- (h) Inmate data and confidentiality.
- (1) Probation revocation.
- (j) Population projections, and
- (k) Parole and Probation Commission operations.

The task force shall also provide a prospectus for the development of a 10-year plan for corrections with emphasis on establishing population targets in order to decrease the state incarceration rate.

(3) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses as provided by s. 112.061.

(4) Necessary staff support for the task force shall be provided by the Department of Legal Affairs. . Section 2. The provisions of this act shall expire on April 1, 1983.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

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RALPH H. HABEN, JR., Speaker/BARRY KUTUN, Speaker pro tempore COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS. PROBATION & PAROLE

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HB 39 (SPECIAL SESSION) BILL NO: Rep. Wards and Rep. Mills SPONSORS: Local Offender Advisory Council Act SUBJECT:

I. ISSUE STATEMENT

A. Current Situation

In 1981 the State of Virginia passed an act similar to this one. Among its provisions is a section which allows judges to refer individual felony offenders to community corrections resources boards for consideration for community programs in lieu of incarceration in correctional institutions. Any such referrals are to be made following conviction, but prior to commitment to a state correctional facility.

B. Issue Being Addressed-

Although pre-trial intervention programs operate in 18 of Florida's 20 judicial circuits, there is no mechanism like the one described above. By providing two circuits, the 1st and the 8th, with the option to create (as department projects) local offender advisory councils whose primary function is to seek alternatives to incarceration, more offenders may be diverted from the state correctional institutions. (Note: As pointed out in House floor debate, local governments statewide may create community corrections resources boards. The effect of the bill is simply to give direction as to the sort of pilot program that might be created, and to provide for Department of Corrections assistance and standards.)

C. Probable Effect of Proposed Change

During the first year of implementation, Virginia initiated ten local councils, and a total of 48 felons were successfully diverted by eight of the ten projects. Two terminations were reported. The program was not as active as anticipated (the projected number of referrals for the first year was 93); however, it was successful enough that Virginia is not considering expanding the program to include misdemeanants.

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- II. FISCAL IMPACT
 - A. State
 - B. Local

Local governments which appoint local offender advisory councils would be required to support such councils. It is anticipated that persons appointed to the committees will serve on a volunteer basis; however, staff support and equipment would require a monetary commitment.

NOTE: In Virginia, state money is appropriated to local boards through grants from the Department of Corrections. For the first year of implementation the Virginia Assembly appropriated funds to the Department of Corrections to provide grants to local boards in an amount sufficient to allow for some residential and halfway house care, in addition to other less intensive (and expensive) programs. A typical board is staffed with a director and an administrative assistant.

T III. COMMENTS

The concept presented in this bill emphasizes the need for more community involvement in coping with felony offenders, and takes into consideration the possibility that some nonviolent felons might be punished more cheaply and efficiently in community rather than state programs. It also provides for more community assistance to the judiciary.

In Virginia interested counties or cities participating in the program set their own criteria for accepting or rejecting an offender according to community standards. A board's recommendation to the referring judge is restricted to indicating either willingness or unwillingness to accept the person; a board is not asked to recommend a specific incarcerative sentence in lieu of accepting the person for a community program. A detailed recommendation is made only in cases when a board decides to recommend community diversion.

Because the concept presented in this bill is new to Florida. it is not known what effect enactment of the bill would have in terms of diverting offenders from state correctional institutions in the two circuits where pilot projects are authorized. There is some concern that the judiciary might refer offenders who are otherwise destined for traditional probation to the councils, rather than limiting referrals to felony offenders who are facing incarceration (the purpose for which the bill is intended). This has reportedly not been a problem in Virginia.

The Department of Corrections is authorized to assist local governments and is directed to prescribe standards for the development, operation and evaluation of programs and services authorized by this section. The cost of this service to the Department has not been calculated, but it is anticipated that the Department may be able to provide such assistance within existing resources.

