NCSL TASK FORCE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
MICHIGAN’S INCARCERATED VETERANS PROGRAM

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Michigan’s Veteran Population

State of Michigan
- ≈ 10,020,000
- 10th largest population
- ≈ 38,200 incarcerated individuals

Michigan’s Veteran Population
- ≈ 552,412 veterans in Michigan
- 11th largest veteran population
- ≈ 2,600 incarcerated veterans
MVAA’s Efforts to Assist Justice-Involved Veterans

Preventative:
• Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center (MVRSC)
• MVAA Veterans Community Action Teams (VCATs)
• Regional Coordinator Program
• Michigan Crisis Intervention System (MI-CIS)

Assistance for Justice-Involved Veterans:
• Veterans Treatment Courts (VTCs)
• Incarcerated Veterans Program
Why Do It

- Recognition that military service sometimes traumatizes a service member and criminal behavior may arise out of that trauma
- May provide financial assistance to families of incarcerated veterans; up to 90% of the award
- May provide financial assistance to the incarcerated veteran while in prison; up to 10% of the award
- Renewed sense of belonging
- Assists with reintegration; accelerated reinstatement of compensation benefits and eligibility for healthcare
- Reduce recidivism
Memorandum of Agreement

Incarcerated Veterans Program

MDOC
- Established a Veterans Housing Unit (Level 2)
- Tracks veteran inmate population & status
- Rotates incarcerated veterans to the Saginaw facility
- Works with MVAA to schedule appointments
- Works with VHA to schedule required medical exams
- Escorts inmates to medical appointments

MVAA
- Coordinates / facilitates program activities
- Verifies veteran status
- Works with MDOC to schedule appointments
- Represents the incarcerated veteran
- Provides claims processing assistance

VHA
- Notifies and works with MDOC to schedule required medical exams
- Allows armed MDOC escorts

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

U.S. Department Of Veterans Affairs
Results

- 237 veterans in the unit
- 300 veterans at the facility
- 313 veterans for which MVAA holds POA
- 523 medical exams performed
- 329 VA benefit claims filed
- 13 veterans in the program paroled since January 2019
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