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RE: Assembly Budget Committee Response

Dear Mr. Haines:

In response to Chair Marin's May 9, 2019 letter requesting a written response to the question raised by the Assembly Budget Committee on May 6, 2019, I offer the following:

Assemblyman Clifton

**Request:** The budget allocates \$2 million from the Workforce Development Partnership Fund in FY 2019 and FY 2020 for the Parole Employment Placement Program. Please provide information on how those funds were used, including how many parolees are involved in the program, how many found employment, and the amount spent for FY 2019 to date and expected to be spent in FY 2019 and FY 2020.

**Response:** Funding for the Workforce Development Partnership Fund - Parolee Employment Placement Program is a reallocation of funding from one agency to another for an already existing program. In FY 2019, the Parolee Employment Placement Program was moved to the Department of Labor along with a \$2 million budget allocation. Previously, this program was operated by the Department of Labor but funded by the State Parole Board via fund transfers that were facilitated by budget language. The operation of this program has not changed, however, the \$2 million that was estimated to run this program (based on costs in previous years) was officially moved to the Department of Labor for FY 2019. In the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Department of Labor budget, this program appears as a \$2 million line item under Grants-In-Aid. This line item also appears as a Schedule 2 Dedicated Revenue within the Governor's Budget Message in FY 2020. This program provides job training and employment placement into positions with established employment longevity benchmarks currently for 350 parolees and has had a substantial impact on reducing recidivism. Any more detailed programmatic questions should be directed to the Department of Labor, as the operations and funding of this program are no longer attached to the State Parole Board.

Below is the adjusted SPB GIA budget from FY 2018 to FY 2019. SPB GIA CRC's budget is where the \$2M decrease occurred with funding reallocations from STEPS/RESAP to CRC.

GRANTS IN AID  
Distribution of Fund and Object (000s)

<u>Grants</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>Proposed 2020</u>
Re-Entry Substance Abuse Program (RESAP)	\$7,889	\$10,303	\$10,465
Mutual Agreement Program (MAP)	\$4,618	\$4,797	\$4,873
Community Resource Center Program (CRC)	\$11,381	\$10,833	\$10,657
Stages to Enhance Parolee Success Program (STEPS)	\$11,994	\$7,949	\$7,429
Grand Total State Appropriation	\$35,882	\$33,882	\$33,424

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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