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> In Virginia offenders who have participated thus far have been convicted of the following offenses:

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Larceny: 13 (offenders) Burglary: 7 Dangerous drugs/sale of cocaine: 7 Forgery: 5 Fraud: 4 Unauthorized use of vehicle: 3 Stolen vehicle: 2 Carry concealed weapon: 1 Forge & utter, larceny: 1 Gambling: 1 Incest with minor: 1 Break and enter: 1 Possession of burglary tools: 1 Embezzlement: 1

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June 22, 1982

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II. FISCAL IMPACT

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Some funds would be necessary to provide for the eight monthly meetings required by the bill. Staff support for the committee is to be provided by the Department of Legal Affairs. It is expected that expenses will be covered by the existing resources of the offices and agencies involved. There is no specific appropriation for the task force. Should the goal of reducing the incarceration rate in correctional institutions be met, the savings to the state could be substantial (depending on the population targat adopted).

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B. Local None

III. COMMENTS

The Department of Corrections supports the idea of appointing an advisory task force, but is concerned that without a specific appropriations providing for staff, the task force's work would be impeded. The Department also suggests that consideration be given to the possibility of providing funding in an amount sufficient to contract with qualified consultants.

The idea of reducing the incarceration rate in state correctional populations is not untried. Michigan is one state with an overcrowding emergency powers act which authorizes the early release of specially selected "nondangerous" inmates.

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Substitute House Bill No. 5925



House of Representatives, April 23, 1982. The Committee on Appropriations reported through Representative Wright of the 77th District, Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RESTITUTION, COMMUNITY SERVICE, **HEDIATION AND SUPERVISORY RELEASE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened: Section 1. (MEW) As used in sections 1 to 9, inclusive, of this act:

(1) "Community service" means the placement 4 of offenders in unpaid positions with nonprofit or 5 tax-supported agencies for the performance of a 6 specified number of hours of work or service 7 within a given period of time.

(2) "Community service plan" shall consist of .9 an agreement between the court and the offender 10 and shall specify (1) the number of required ·11 community service hours, (2) the type of agency 12 for placement, (3) the period of time in which the 13 community service will be completed, (4) the 14 tentative schedule, (5) the job title and a brief 15 description of the responsibilities, 16 conditions and sanctions for failure to fulfill 17 the plan, and (7) the supervisor of the plan. (3) "Mediation" means the process where two 19 or more persons to a dispute agree to meet with an 20 impartial third party to work toward a resolution 21 of the dispute which is satisfactory to all

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22 parties in accordance with principles of mediation 23 commonly used in labor management disputes.

24 (4) "Mediation plan" shall consist of an 25 agreement between the persons to a dispute for the · 26 resolution of that dispute and may specify (1) the 27 amount of money to be paid or nature of services 28 to be rendered by a party, (2) the manner in which 29 such sums or services are to be provided, and (3) .30 the time within which the plan will be 31 accomplished.

32 (5) "Restitution" means the restoration by an 33 offender of a victim's losses through either 34 payment of money or provision of services to the 35 victim or, with the concurrence of the victim, to 36 a third party. 37

(6) "Restitution plan" shall consist of a 38 written agreement between the victim of a crime or 39 a third party and the offender and shall specify 40 (1) the amount of the restitution, (2) whether the 41 restitution will be in the form of cash or 42 services, (3) the payment schedule, : (4) whether 43 the payments are to be made directly to the victim 44 or to a third party, (5) ancillary obligations or 45 rights of the offender, (6) conditions and 46 sanctions for failure to fulfill the plan, and (7) 47 the supervisor of the plan. 48

Sec. 2. (NEW) The purpose of sections 1 to 49 11, inclusive, of this act is to reconcile the 50 losses of victims of crime, assist in the 51 reduction of prison overcrowding and speed court 52 processing through the use of restitution, 53 community service, mediation and supervisory 54 release. 55

Sec. 3. Section 53a-28 of the general 56 statutes is repealed and the following is 57 substituted in lieu thereof: 58

(a) Except as provided in chapter 359, to the 59 extent that such chapter is inconsistent herewith, 60 every person convicted of an offense shall be 61 sentenced in accordance with this title. 62

(b) Except as provided in sections 53a-45, 63 53a-46a, 53a-54b and 53a-92, when a person is 64 convicted of an offense, the court shall impose 65 one of the following sentences: (1) A term of 66 imprisonment; or (2) a sentence authorized by .67 sections 18-65a or 18-73 or (3) a fine; or (4) a 68 term of imprisonment and a fine; or (5) a term of 69 imprisonment, with the execution of such sentence

