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still faced a prison population crisis if we did not act. We faced the real possibility of having to construct yet another maximum security prison. In 2001, Governor Johanns convened a community corrections working group to initiate the process of building a community corrections system in Nebraska. Two prior efforts to increase reliance on community corrections had failed. In 2003, this body adopted LB 46, which created the Community Corrections Council, provided a source of funding and made other statutory changes intended to make community corrections actually work. Since that time, the council has made considerable progress. We have identified a target population of felony drug offenders, particularly those who received substance...pardon me, particularly those who received sentences of incarceration of less than three years. That is the population which we seek to move out of our prisons and into our community-based programs. We have adopted and developed sentencing guidelines for the target population that will provide guidance for judges in determining when incarceration is appropriate and when community corrections programs are preferable. These guidelines have been forwarded to the Nebraska Supreme Court for further action pending further data and modeling. We have adopted the work of the Justice Substance Abuse Work Team, which has developed a standardized model for evaluation of substance abuse of those in the criminal justice system. This will put criminal justice and mental health substance abuse professionals on the same page, so to speak, when dealing with a very significant problem of substance abuse among offenders. We have worked with the Office of Probation Administration and the Office of Parole Administration to develop a new form of probation and parole supervision that is called specialized substance abuse supervision, or SSAS. With the great assistance of Senator Synowiecki, the Appropriations Committee has made funding available for additional probation personnel that will combine with the council funding to allow the SSAS program to move forward, and we thank, on behalf of the council...Senator Synowiecki and I are the representatives of the Legislature to the council, and we thank the Appropriations Committee. We have also developed, in conjunction with others, a voucher program that will assist with treatment costs for offenders with substance abuse problems. We also have received additional help from the Appropriations Committee for that