

**Illinois Department of Corrections
Adult Advisory Board Meeting
January 28, 2013**

Board Members Present: Kendrick Berry, Shaena Fazal, S.A. Godinez, Patrick Hartshorn, Laura Kunard, Keith Lape, David Olson, Jesus Reyes, Gladyse Taylor, Donald Young

Non Board Members Present: William Barnes, Jerry Buscher, Deb Denning, Bryan Gleckler, Luke Hartigan, Joni Stahlman

- **Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call**

Wm. Patrick Hartshorn, Chair, IDOC Advisory Board called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken by Joni Stahlman.

- **Action Item: Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2012 Meeting**

Wm. Patrick Hartshorn, Chair, IDOC Advisory Board read the minutes from the November meeting; with no corrections noted; motion carried to accept the minutes.

- **Collect 2013 Ethics Training-** Joni Stahlman collected all ethics training forms from board members.

- **Impact on closures:** Jerry stated the moves went very well without any issues. There were 130 inmates traveled to Pontiac. Inmates from Tamm with mental illness health services. Currently there are 130 inmates out on electronic detentions. Tamms CC was more spread out with 500 cells compared to Pontiac CC. Pontiac on gallery 1 can communicate more on yard with other inmates. The warden at Pontiac is going there each inmate file to make sure no enemy issues are taking affect. Shawnee, Vienna and Menard have negative impact on Dwight and Pontiac. Once Dwight's Correctional Center closes, Pontiac Correctional will have more staff. There are 38 cadets who will be working at Pontiac once they graduate. Pontiac correctional officers are highly trained for death roll inmates. Since the closures there will be more staff on the galleries of Pontiac.

Malcolm Young stated a group of individuals were very pleased that the staffs were well organized and training during the transfer of inmates from Tamm's CC to Pontiac.

- **PA97-0697 (SB2621) Sentence Credit Reform Bill/Good Time Credit** - Gladyse Taylor, Assistant Director, said that during the manual review phase of implementing this new legislation, the Department estimates that approximately 9% of our offender population will potentially be eligible for this sentence credit. The offenders past history, disciplinary history, etc. will all be taken into consideration. Previously, IDOC issued approximately 316 years of good time credit. We continue to define how programs will

make offenders eligible. The maximum level facilities will focus on cognitive behavior; medium level facilities will focus on treatment programs (i.e. substance abuse and education, etc.) and the minimum level facilities will focus on re-entry programs. Currently, 14% of our population receives vocational credits; 9% of our population receives substance abuse credits; and 4% of our population receives educational credits. Offender 360 System will go online next week. Eligibility reports can then be generated and we will phase out manual reviews. The RANA contract is in its final stages of approval and we hope to have it finalized by December 1st. With the new 90-180 day credit; we are hoping for a 1,200 bed reduction within IDOC. Under the legislation, offenders can also receive credit for programs completed while in county jails too. This eligibility will be up to the local jurisdictions.

Clinical Service Supervisor will review Supplemental Sentence Credit evaluations of inmates and make notification of inmates who are eligible for early release. The Department's Central Office will do a final review by the legal department, a LEADS check, and a final check in the database to make sure there are no pending charges against the inmate. Offenders cannot receive any more than 180 days of good time. Chief Barnes stated behavior and prior offenses will determine who gets released early.

- **Risk, Assets & Needs Assessment Tool Implementation** – Gladys Taylor, Assistant Director said we are making progress towards implementing the Risk, Assets & Needs Assessment Tool. Use of the assessment tool will start with offenders in pre-release/discharge planning to guide recommendations for Parole and MSR orders. There will be approximately 30 IDOC Clinical service staff trained on how to perform the assessments. Over the next 12-18 month period assessments will be completed at Reception and Classification intake and an assessment update will be required every 6 months. This information will also be captured on IDOC's new offender management system Offender 360.
- **Offender 360-** Is a new web based offender management system that will replace the OTS system. Offender 360 management system; a solution that will deliver a user-friendly, searchable Web-based interface of offender tracking data significantly reducing paperwork, reporting and transfer costs. This system will all be one 1 screen view which will show a picture of the inmate, medical records, criminal history and location.
- **Budget-** Currently there is 19 ½ million savings for roll call security staff. Master contract for AFSME remains an outstanding issue. IDOC is 44 million dollars short and every month Dwight Correctional facility is open, 3.2 million each month. As of December 31, 2012 IDOC currently staff 10,786 employees. Bryan Gleckler stated IDOC and Office of Management and Budget will be negotiating about budget next week and is hoping for