70 of imprisonment suspended, entirely or after a 71 period set by the court, and a period of probation 72 or a period of conditional discharge; or (6) a 73 term of imprisonment, with the execution of such 74 sentence of inprisonment suspended, entirely or 75 after a period set by the court, and a fine and a 76 period of probation, or a period of conditional 77 discharge; or (7) a fine and a sentence authorized 78 by section 18-65 or 18-73; or (3) a sentence of 79 unconditional discharge; OR (9) A TERM OF 80 IMPRISONMENT, WITH THE EXECUTION OF SUCH SERTENCE 81 OF INPRISONMENT SUSPENDED, ENTIRELY OR AFTER A 82 PERIOD SET BY THE COURT, AND AN ORDER OF 83 RESTITUTION OR A PERIOD OF COMMUNITY SERVICE. (c) A sentence to a period of probation or 85 conditional discharge in accordance with sections 86 53a-29 to 53a-34, inclusive, OR A SENTENCE WITH AN 87 ORDER OF RESTITUTION OR A PERIOD OF COMMUNITY 88 SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4 OF THIS ACT, 89 shall be deemed a revocable disposition, in that 90 such sentence shall be tentative to the extent .91 that it may be altered or revoked in accordance 92 with said sections but for all other purposes it 93 shall be deened to be a final judgment of 94 conviction. Sec. 4. (NEW) (a) The court may sentence a 95 person to make restitution or perform community 97 service upon conviction of a class C or D felony 98 or a class & misdemeanor, if the court is of the 99 opinion that (1) such conviction and the past 100 criminal history of the defendant would have 101 ordinarily resulted in the imposition of a term of 102 imprisonment, or (2) such a sentence is 103.appropriate to neet the requirements of justice. 104 A defendant may be sentenced to a period of 105 community service if he is sentenced to pay a fine 106 and is unable to pay the fine at the time of 107 sentencing .or in accordance with terms set by the 108 court. (b) The court in sentencing a person to make 109 110 restitution or perform community service shall fix 111 the terms and conditions of such sentence. In the 112 judicial districts of Hartford-New Britain, 113 Waterbury, Stanford-Norwalk and Litchfield, the 114 court, at the time of sentencing, shall review the 115 restitution plan or community service plan 116 prepared by the organization administering 117 sentences of restitution or community service in

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118 that judicial district pursuant to section 7 of 119 this act and shall, upon approval, sentence such 120 person in accordance with such plan.

121 (c) When imposing a sentence of restitution 122 or community service the court may order that the 123 defendant make restitution of the fruits of his 124 offense or make restitution, in an amount he can 125 afford to pay or provide in a suitable manner, for 126 the loss or damage caused by 1ch offense and the 127 court may fix the amount of such restitution and 128 the manner of performance. No sentence of 129 community service and no terms or conditions of a 130 restitution or community service plan shall be 131 imposed without the consent of the defendant.

132 (d) At any time during the period of 133 restitution or community service, after hearing 134 and for good cause shown, the court hay modify or 135 enlarge the terms or conditions and extend the 136 period, provided the original period with any 137 extensions shall not exceed the length of the 138 suspended term of imprisonment. The court shall 139 cause a copy of any order modifying or enlarging 140 the conditions to be delivered to the defendant 141 and the organization, if any, administering such 142 restitution or community service.

143 (e) The court or sentencing judge may at any 144 time during the period of restitution or comunity 145 service, after hearing and for good cause shown, 146 terminate the restitution or community service.

(f) At any time during the period of 147 148 restitution or community service, the court or any 149 judge thereof may issue a warrant for the arrest 150 of a defendant for violation of any of the , 151 conditions of the restitution or conzunity 152 service, or may issue a notice to appear to answer 153 to a charge of such violation, which notice shall 154 be personally served upon the defendant. May such 155 warrant shall authorize any police officer named 156 therein to return the defendant to the custody of 157 the court or to any suitable detention facility 158 designated by the court. A written statement 159 setting forth the alleged violation shall be : 160 presented to the defendant and to the official in 161 charge of any correctional center or other place 162 of detention of the defendant by the arresting 163 officer. Provisions regarding release on bail of 164 persons charged with a crice shall be applicable 165 to any defendant arrested under the provisions of

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166 this section. Upon an arrest by warrant as herein 167 provided, the court shall cause the defendant to 168 we brought before it without unnecessary delay for 169 a hearing on the violation charges. At such 176 hearing the defendant shall be informed of the 171 mainer in which he is alleged to have violated the 172 sentence of restitution or contunity service, 173 shall be advised by the court that he has the 174 right to retain counsel and, if indigent, shall be 175 entitled to the services of a public defender, and 176 shall have the right to cross-examine witnesses 177 and to present evidence in his own behalf.

