



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Rick Scott, Governor

Wansley Walters, Secretary

November 27, 2013

Dear County Representative:

Pursuant to Administrative Rule 63G-1.017, the Department has completed a reconciliation of detention utilization for fiscal year 2012-13 using the information recorded in the on-line utilization system and modified to comply with the recently issued ruling by the First District Court of Appeal. The counties and Department used this system throughout the year to report and reconcile utilization information.

At the beginning of fiscal year 2012-13, an estimated amount of detention cost per county for that fiscal year was calculated prior to issuance of the 1st DCA ruling. A copy of that breakdown is provided on the spreadsheet attached titled "2012-13 Secure Detention Cost Billing Estimate". Also enclosed is a copy of the 2012-13 Department detention budget titled "FY 2012-13 Detention Cost Sharing Final Budget". The amount used to calculate the estimated costs was \$74,009,403.

It is important to remember that the amount billed the counties for 2012-13 was an estimate. In preparing this year's reconciliation the Department modified its methodology to comply with the 1st DCA ruling. Expenditures from all detention funding sources for the year were combined to calculate the total detention share cost for the year. The total utilization days for pre and post dispositional detention stays were combined to calculate the total utilization. Those two numbers were then used to calculate the 2012-13 cost per day of \$253.48. This cost per day is used to determine the state's and counties' costs for their utilization days.

Enclosed you will find a document titled "2012-13 Detention Cost Sharing Final Expenditures and Reversions". Total detention expenditures for 2012-13 were \$86,747,719.83. The enclosed spreadsheet titled "2012-13 Secure Detention Cost Sharing Reconciliation" summarizes the secure detention utilization for the state and all counties. The columns in the spreadsheet represent:

- County
- Pre-Dispositional Days (based on new methodology)
- Post-Dispositional Days (based on new methodology)
- Total Days (pre and post combined)
- FY 12-13 Actual County Pre-dispositional Cost (pre-dispositional days X cost per day)
- Total Billed 12-13 (amount billed and paid by the county based on the estimate)
- Net – difference between the amount billed to the counties versus what should have been billed based on the new methodology

The Department is unable to credit counties' accounts for the amounts reflected in the Net column of the reconciliation at this time. The Department does not have funding to implement the credits and still

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The mission of the Department of Juvenile Justice is to increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention, and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.

support the operation of its detention facilities. The funding of these credits would require an appropriation by the Legislature-as it far exceeds the Department's current appropriations.

The final reconciliation enclosed with this correspondence represents the Department's final action for the 2012-13 fiscal year detention utilization. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.111, Rules of Division of Administrative Hearings, any county whose substantial interests may be affected by the final reconciliation has 21 days from the date of notice of the final agency action to file a petition for hearing pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

If you have questions I can be contacted by email at beth.davis@djj.state.fl.us, or by phone at (850) 717-2629.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Davis", written in a cursive style.

Beth Davis
Office of Program Accountability

Enclosures:

2012-13 Secure Detention Cost Sharing Estimate
Detention Centers Cost Sharing Budget - Fiscal Year 2012-13
Detention Cost Sharing – Fiscal Year 2012-13 Expenditures and Reversions
2012-13 Secure Detention Cost Sharing Reconciliation

cc: Libby Grimes, Bureau Chief, Finance and Accounting