
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

HOUSE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

MARCH 9, 2021





CARES & EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

FUNDING ALLOCATED

- \$17,534.5 – CARES Act funding through DHSS
 - \$479.9 Expended during FY2020
 - \$17,054.6 Expended during FY2021
- \$600.0 –Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding through DPS
 - \$600.0 Expended during FY2021

All \$\$ in thousands

EXPENDITURES COVERED INCLUDE

- Correctional Officer Overtime
- Employee COVID-19 Leave
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Employee Fit Testing for PPE
- Cleaning and Medical Supplies
- Employee Housing for Quarantine
- Inmate Housing and Charters
- Increased Food and Supply Costs
- Inmate Stipends
- Contractual Services for Operational Needs



FY2021 PROJECTED SHORTFALL / LAPSE

PROJECTED SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS

Overall deficit projected of (\$15,608.6)

- (\$9,987.9) – Institutions
- (\$5,397.9) – Community Residential Centers
- (\$222.8) – Electronic Monitoring

UGF LAPSE DUE TO CARES ACT FUNDING

Lapse is primarily associated with suspended programming

- FY2020
 - \$9,537.6 – Health & Rehabilitation Services
 - \$184.5 – Education & Vocational Education Programs
- FY2021 (*projected lapse*)
 - \$3,993.9 – Health & Rehabilitation Services
 - *Pending no catastrophic cases*

All \$\$ in thousands



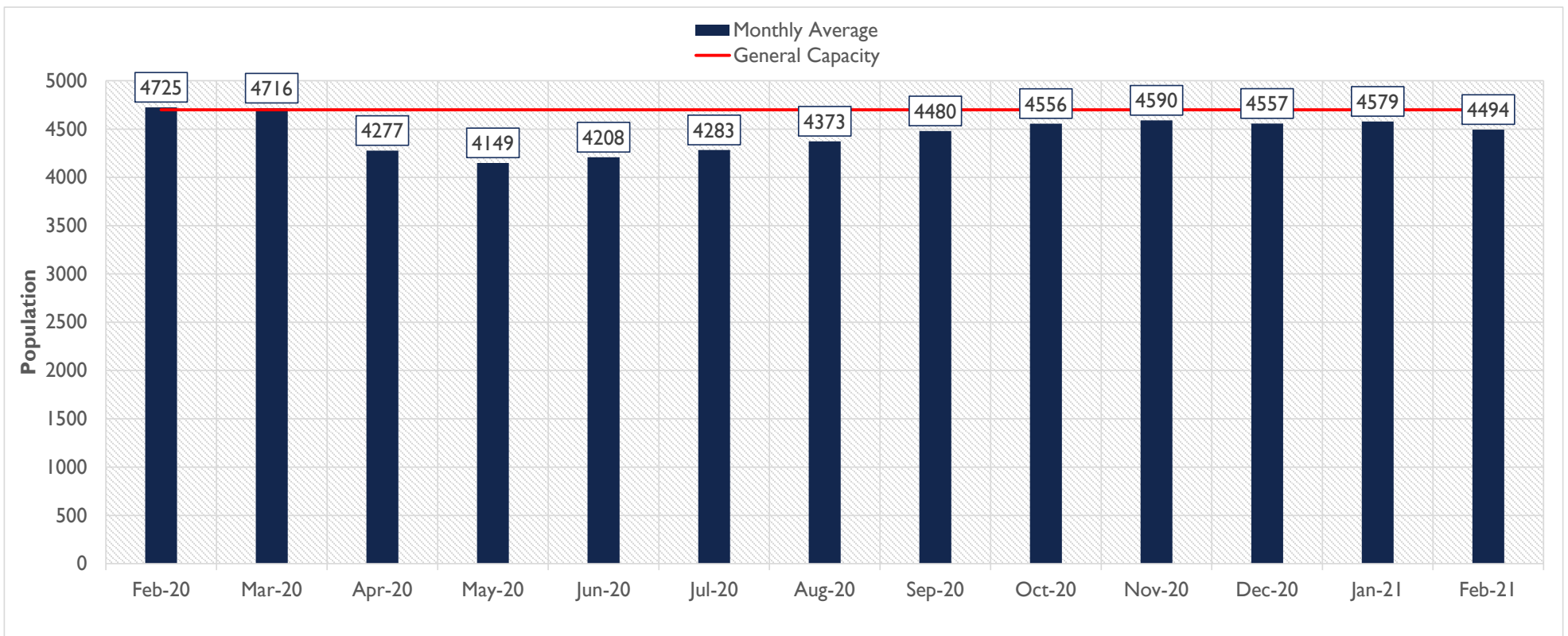
COVID-19 IMPACTS

OPERATIONAL IMPACTS

- Court System Changes
 - Increase in pretrial release
 - Increase in presentence population
- Attorney-client visits
- Suspended visitation and certain programming
- Free phone calls for inmates
- Increased unsentenced population
- Supervision of defendants/offenders
- Increase in utilization of EM/Pretrial
- Virtual communications with defendants/probation/parolees
- Video conferencing for Parole Board hearings
- Internet connectivity/infrastructure challenges



OFFENDER POPULATION





COVID-19 PREPARATION

- Consultation, communication, coordination, and collaboration
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - Department of Health & Social Services
 - Public Health
 - Epidemiology Section
 - Unified Command / Emergency Operations Center
 - Staff and inmates
- Inventory and acquisition of supplies, including PPE
- Implementation of department-wide COVID-19 Outbreak Response Plan covering:
 - Inmate and staff screenings
 - Measures for isolation and quarantine
 - Inmate movement restrictions
 - Environmental cleaning standards for common areas & inmate housing/cells
- Table-top exercises
- New emergency clinic for isolation and treatment, as needed



COVID-19 PREVENTION

- Increased and enhanced cleaning, disinfection and hygiene practices
- Installation of hand sanitizing stations and free soap for inmates
- Entry point screenings for anyone entering a facility
- COVID-19 testing for all new remands and transfers
- Suspended all visitation
- Suspended non-essential contract services and all group activities
- Closed lobbies and eliminated acceptance of cash bail
- Modified social distancing practices within facilities
 - Inmates socialize, eat, and recreate only with those in their housing units



COVID-19 PREVENTION

INMATE ENGAGEMENT

- Mask Sewing Project
- Super Cleaners





COVID-19 MANAGEMENT

- Notification and coordination with DHSS, Public Health, Epidemiology Section
- Medical isolation of positive cases and those with symptoms
- Clinical care
- Contact tracing to identify, test, and quarantine close contacts of positive cases



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