173 (g) If such violation is established, the 179 court may continue or revoke the sentence of 180 restitution or community service or modify or 181 enlarge the conditions, and, if such sentence is 182 revoked, require, the defendant to serve the 173 sentence imposed or impose any lesser sentence. 184 No such revocation shall be ordered, except upon 185 consideration of the whole record and unless such 186 violation is established by reliable and probative 187 evidence.

188 (h) Nothing in this section shall preclude a
189 court from sentencing a person to a sentence of
190 restitution or community service upon conviction
191 of any crime in an appropriate case.

192 Sec. 5. (NEW) (a) In the judicial districts 193 of Hartford-New Britain, Haterbury, Stamford-194 Norvalk and Litchfield, the court may refer a 195 criminal prosecution to mediation or for 196 resolution by restitution in appropriate cases 197 where the victim and the defendant consent to such 198 referral.

199 \dots (b) If a case is referred to mediation or for 200 resolution by restitution, the prosecuting 201 authority shall enter a nolle prosegui and the 202 prosecution shall be terminated and the defendant 203 released from custody.

204 (c) If mediation is unsuccessful or the 205 person fails to comply with the terms of the 206 mediation or restitution plan, a new prosecution 207 may be initiated within thirteen months.

208 Sec. 6. (NEW) The state's attorney for the 209 judicial districts of Hartford-New Britain, 210 Waterbury, Stamford-Norvalk and Litchfield shall 211 hire a case manager who shall review all criminal 212 cases filed in the judicial district to determine 213 which cases are appropriate for disposition by the

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214 imposition of a sentence of restitution or 215 community service or a referral to mediation or 216 for resolution by restitution. In all cases 217 deemed appropriate for such disposition, the case 218 manager shall notify the organization which 219 administers sentences of restitution and community 220 service for that judicial district, which 211 organization shall inquire of any victim or 222 victims of the crime to determine whether such 223 disposition will be acceptable to them. The 224 state's attorney shall convey his findings and 225 recommendations concerning the disposition of a 226 case to the court having jurisdiction of such 227 case.

Sec. 7. (NEW) (a) There shall be provided in 228 229 the judicial districts of Hartford-New Britain, 230 Waterbury, Stamford-Norwalk and Litchfield through 231 the office of the chief court administrator and 232 the Connecticut justice commission suitable 233 services to administer all sentences of 234 restitution or community service imposed under 235 section 4 of this act, and mediation services and 236 restitution services for all cases referred to 237 mediation or for resolution by restitution under 238 section 5 of this act. The predominant method by 239 which such services shall be developed, 240 inplemented, and administered shall be through 241 grants or purchase of service contracts to or with 242 private, nonprofit organizations or with local 243 units of government to be administered by the 244 Connecticut justice connission. The Connecticut 245 justice commission may solicit and accept for use 246 any gift of money or property made by will or 247 otherwise and any grant of money, services or 248 property made by will or otherwise and any grant 249 of money, services or property from the federal 250 government, private organizations and foundations, 251 in accordance with the purposes of this section. 252 The Connecticut justice commission, in making 253 expenditures for the purposes of this section, 254 shall give priority to programs in operation 255 before the effective date of this act.

256 (b) Any organization administering sentences 257 of restitution or community service shall prepare 258 and file with the court a copy of all restitutio; 259 or community service plans, and shall notify the 260 court when such a plan is successfully completed. 261 In any case in which financial restitution is

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262 ordered it shall be the responsibility of the 263 defendant to make payment to the victim or third 264 party through the organization or any other agent 265 designated by the Connecticut justice commission. (C) Any such organization which becomes aware 267 that a defendant has failed to comply with a 268 restitution or community service plan shall 269 prepare a written statement outlining the 270 noncompliance and shall immediately notify the 271 state's attorney for that judicial district. The 272 state's attorney shall file a motion with the 273 court requesting that a hearing be held without 274 unnecessary delay to determine whether the 275 sentence of restitution or community service 276 should be revoked in accordance with subsections 277 (f) and (g) of section 4 of this act.

