

## Alternatives to Incarceration Commission

February 10, 2014

### Testimony of Dell Horn, Director, Jamestown Community Corrections

Good Afternoon Chairperson and members of the Commission. My name is Dell Horn and I am the Director of Jamestown Community Corrections and also stand as the Vice-President of the North Dakota Community Corrections Association. The NDCCA is a non-profit association made up of 15 regional offices and was organized in order to help support these regional offices in their mission of providing opportunities for Court-Ordered Community Service.

In our Community Corrections Guidelines Manual which was revised by Tim Brehm, DOCR Community Corrections Program Manager our Mission Statement is:

*Community Corrections Programs are strategically placed statewide in an effort to enhance community partnerships while providing community based alternatives to detention. The community-based alternatives focus on protecting society, addressing the concerns of crime victims, and providing supervision to offender in the community. More specifically all community programs are to have a coordinated office which provides: 1) alternatives to incarceration; 2) repayment to the community for inappropriate or unlawful behavior; 3) a positive support system.*

Community Service has been an organized institution since 1991. We were helped in our organization by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Of the 16 regional offices 5 offices are County run programs, with all other being run by Private Not for Profit businesses. All the offices rely on several funding sources ranging from: grants, private donations, contracts with counties & municipalities, state funding, to program fees from offenders.

But what is community service? Community Service can be defined as free work completed by an offender as referred by a court, adult parole and probation office, and juvenile court. Community service work is completed at or for nonprofit agencies, thus augmenting the nonprofit workforce and making the nonprofit community more able to provide reasonably priced services/goods. An offender can be of any age from a Juvenile to a Senior Citizen. Community Service is completed for a variety of crimes ranging from a Juvenile status offense for juveniles to an Adult felony offense.

Community service as used by the Adult and Juvenile court systems is a very viable alternative to incarceration. 8 Hours of community service is thought to be equivalent to 24 hours of incarceration, but this varies from Judge to Judge and from offense to offense. Some judges seem to have a belief that community service is only for particular offenses or ages of offenders

while other Judges seem to have a belief that all offenses require some level of use of community service.

I have included a breakdown of Community Service for the year for 2013. As you can see 2638 is the total number of offenders who performed Community Service with Fargo having 41% of the offenders. A total of 74,053 hours of Community Service were completed with noncash value to the worksites of \$592,383.00 in saved wages.

If we take the total of the community service completed and divide by 8 (number of hours of Community Service that is equivalent to 24 hours of incarceration) we can show about 9256 days of prison/jail saved. If a day of incarceration is valued at \$65 per day then an additional savings of \$601,680 can be attributed to the use of community service.

These two above values combined means a savings to the taxpayer of roughly \$1,194,063. If we ignore the savings to the taxpayer for the cost of incarceration then the savings would be about \$414,680 after subtracting the \$187,500 of state provided funding.

The primary goals of community corrections programs are to provide a structured organization that provides:

- ✓ an alternative to incarceration
- ✓ Repayment to the community for inappropriate or unlawful behavior
- ✓ Provide a positive support system for the offender
- ✓ Provide the offender with a sense of self worth
- ✓ Provide the potential for future job placement for the offender

**NDCCA CS Hours Worked 1-1-2013 - 12-31-2013**

**Rollup Report**

Site	Clients	Hrs Worked	Clients /Mth	Hrs/Mth /Client	Hrs/Mth	P&P	Muni	District	Juvenile	\$\$ Collected	Non-cash value
Barnes	115	3,152	9	3	263	3	39	67	12	\$7,120.00	\$25,216.00
Bismarck	300	8,883	24	5	741	39	6	228	31	\$18,474.00	\$71,059.92
Devils Lake	29	1,153	2	4	97	7	3	6	14	\$1,000.00	\$9,219.52
Dickinson	27	908	2	3	76	4	5	13	5	\$1,350.00	\$7,264.00
Fargo	1,085	28,081	90	3	2,341	50	827	126	124	\$72,066.00	\$224,645.60
Fessenden	8	181	0	2	16	0	0	6	2	\$450.00	\$1,444.00
Forman-Sargent	45	823	3	2	69	0	0	48	0	\$1,441.00	\$6,582.00
Foster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Forks	320	11,342	26	3	946	25	12	291	0	\$33,485.00	\$90,729.16
Jamestown	235	5,519	19	2	460	18	83	124	20	\$13,610.00	\$44,151.60
Minot	81	3,022	6	3	252	4	26	45	9	\$5,970.00	\$24,174.00
Ransom Co.	24	603	2	3	51	1	0	19	4	\$1,400.00	\$4,818.40
Rugby	53	1,772	4	3	148	3	1	45	6	\$3,745.00	\$14,174.00
Wahpeton	182	4,987	15	3	416	12	76	96	9	\$8,200.00	\$39,890.00
Williston	<u>134</u>	<u>3,627</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>\$10,549.00</u>	<u>\$29,014.80</u>
	<b>2,638</b>	<b>74,053</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>6,179</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>\$ 178,860.00</b>	<b>\$ 592,383.00</b>

**Filters:**

Hours Worked date range      1/1/2013 - 12/31/2013

## NDCCA CS Hours Worked 7-1-2011 - 6-30-2013

### Rollup Report

Site	Clients	Hrs Worked	Clients/ Hrs/Mth/C		Hrs/Mth	P&P	Muni	District	Juvenile	\$\$ Collected	Non-cash value
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Barnes	219	6,193	18	3	517	5	74	111	46	\$13,770.00	\$49,536.64
Bismarck Urban	791	23,602	65	6	1,968	99	22	499	188	\$38,935.25	\$188,806.24
Devils Lake	126	5,107	10	4	426	31	8	9	84	\$3,900.00	\$40,854.24
Dickinson	158	4,435	13	3	370	6	49	56	48	\$7,510.00	\$35,476.40
Fargo	2,312	64,295	192	3	5,358	88	1,901	203	318	\$150,639.99	\$514,358.16
Fessenden	29	758	2	3	64	2	1	20	6	\$1,390.00	\$6,064.00
Forman-Sargent	135	3,365	11	2	281	1	4	144	1	\$3,470.00	\$26,914.00
Foster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Forks	704	26,491	58	3	2,208	88	39	615	0	\$72,296.00	\$211,923.40
Jamestown	480	13,554	40	3	1,130	21	186	290	25	\$32,717.00	\$108,426.44
Minot	167	6,636	13	4	553	31	57	68	22	\$14,265.00	\$53,084.80
Ransom Co.	48	1,278	4	2	107	3	0	43	9	\$1,980.00	\$10,220.40
Rugby	73	3,062	6	4	256	0	2	74	2	\$5,485.00	\$24,492.00
Wahpeton	406	13,391	33	3	1,116	33	168	219	29	\$21,910.00	\$107,128.00
Williston	<u>110</u>	<u>2,878</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>\$5,370.00</u>	<u>\$23,021.92</u>
	<b>5,758</b>	<b>175,045</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>14,594</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>2,566</b>	<b>2,363</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>\$ 373,638.24</b>	<b>\$ 1,400,306.64</b>

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Hours Worked date range

7/1/2011 - 6/30/2013