



**The Illinois Department of Corrections**

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Regular Board Meeting of the Adult Advisory Board  
Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
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Committee Member	Present	Telephone	Absent	
<b>Illinois Department of Corrections Staff:</b>				
Director – Latoya Hughes			X	
Assistant Director – Alyssa Williams			X	
Confidential Assistant to Director – Shelith Hansbro		X		
Chief of Staff – Daniel Monti			X	
Chief of Programs – Jennifer Parrack		X		
Chief Inspector – Areda McIntosh		X		
Chief of Public Safety – Ernest Cato			X	
Chief of Compliance – Michael Crum		X		
Chief of Operations – Justin Hammers			X	
Deputy Director Region 1 – Christine Brannon-Dortch		X		
Deputy Director Region 2 – Angela Locke			X	
Deputy Director Region 3 – Kim Smith		X		
Chief of Administration – Jared Brunk			X	
Policy Advisor to Director – Sophia Manuel	X			
Public Information Officer – Naomi Puzzello			X	
Internal Communications Manager – Kim White		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.*

Planning & Research – Sharon Shipinski			X	
Chief of Women and Family Services – Melinda Eddy	X			
Chief Financial Officer – James Deen			X	
Staff Development and Training Manager – Steve Ryan			X	
Staff Wellness Administrator – Jonathan Brown			X	
Administrator – Vivianna Hernandez			X	
Agency Procurement Officer – Jacenta Wilson		X		
Interim Agency Medical Director – Dr. Lamenta Conway		X		
Chief of Mental Health – Dr. Melvin Hinton			X	
Manager of Intergovernmental Relations – Marvin Williams			X	
Senior Policy Advisor – Jessica O’Leary		X		
Statewide Advocacy Liaison – Natalie Mason		X		
<b>Board Members:</b>				
Loyola University – Dr. Dave Olson	X			
Executive Director of John Howard Association - Jenny Vollen-Katz	X			
Executive Director of Chicago Beyond – Dr. Nneka Jones-Tapia		X		
Heartland Alliance - Marlon Chamberlain			X	
North Lawndale Employment Network - Sadie Joseph	X	X		
Women’s Justice Institute - Alexis Mansfield	X			
Illinois Coalition for Higher Education in Prison - Lejia Johnson			X	
Impact for Equality - Loren Jones	X			
Illinois State University – Dr. Nathan Stephens			X	
Attorney in Private Practice - Reena Sikdar	X			
<b>Guest:</b>				
Blair Paddock - Member of the Public		X		
Erica – Member of the Public		X		
John Donovan – Member of the Public		X		
Gwyn Troyer – John Howard, Member of the Public		X		
Jacob Meeks – Member of the Public		X		
Chez Rumpf– Member of the Public		X		

**Chairperson Remarks:**

Ms. Hansbro opened the meeting and Board Chairman Olson started the meeting, roll call was verified, minutes and agenda were approved.

## **IDOC Director's Report**

### **Logan/Stateville Rebuild**

#### **Shelith Hansbro:**

The update the Department has regarding the rebuild is some of our staff have traveled to other states to tour other facilities in California. The first visit was at the Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility in Santee, CA, and serves as the primary point of intake for female individuals in custody. The facility opened twelve years ago and has the feel of a college campus. The second facility was San Quentin Rehabilitation Center, formally known as San Quentin State Prison, in San Francisco, CA, and houses Level I, II, and III male individuals in custody. The facility was opened 1852, and in 2023 Governor Gavin Newsom unveiled plans to transform the facility into a rehabilitation center with a focus on transformable programming to their population.

### **Other Department Updates**

#### **Tablets Update -Sophia Manuel**

Ms. Manuel provided updates on recent enhancements to the IDOC tablet program. In mid-June, IDOC activated the Fastcase Digital Law Library, providing individuals with free digital access to legal resources in addition to existing physical law libraries. In July, IDOC enabled Edovo, a learning management platform offering educational and rehabilitative courses at no cost, intended to complement—not replace—in-person programming. Most recently, IDOC enabled a tablet phone dialer application, allowing individuals to make phone calls from their tablets during operating hours (currently 8:00 a.m. to midnight)