278 (d) Any organization providing mediation 279 services to or administering restitution plans 280 for persons for whom mediation or restitution is 281 ordered in lieu of a criminal prosecution under 282 section 5 of this act shall notify the state's 283 attorney in each case in which a mediation or 284 restitution plan is reached, and shall immediately 285 notify the state's attorney of any case in which a 286 person fails to comply with the terms of his 287 mediation or restitution plan.

288 Sec. 8. (NEW) Nothing in this act shall 289 prohibit or otherwise limit the office of adult 290 probation from carrying out its duties and 291 responsibilities pursuant to sections 54-103a to 292 54-108, inclusive, of the general statutes.

Sec. 9. (NEW) The chief court administrator 294 shall serve as chairman of an advisory committee 295 consisting of the chief court administrator, the 296 chief state's attorney, the chief public defender, 297 the state's attorneys for the judicial districts 298 of Hartford-New Britain, Waterbury, Stanford-299 Norwalk and Litchfield, one member of the 300 Connecticut Bar Association appointed by the 301 president of the association, and one member of an 302 organization advocating the rights of crime 303 victims appointed by the chairman of the criminal 304 injuries compensation board. Not later than 305 ninety days after the effective date of this act, 306 the committee shall develop guidelines to 307 determine the suitability of restitution, 308 community service or referral to mediation in 309 criminal cases. The committee shall establish

310 appropriate ranges of restitution according to 311 victim loss, and ranges of community service hours 312 according to the severity of the offense. The 313 chief court administrator may request staff and 314 technical assistance through any organizations or 315 consultants deemed appropriate.

Sec. 10. (NEW) The Connecticut justice 316 317 commission shall (1) secure an independent 318 evaluation of the services provided under sections 319 1 to 11, inclusive, of this act, including a 320 specific evaluation of their inpact on the 321 reduction of prison overcrowding and speeding 322 court processing, which evaluation shall be 323 submitted to the governor and the general assembly 324 not later than Pebruary 8, 1984, and (2) establish 325 a mechanism to monitor on a regular basis all 326 services provided under sections 1 to 10, 327 inclusive, of this act, research and gather 328 relevant statistical data concerning the inpact of 329 those services in achieving the purposes of this 330 act.

Sec. 11. Subsection (e) of section 18-100 of 331 332 the general statutes is repealed and the following 333 is substituted in lieu thereof:

334 (e) If the commissioner of correction deens 335 that the purposes of this section may thus be more 336 effectively carried out, he may transfer any 337 person from one correctional institution to 338 another or to any public or private, nonprofit 339 half-way house, group home or nental health 340 facility, OR TO AN APPROVED COMMUNITY RESIDENCE 341 with the concurrence of the superintendent or 342 person in charge of the facility to which said 343 person is being transferred. Any incate 'so 344 transferred shall remain under the jurisdiction of 345 said condissioner. ANY INDATE TRANSFERRED TO AN 346 APPROVED COHNUNITY BESIDENCE SHALL ALSO BE SUBJECT 347 TO SPECIFICALLY PRESCRIEED SUPERVISION BY 348 PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS UNTIL 349 HIS DEPINITE OR INDETERMINATE SENTENCE IS 350 COMPLETED.

351 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 54-63d of 352 the general statutes, as amended by section 4 of 353 public act 81-437, is repealed and the following 354 is substituted in lieu thereof:

355 (a) Upon notification by a police officer 356 pursuant to section 54-63c that an arrested person 357 has not posted bail, a bail compissioner shall

