



The Illinois Department of Corrections

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Regular Board Meeting of the Adult Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 28, 2022

9:30 am to 11:30 am

Location: Via Webex/Teleconference

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Committee Member	Present	Telephone	Absent	
Illinois Department of Corrections Staff:				
Director - Rob Jeffreys			X	
Acting Assistant - Director Alyssa Williams	X			
Chief of Staff - Latoya Hughes	X			
Confidential Assistant to Director - Shelith Hansbro	X			
Chief of Parole - Jason Garnett	X			
Chief of Programs- Jennifer Parrack	X			
Chief Compliance Officer - Jason Hall	X			
Chief of Operations - Justin Hammers	X			
Deputy Region 1 - Christine Brannon – Dortch	X			
Deputy Director Region 2 - Angela Locke	X			
Deputy Director Region 3 - Kim Smith	X			
Policy Advisor to Director- James Pagano	X			
Public Information Officer - Naomi Puzzello	X			
Letrisa Jones - Legal	X			

Mission: To serve justice in Illinois and increase public safety by promoting positive change for those in custody, operating successful reentry programs, and reducing victimization.

Chief Medical Director - Dr. Bowman	X			
Anne Rayhill – Legal	X			
Board Members:				
David Olson – Loyola	X			
Richard Watson - Sheriff – St. Clair County	X			
Nneka Jones - Tapia – Executive Director of Chicago Beyond	X			
Marion Chamberlain - Heartland Alliance	X			
Guest:				

Chairperson Remarks:

Ms. Hansbro open the meeting and members and IDOC staff introduce themselves and welcomed new member Marion Chamberlain to the Board. Minutes from 9-29-2022 will be held for approval at March 2023 meeting, to give everyone a chance to review.

Director’s Remarks:

Acting Assistant Director Williams updated the members on IDOC continuation of ACA accreditation process at our facilities, as well as ongoing internal and external audits. AD Williams discussed the new education policy program which was recently rolled out. The Department is coordinating with postsecondary institutions to provide or support the provision of consistent, predictable and high-quality postsecondary education opportunities across custody levels and throughout the state, to help ensure all students have access to an education comparable to what is available in the community. Hopefully this will entice other higher education providers to work with IDOC and bring education and skills which will be instrumental in obtaining jobs once they are released.

We made a recent visit to Wisconsin Correctional facilities to view programs being provided which could potentially be introduced to our population. We selected staff from our education, vocational, correctional industry department and one who works with steel works to view these programs and assess if they would be feasible. The Women’s facility was training them in welding trade and the men’s

facility was computerized numerical control. To stay consistent with the ever-changing market, we need to look at many options. The group will meet again and put our heads together and see what is obtainable.

Currently we are in discussion with PRB to create a more seamless and concrete policies and alleviate any disparities and have them look at our risk assessments.

Executive Staff Updates:

Chief Parrack highlighted the higher education policy and the positive feedback from our university partners. We are working to better our education curriculum and bring consistency to all facilities. Working to increase our computers in our labs to allow our enrollment numbers to increase.

Transitional housing is another area we are working to improve, and we are seeing an increase in our placement and decrease gate violations of those who are electronically monitored. Full parole hearings have started to be granted, so there is movement in that area too. We are working to make moves quicker and prioritize those.

Mr. Olson inquired as to how many of those slated for movement are class 3 and 4. With the legislative change as part of the safety act, individuals sentenced to prison for a class 3 or 4 felony would not have a term of supervised release unless the PRB ordered it.

Chief Parrack indicated the release without any supervision is extremely low, almost all of those leaving have term supervision or electronic monitoring added. This is an area we continue to discuss with PRB to make sure risk scores and things of that nature are considered.

Board Discussion/Inquiries:

Members wanted clarification on the Open Meeting Act, so training was provided to all the members on the call by Anne Rayhill, Legal Department.

Ms. Rayhill told members training and enforcement is governed by the Attorney Generals Office and should they have any questions in the future the AG's office is the point of contact. She informed members training is available and must be completed at least once a year. A certificate is provided once the training has been completed, it consists of approximately 115 different slides. She highlighted areas that would be specific to the Advisory board and provided different scenarios to show what is and isn't considered an open meeting. A copy of the PowerPoint will be provided to all members and will be included on the website, once minutes are approved.

New Business:

Meeting dates and locations for 2023 were discussed and if doable, the members would like to conduct a meeting at a facility. Discussion and recommendations were made for March 21, June 27, September 26th and December 18th. David Olson would like to split the meetings, having 2 remotely and 2 within a chosen facility.

Ms. Hansbro brought up the topic of subcommittees being part of the board in the past. One topic of interest was, subcommittee on women's issues, since the board is small at this time, is there anyone interested please let me know in the near future. She asked the board to think about areas of discussion

or items they would like to discuss in the future. Mr. Olson asked the members to consider issues as they relate to women and can be discussed at the March meeting. Provide any comments or ideas to him.

Public Comments:

None

Adjournment:

Sheriff Watson made a motion to adjourn, and David Olson seconded, meeting adjourned.