#### **Mail Scanning- Kimberly Smith**

Ms. Smith provided an update on the implementation of mail scanning for non-privileged mail. IDOC is working with ATG to scan incoming non-privileged mail, including letters, cards, and photographs, in color and deliver them electronically to individuals' tablets. Original hard copies are retained. Through an agreement with DHS, individuals may request color hard copies of scanned mail. Mail will continue to be processed as it is currently; however, non-privileged mail will no longer be physically delivered to individuals and will instead be provided via tablets. Individuals without tablets will receive color hard copies of their mail. Legal and privileged mail will not be scanned. That process will remain unchanged, with mail opened in the presence of the individual and delivered in hard copy by staff.

#### **Jessica O'Leary**

The Department is in the process of getting ready to start a Multi-Factor Authentication Program for legal mail and this will allow us to verify the sender of the individual listed on the return address is the attorney or the person who sent the legal mail, and this will be able to be done without our staff opening the envelope.

### **New Business**

#### **Centurion Transition - Michael Crum**

The focus with Centurion is around recruitment. A lot of our facilities historically have struggled with staffing issues in the healthcare units, so our primary focus with the Department's partnership with Centurion is to start to fill some of those vacancies. They have a robust recruitment program that they

are implementing. They have 17 dedicated recruiters to just the Illinois contract. They have on site and statewide leadership that are meeting with the staff, implementing a lot of their internal controls and measures as well as really revamping the recruitment efforts across the state. The Department also has a lot of work going on right now with electronic health record. Centurion has a lot of background and experience with the Fusion mode, which is the vendor that's been identified for our electronic health record. Centurion has assisted the Department by helping us keep our project timeline and focusing on the rollout of the new electronic health record in the women's division.

## **AAB Chair's Report**

### **Information Sharing Between Local Probation Departments & IDOC -Dr. Dave Olson:**

One of the things that came up in an earlier meeting was a discussion around looking into opportunities for individuals who are sentenced to prison who were on probation at the time of their sentence to figure out a way for there to be communication between the probation department and the Department of Corrections in terms of the individual's risk assessment or progress in treatment, things like that. It is estimated about one out of every six to seven people coming to prison was on probation immediately before them coming to prison. I spoke with the head of the probation services division for the administrative office of the Courts to determine what would be allowable or what would be a process. The head advised that whatever's in a probationer's file cannot be released to anybody unless there's an order of court and what he indicated that could occur is a chief judge of a circuit could have a standing order where anybody who's committed to the Department of Corrections who's on probation can have information shared or it could be on a case by case basis.

## **Board Member Updates**

### **Alexis Mansfield**

The Women's Justice Institute (WJI) has been working with Chief Eddy to have a global review and convening in December about facilities for women and discussions about what does gender responsive look like. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Look at Me, the annual domestic violence performance will be broadcasted from here. There will also be participants at Logan logging on, but then it's available online on 29 of October which is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Similarly, we have the Domestic Violence Awareness Month poetry slam on the evening of the Look at Me.

## **Old Business**

### **Shelith Hansbro**

Friendly reminder, the board must complete all required trainings by the end of the year. Your trainings can be found on OneNet. Please reach out to Steve Ryan or Shelith Hansbro if you need assistance. With regards to reimbursement for the board for your expenses, for example, paid to park, mileage, or lodging. We will send you that information on the reimbursement process.

## **Public Comment**

- **Blair Paddock** inquired about the start date of mail scanning and which facilities are currently implementing mail scanning.
- **Chez Rumpf** asked whether a location for Logan Correctional Center has been selected, how that decision will be communicated to the public, and whether contractors such as architects will be solicited. She also raised concerns regarding a recent lawsuit involving sexual assaults and retaliation at Logan, requesting information on new safety measures at the facility.
- **Erica** echoed concerns regarding the Logan lawsuit and requested more transparency about the rebuild. She also expressed community dissatisfaction with tablets, Corrlinks communication, and mail scanning issues.
- **John Donovan** requested information regarding publishers and books sent to individuals in custody.

All comments were **received but not addressed during the meeting.**

### **Adjournment**

Board Chairman Dave Olson adjourns the meeting.

The Subcommittee on Women was held and an update on the Women's Division was given by Chief Melinda Eddy.