Pile No. 754 9 358 promptly conduct an interview and investigation as 359 specified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of 360 subsection (a) of section 54-63b and, based upon 361 criteria established pursuant to subdivision (2) 362 of subsection (c) of section 54-63b, he shall 363 promptly order release of such person on the first 364 of the following conditions of release found 365 sufficient to provide reasonable assurance of his 366 appearance in court: (1) Upon his execution of a 367 written promise to appear; (2) UPON HIS EXECUTION 368 OF A WRITTEN PROMISE TO APPEAR ON CONDITION HE 369 REMAIN UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE BAIL 370 COMMISSION; (3) upon his execution of a bond 371 without surety in no greater amount than 372 necessary; [(3)] (4) upon his execution of a bond 373 with surety in no greater amount than necessary. 374 If the person is unable to meet financial 375 conditions of release ordered by the bail 376 commissioner, he shall so inform the court in a 377 report prepared pursuant to subdivision (4) of 378 subsection (a) of section 54-63b. If the bail 379 commissioner determines that conditions of release 380 other than financial OR SUPERVISORY are necessary 381 to provide reasonable assurance of the appearance 382 of such person in court, he shall provide, in lieu 383 of ordering the release of such person, a 384 recommendation regarding the terms and conditions 385 of release in the report. Sec. 13. (NEW) (a) The Connecticut justice 386 387 commission shall conduct a study of the impact of 388 sentencing defendants to a period of restitution 389 or community service, as authorized by section 4 390 of this act, and of referring defendants and their 391 victims to mediation or resolving their dispute by 392 restitution, as authorized by section 5 of this 393 act, upon the administration of criminal justice 394 in Connecticut. Such study shall examine, for the 395 judicial districts of Hartford-New Britain, 396 Waterbury, Stanford-Norvalk and Litchfield, the 397 number of defendants sentenced to make restitution 398 or perform community service, the number of 399 criminal prosecutions disposed of by mediation or 400 restitution, the nature and amount of restitution 401 made by defendants, the nature of community 402 service performed by defendants, the organizations 403 administering the sentences of restitution or 404 community service or mediating disputes, the costs 405 involved in administering such sentences, and any

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406 other matters which the commission deems relevant 407 in connection therewith.

(b) The commission shall report its findings 409 and recommendations to the joint standing 410 committee of the general assembly having 411 cognizance of matters relating to criminal 412 procedure not later than March 15, 1983, and shall 413 file a subsequent report with said consittee not 414 later than February 8, 1984.

415 Sec. 14. The sum of fifty thousand dollars
416 is appropriated to the Connecticut justice
417 commission, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
418 1983, from the sum appropriated to the finance
419 advisory committee under section i of substitute
420 house bill 5094 of the current session, for 1982
421 acts without appropriations, for the purposes of
422 this act.

423 Sec. 15. The sum of forty thousand dollars 424 is appropriated to the division of criminal 425 justice, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983, 426 from the sum appropriated to the finance advisory 427 committee under section 1 of substitute house bill 428 5094 of the current session, for 1982 acts without 429 approriations, for the purposes of this act.

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This bill would result in costs to the General Fund, but these costs could be offset by savings in the future. The costs result from the bill's requirements to establish case managers in four judicial districts to review cases, and provide funds to pay for the development of restitution, madiation, or community service plans for persons referred for such services. Annually, these costs are estimated at \$190,000, with \$35,000 for the Division of Criminal Justice for the case managers and \$105,000 for the Connecticut Justice Commission for the services and administrative expenses. For 1932-83, the bill would cost \$40,000 for the Division of Criminal Justice and \$50,000 for the Connecticut Justice Commission. The bill appropriates these amounts from the account, FAC - Acts Without Appropriations in SHB . 5094, the 1982-83 Appropriations Act.

Some minimal costs to the Judicial Department would result from the bill, based on the requirement to establish on advisory committee, but these costs could be absorbed.

The savings from the bill could result from decreased costs due to processing cases through more economical means and reduced population in correctional institutions. For example, if the program resulted in referring 50 individuals to restitution, mediation, or community service who otherwise would have been incarcerated for 12 months, savings to the Department of Corrections would he \$500,600 using current per capita costs. The exact level of savings would depend on the number of cases actually referred for restitution, estimate of savings from the bill is not possible.

The provisions of the bill allowing the Commission of Corrections to transfer persons to an approved community residence would result in no costs, and couldresult in savings depending on the number of persons transferred and the length of time such persons would have been incarcerated.

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Description of the Provisions within H.B. 5925 (section by section)

Section 1. This section provides all of the definitions to undertake a comprehensive program of community service, restitution, and mediation. The definitions were developed with the assistance of national as well as state experts and program administrators in the field and reflect a thorough explanation of the differences between the options of community service and restitution, and mediation as an alternative to traditional court processing. Definitions are also provided for the type of information needed within any restitution, community service or mediation plan ordered by the judge.

Section 2. This section defines the purpose of the legislation: regaining victim losses reducing prison overcrowding speeding court processing.

