

Illinois Department of Corrections Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 25, 2011, 10:45 am

At the following public site:
Illinois Department of Corrections Headquarters
Executive Office Building, 1301 Concordia Ct., Springfield, IL 62794

Board members in attendance: W. Kendric Berry, Shaena Fazal, Keith Lape, David Olson, James Gannon, Angela Rudolph (via phone), Donald Young, Gladyse Taylor, Malcolm Young, Patrick Hartshorn

Non-board members in attendance: Jaclyn O'Day, Deb Denning, Sara Sullivan, Cory Foster, Joe Rose (via phone), Ed Huntley, Sharyn Elman, Mike McCotter (via phone), Austin Randolph, Steve Karr, Belinda Adelman

Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

Patrick Hartshorn, Chair, IDOC Advisory Board welcomed everyone and roll call was taken by Sara Sullivan.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Keith Lape and seconded by Ken Berry. The motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

Announcements

Gladyse Taylor, Acting Director, Illinois Department of Corrections announced a new Chief of Staff, Cara Smith, has been appointed. She also stated there will be a new Director appointed to IDOC in the near future. Board Member Ken Lape wanted to formally thank Gladyse for her openness to the board.

Ms. Sullivan stated if Advisory Board members were interested in attending re-entry programs and/or cadet graduations to let her know and she would provide the information. She also stated there is one vacancy on the board as a member has been removed due to non-attendance and a new board member would be appointed.

Update on Strategic Plan

Gladyse Taylor discussed in detail each point in the Strategic Plan. Board members were invited to volunteer to participate on one or more of the plan initiatives. The plan is fluid, will operate based on national standards and we will continue to make improvements. She asked for participation from board members to ensure success.

There was extensive discussion on the offender population management. The National Institute of Corrections will fund a study for reclassification. Court writs were discussed to lower staff costs and court appearances.

Family interaction support – Video visitation sites will be at all IDOC facilities and possibly even parole offices to expand sites for families.

American Correctional Association accreditation – Chief of Audits Bill Marshall provided an accreditation schedule for the next three years at the last meeting. It included three facilities for assessment each quarter which will minimize litigation issues.

Offender 360 Presentation

The Board then proceeded to the Information Services Building for a presentation from Herb Quinde, Acting Chief Information Officer, Illinois Department of Corrections in regard to the Offender 360 system.

Mr. Quinde gave an in-depth presentation and demonstration on the undertaking of converting from the current Offender Tracking System (OTS) to the proposed Offender 360 system. He discussed manpower needs and costs associated with the conversion, and demonstrated how useful and accessible the information would be.

There was open discussion and questions about the Offender 360 system.

Open Discussion/Wrap Up

The Board continued with open discussion and any other concerns the members may have had. It was emphasized that if any board member has a question to feel free to call the Illinois Department of Corrections to get an answer to their question rather than waiting until the next board meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved with no objections or abstentions.