no reduction. The Governor's Budget Address will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of February. The maintenance for Tamms CC was \$250,000 a year which included security and utilities and approximately 300 staff. Dwight Correctional facility ranged from 300,000 to 350,000 per year in cost which included 340 staff. In FY 00-01 IDOC had 15,000 staff which included Tamms ATC. Director Godinez stated there were 5,000 less inmates during that time as well. Now there is much needed staff now for day to day operations for other facilities.

Two of the most important needs for institutions at IDOC are capital needs throughout the facility. There is no capital budget, there are roofing issues and window issues. Bryan stated IDOC can see several thousands in saving if we update the facilities. Also the cost of food is a burden on the budget due to the food increase. Another vast challenge is moving on with changes that need to be done in the facilities.

Kendric Berry stated he will help with maintenances ideas for improvement in facilities.

FY14 has not been finalized yet.

- **Adult Education and Vocational Services** Christine Boyd, Administrator for the Office of Adult Education and Vocational Services provided an overview of the educational programs for the Adult Advisory Board on January 28, 2013. The Office of Adult Education and Vocational Services provide a critical platform for improving adult educational outcomes at the same time it improves re-entry outcomes. The goal of OAEVS is to ensure that offenders have the educational opportunities to gain basic skills within Adult Basic Education, GED programs and Library Services. Additionally, through post-secondary programs offenders may continue their training to establish a pathway to living-wage jobs in order to transition successfully out of IDOC. To achieve this goal, OAEVS has established partnerships with community colleges, volunteer organizations, and other State agencies.

Ms. Boyd explained that per State law, offenders are required to take an achievement test to determine placement in educational programs. In FY 12, DOC educators tested over 16,000 new offenders with 38% (6,400) testing below the 6th grade level in reading and math.

This past year 7915 offenders participated in ABE classes with 1687 completers while rate (1625 completers) for offenders taking the GED test. DOC success rates continue to surpass State and National averages. She stated despite this success, the offender waitlists remained at 3960 offenders for mandatory Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes and 1231 offenders for GED classes.

In addition to ABE and GED opportunities, offenders are also able to participate in post-secondary vocational programs. There were 3582 vocational participants who earned

1957 college accredited certificates in a variety of employment areas such as Welding, Food Services, Construction, and Automotive Technology. In addition, 275 offenders are able to earn an Associate Degree through college academic programs while 4205 participated in classes throughout the year. One program that Ms. Boyd discussed was the distance learning project offered at Centralia CC by Kaskaskia College.

OAEVS has continued to work with its community partners to enhance correctional education. Lutheran Social Services of Illinois has collaborated with OAEVS for 17 years on the Building Homes: Rebuilding Lives program. In FY 2012, 198 offenders in vocational programs across the State constructed frames for 55 Habitat for Humanity Homes. In partnership with the Aurora Rotary Club, offenders in welding classes at the Sheridan Correctional Center designed and fabricated 100 snowflakes using LED lights for the Aurora Festival of Lights. The hands-on project provides a recognizable community project for potential future employers.

Ms. Boyd also explained that the library system in all of the institution is under her direction. Per State statute, law libraries in all adult institutions contain current Illinois and Federal constitutions, statutes and court decisions. The libraries also provide digests, annotations, legal textbooks, treatises, forms with instructions and access to Westlaw. These resource materials help offenders research the law and prepare legal papers in exercising their constitutional right of access to State and Federal criminal courts.

- **Old Business**

Discussed the reappointments and expiration dates of Board members; Board members were advised that they will need to apply for their board position themselves.

- **Open Discussion/Wrap Up** - None

- **Adjourn Meeting**

Wm. Patrick Hartshorn, Chair, IDOC Advisory Board made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