Section 3. This section clearly established the use of restitution and community service penalties as post-conviction options allowing a portion or entire term of imprisonment to be suspended and the penalties of restitution or community service ordered.

Section 4. This section emphasizes the use of restitution and community service penalties in Class C or D felonies and A misdemeanors in lieu of a portion or full term of imprisonment. Although this is the primary purpose of the legislation, this section also makes it clear that these penalties can be used in any other cases deemed appropriate by the court.

The proposed amendments to this section clarify that these penalties are available in all judicial districts not just the four pilot districts cited in the bill.

This section also provides provision for the re-arrest and confinement of any person sentenced to restitution or community service who fails to comply with the conditions of his/her restitution or community service plan.

Section 5. This section formalizes the ability of the court to refer a criminal prosecution to mediation processing where the victim and defendant consent. It also outlines the process to be followed by the prosecutor of entering a nolle prosequi and if the mediation is unsuccessful or the person is not in compliance, that a new prosecution can be initiated within 13 months.

Section 6. This section grants authority to the states attorney in each pilot judicial district to hire a case manager to review all criminal cases for the possible use of restitution or community service penalties or mediation processing.

This section also describes the process by which the case manager and community organization responsible for administering the sentences shall contact the victim(s) of the crime to determine whether such dispositions would be acceptable to them. The states attorney will then convey his finding and recommendations to the court having jurisdiction.

This section describes in detail the obligations of any

Section 7. This section specifies that the sentences of restitution and community service or mediation agreements be developed, implemented and administered through purchase of service contracts with private, non-profit organizations or local units of government through the Connecticut Justice Commission. It allows the Commission to accept private funds to assist the state in funding this program. organization administering these penalties of notifying the states attorney in all cases, whether the persons are or are not in compliance with their plans. It further specifies that in cases where non-compliance occurs that a hearing be held immediately to determine further action.

Section 8. This section makes it clear that the Office of Adult Probation can continue its restitution and community service work in the pretrial and probation cases which would be earmarked for their caseloads.

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Section 9. This section outlines the development of a committee, to be chaired by the Chief Court Administrator, to ensure that guidelines to determine the suitability of restitution and community service penalties or referral to mediation be developed. It also requests the committee to consider what the appropriate ranges of community service hours should be commensurate with the convicted offense.

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Section 10. This section specifies the Connecticut Justice Commission to secure an independent evaluation of the services in the bill, whether the purposes of the legislation are being met and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than February 1984. It also specifies that the Justice Commission establish a mechanism to regularly monitor the program.

Section 11. This section allows the Department of Correction to place screened inmates at an approved community residence under supervision. (No cost to this section, in that the supervision can be absorbed through parole officers already on line.)

Section 12. This section prior to the file copy was eliminated from the bill.

Section 13. This provision is a no cost provision allowing bail commissioners to develop conditions in order that a person charged with an offense be released on a conditional appearance from a police station.

Section 14. This section authorized the Connecticut Justice Commission to conduct a study of the impact of sentencing convicted persons to restitution and community service and the impact of referring defendants and their victims to mediation. This report will be presented to the joint standing committee no later than March 1983.

Section 15. Fifty thousand dollars is appropriated in this section to the Connecticut Justice Commission and forty thousand dollars to the Division of Criminal Justice to enter into purchase of service contracts and hire the case managers.

AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM OF MEDIATION FOR CRIMINAL CASES, SUPERVISORY RELEASE AND PROGRAMS FOR PRETRIAL OFFENDERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened: Section 1. (a) There shall be established in the geographical area of the superior court for the towns of Berlin, New Britain, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield and the geographical area of the superior court for the towns of Bethlehen, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Prospect, Southbury, Watertown, Wolcott, Woodbury and Waterbury a pilot program of mediation wherein the court may refer a criminal prosecution to mediation for resolution. For the purposes of this section, "mediation" means the process where two or more persons to a dispute agree to meet with an impartial third party to work toward a resolution of the dispute which is satisfactory to all parties in accordance with principles of mediation commonly used in labor management disputes.

(b) If mediation is successful, the prosecuting authority, upon recommendation of the family relations or mediation officer, shall enter a nolle prosequi and the prosecution shall be terminated and the defendant released from custody.

(c) If mediation is unsuccessful or the defendant fails to comply with the terms of any mediation agreement, the family relations or mediation officer shall notify the prosecuting authority and prosecution of the defendant may be initiated.

