

## Corrections Representative on the Networks Northwest Board

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### Background

We have a representative of the MI Department of Corrections (MDOC) on our Workforce Development Board, and therefore automatically on our Networks Northwest Board. This is because of the fact that we deliver the Prisoner Reentry Program.

Our MDOC representative has been Dave Pratt, Deputy Warden of Pugsley Correctional Facility. Dave has been a fantastic board member and has also served well on the region's Prisoner Reentry Co-Leaders Group and Steering Committee. However, Pugsley Correctional Facility has been removed from the MDOC's list of official in-reach facilities for the program. Our official in-reach facility is now the West Shoreline Correctional Facility in Muskegon and a representative from that prison now attends our regional meetings. Therefore and unfortunately, Dave no longer qualifies to be on our board.

The Co-Leaders group has nominated Charles Welch, Parole Field Supervisor to become the MDOC representative on the Workforce Development Board and therefore also the Networks Northwest Board. Chuck serves on the Prisoner Reentry Co-Leaders Group and Steering Committee, and is extremely familiar with and knowledgeable about the needs of ex-offenders. This appointment must be made by a majority of the ten county commissioners who make up the local elected officials board of Networks Northwest.

### Recommendation

Motion (for action by the local elected officials board) to appoint Charles Welch as the corrections representative on the Workforce Development Board, for a term expiring 12/31/16.