

**Department of Corrections Advisory Board
Illinois Department of Corrections
1301 Concordia Court
Springfield, IL**

**April 26, 2010
10:00am**

MINUTES

Present: Pat Hartshorn, Board Member
David Eldridge, IDOC
Bill Marshall, IDOC
Cecil Polley, IDOC
Brad Hillman, IDOC
Kelly Gilroy, IDOC
Mike McCotter, IDOC
W. Kendric Berry, Board Member
Shaena Fazal, Board Member

Jesus Reyes, Board Member
Dave Olson, Board Member
Brian Adams, IDOC
Eddie Jones, IDOC
Deb Denning, IDOC
Kathy Kiss, IDOC/Chicago PD
Mark Prosperi, IDOC/Governor's Office
Jim Gannon, Board Member

Participated via phone:
Angela Rudolph, Board Member

Introductions

Everyone in attendance were welcomed and introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 25, 2010, meeting were accepted and approved.

COT Classes – Brian Adams, Staff Development & Training

Brian Adams provided a breakdown of cadets hired and/or graduated for FY '10 (July 2009 to present). There have been 4 cadet classes (averaging 120 cadets per class) totaling 465 cadets. There is one class currently @ the Academy w/130 cadets. They are in their 5th week and will graduate May 7, 2010. Three additional classes have been scheduled for this calendar year – May 10, June 21 and August 2. There are 140 cadets slated for each class.

Prior to this fiscal year, the Department has not hired since 2008 @ which time a total of 3 classes were hired back to back in the Fall of 2008.

ACA – William Marshall

- **Training of Executives**
All IDOC Executive Staff, Wardens and Internal Audit Control Officers participated in ACA orientation training provided by Jeff Washington and James Gondles from the ACA Executive Office.
- **Accreditation of Tamms**
In December 2009 Tamms was targeted for ACA accreditation. Tamms is moving along well with regards to the accreditation process. A site follow-up was conducted last week @ Tamms.

The next phase will engage several facilities regionally and will be an on-going process to ultimately achieve Departmental accreditation with ACA.

- **Chicago Conference – 2010**

The ACA Conference will be held in Chicago July 31 – August 4, 2010. The Department's goal is to have the process completed at Tamms so the accreditation can be presented at the Chicago Conference.

During the conference the Department of Corrections plans to host tours of Sheridan, Stateville/ NRC, South Side Spotlight Center, and an ATC Center.

NIC – William Marshall

- **Security Audits**

NIC conducted security audits at Sheridan, Dwight and Tamms. NIC will make a recommendation to the Director based on their review.

- **Critical Incident Management Training**

NIC wanted to see how the Department sets up their Command Posts so an escape drill was conducted at Pinckneyville and a hostage drill was conducted at Big Muddy River.

NIC is trying to ensure the titles that are used in Illinois are the titles that are used nationally (example: Commander, etc.). NIC is trying to bring the Department up to date w/NIMS status nationally. NIC will make a recommendation to the Director based on their review.

The Department of Corrections feels very privileged that NIC chose to come to Illinois to review our process.

Eddie Jones and Kevin Gilson are going to Texas May 2-7 to attend training on Command and Control offered by NIC.

Mr. Hartshorn asked about the incident that occurred recently down south. Cecil Polley provided an overview of the incident that occurred early December 2009 at Pinckneyville Correctional Center involving a librarian being taken hostage.

MGT Update – Mark Proseri & Mike McCotter

The MGT program was suspended by the Governor on January 14, 2010.

The Department is recommending that MGT would have to be earned. A series of factors have been developed for DOC to judge offenders to decide if inmates have earned MGT. The Department is trying to make offenders make an effort to help rehabilitate themselves. MGT will be limited to non-violent offenders. The Department would like to eliminate eligibility for any offenders charged with staff assault. The Department would like to consider the new threat assessment tool; which includes offenders' entire criminal history. Some of the Department's changes will require a legislative amendment. Some aspects could require a change in statute because the current statute allows some violent offenses and the Department is recommending no violent offenses be eligible for MGT. The statute does, however, allow the Department to review the criminal history. The Department of Corrections' report is in the final draft stages. The Department's will provide their recommendations to the Governor's Office.

The Department has prepared an Administrative Directive and is working on necessary rule changes. Training will need to be developed. The Department is facing a hurdle with regards to the outdated IT system w/in the Department.

Ms. Fazal brought up the issue of overcrowding. What if an inmate is on a waiting list for a program, but can't participate because of availability. She suggested offering additional educational services so more offenders can participate in the educational programming and possibly earn the MGT. Mr. Berry also expressed his feeling that DOC needs to provide more opportunities for offenders to earn MGT (example: education, etc.).

Second Chance RFP – Kelly Gilroy

Ms. Gilroy discussed a program called Illinois Community Re-Entry Initiative. This program will target 200 inmates (100 men from East Moline and 100 women from Dwight). The inmates will be identified at Reception and Classification and put in a database. Inmates will be selected randomly six months prior to their release. The staff will consist of a Life Coach, Counselor and Re-Entry Officer (parole agent). The inmates will be provided with one-on-one services tailored to their specific needs.

This is a \$1.5million (maximum) program. The federal government gives ½ and the Department will have to come up with ½ (\$750,000).

The Department should find out in June if the grant was awarded. The RFP would be awarded to a number of services.

The Board members mentioned they would like to hear more about this at the next meeting.

Adult Redeploy – Kelly Gilroy

Adult Redeploy started in January and is a component of the Crime Reduction Act.

Six applications have been received involving 17 counties. Some of the counties are the same counties that applied for Juvenile Redeploy. Not applying for the planning grant does not preclude for applying for the major grant.

Ms. Rudolph asked for a listing of the counties that applied. Ms. Gilroy will e-mail the list.

Video Visitation Update – Brad Hillman

The Department is required to do a pilot project; which should be in place by October. Pilot sites will be @ West Side ATC, Menard, Dwight and Tamms.

Four vendors have applied to provide the Department with the kiosks at the facilities at no cost to the Department. This process will have to go through the procurement process. The vendor that does the inmate phone system has submitted a request.

IDOC Update – David Eldridge

- **Reorganization**

The Department is internally working with Advisors at CMS to streamline and looking at ways to work with Administrators to move the Agency forward.

- **Executive Summit**

For the first time ever the Department is hosting an Executive Summit where executives from the Agency will be asked to team build and to go over agency issues.

- **Priorities for 2011**

Briefly discussed during MGT discussion.

Old Business

There was no old business brought up for discussion.

New Business

Mr. Hartshorn asked the Board Members if there were any facilities they would like to visit. Malcolm Young was not at the meeting, but had previously expressed an interest to visit Sheridan. Mr. Hartshorn asked Deputy Director Jones if there were any new program, etc. at any of the facilities that would be of interest to the Board members. A law library was established at Stateville NRC. The Board members were asked which facility they would like to visit in conjunction with the July 26th meeting – Stateville, Pontiac or Sheridan. The decision was made have a tour of Stateville on July 26th prior to the Advisory Board Meeting. Deputy Director Jones will handle setting up the tour and meeting.

Thomson Correctional Center was briefly discussed. There are no inmates housed at Thomson as of April 16, 2010. A work detail from East Moline goes to Thomson to take care of maintenance issues. The Federal Bureau of Prison is hosting a job fair. The Department is still in negotiations with regards to the sale of Thomson. The Federal Bureau of Prisons still has an interest in purchasing the facility, regardless of GITMO.

Public Comments/Open Discussion

There was no public attendance @ this meeting.

Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned @ 11:20am.