(d) There shall be established in the family relations division of the superior court in the two geographical areas enumerated in subsection (a) a mediation unit to provide mediation services in cases referred by the court to mediation.

the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: (e) If the commissioner of correction deems that the purposes of this section may thus be more effectively carried out, he may transfer any person from one correctional institution to another or to any public or private, nonprofit half-way house, group home or mental health facility, OR TO AN APPROVED COMMUNITY RESIDENCE with the concurrence of the superintendent or

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person in charge of the facility to which said person is being transferred. Any inmate so transferred shall remain under the jurisdiction of said commissioner. ANY INMATE TRANSPERRED TO AN APPROVED COMMUNITY RESIDENCE SHALL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO SPECIFICALLY PRESCRIBED SUPERVISION BY PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION UNTIL HIS DEFINITE OR INDETERMINATE SENTENCE IS COMPLETED.

Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 54-63d of the general statutes, as amended by section 4 of public act 81-437, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

(a) Upon notification by a police officer pursuant to section 54-63c that an arrested person has not posted bail, a bail commissioner shall promptly conduct an interview and investigation as specified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 54-63b and, based upon criteria established pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 54-63b, he shall promptly order release of such person on the first of the following conditions of release found sufficient to provide reasonable assurance of his appearance in court: (1) Upon his execution of a written promise to appear; (2) upon his execution of a bond without surety in no greater amount than necessary; (3) upon his execution of a bond with surety in no greater amount than necessary. If the person is unable to meet financial conditions of release ordered by the bail commissioner, he shall so inform the court in a report prepared pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 54-63b. If the bail commissioner determines that conditions of release other than financial are necessary to provide reasonable assurance of the appearance of such person in court, he shall provide, in lieu of ordering the release of such person, a recommendation TO THE COURT regarding the terms and conditions of release, WHICH MAY INCLUDE A TERM OF SUPERVISION, in the report.

Sec. 4. Section 18-101h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

As used in this part:

(a) "Department" means the department of correction.

(b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of correction.

(c) "Community-based service programs" means residential or nonresidential programs provided by private, nonprofit community or locally based organizations, STATE AGENCIES or units of local government including the public-private resource expansion project, which offer housing, transportation, employment and counseling services to incarcerated, paroled or discharged offenders, victims of crime, persons charged with a crime, persons diverted from the criminal process and families of offenders.

(d) "Residential programs" means those offered in "halfway houses," providing twenty-four hour care, supervision, and supportive services to pretrial, incarcerated, paroled or discharged offenders.

(e) "Nonresidential programs" means those programs providing daytime or episodic community correction services to pretrial, incarcerated, paroled or discharged offenders and their families, or victims of crime AND PROGRAMS INVOLVING RESTITUTION OR COMMUNITY SERVICE TO PRETRIAL OPPENDERS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "COMMUNITY SERVICE" MEANS THE PLACEMENT OF OFFENDERS IN UNPAID POSITIONS WITH NONPROFIT OR TAX-SUPPORTED AGENCIES FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF HOURS OF WORK OR SERVICE WITHIN A GIVEN PERIOD OF TIME, AND "RESTITUTION" MEANS THE RESTORATION BY AN OFFENDER OF A VICTIM'S LOSSES THROUGH EITHER PAYMENT OF HONEY OR PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE VICTIM OR, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE VICTIM, TO A THIRD PARTY.

Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 18-101i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: To establish (a) and develop

community-based noninstitutional. service programs, the commissioner shall award grants or purchase of service contracts in accordance with the plan developed under subsection (b) to private, nonprofit organizations, [and] STATE AGENCIES OR units of local government; provided such grants shall not be subject to the formula funding requirements of section 18-101k. Such grants or contracts shall be the predominant method by which the department develops, implements and operates community correction programs. In addition, the commissioner may administer community-based service programs under the direct control of the department.

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Sec. 6. The sum of seventy thousand dollars is appropriated to the judicial department, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983, from the sum appropriated to the finance advisory committee under section 1 of special act 82-10, for 1982 acts without appropriations, for the purposes of section 1 of this act. Sec. 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 1982, except that sections 1, 2, 3 and 6 shall take effect October 1, 1982.

Certified as correct by

	Legislative Commissioner.
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