

# **IDOC Adult Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Joliet Treatment Center**

**Phone Conference – Springfield & JRTC**

**10:30 am**

**Attendance Joliet Treatment Center:** Phil Whittington, Dave Olson, Rich Stempinski, Carolyn Gurski, Jared Brunk, Alyssa Williams-Schafer, AD Taylor, Andrea Tack, Dr. Puga, Keith Lape, John Crivellone.

**Call in:** Lindsay Poeschel, Melissa Jennings, Edna Lee

- I. Phil Whittington called meeting to order at 10:32am.
- II. Approval of minutes from April 26, 2018 meeting. Minutes are approved.
- III. Assistant Director Gladys Taylor – Department Good News: Kewanee will be having graduation ceremony tomorrow for Logan class that is coordinated through Black Hawk College. 8 participants will receive welding certification. Our intent is to have continuing program. Looking to get that started Sept 1st hopefully. Beginning statewide implementation annual CARE (Classification Assessment Risk and Engagement) tool, it will combine multi risk assessment instruments currently used by the department. Provides department with an immediate snapshot of identifying persons in our custody with high or moderate risk of reoffending. Department found out funding that we received in 2014 from DOJ 2<sup>nd</sup> chance grant will not be renewed. There will be drastic reduction in terms of DOJ funding (million and a half \$ a year). Engaged in doing a massive evaluation of all of our programs within IDOC. Today we have established two cognitive based therapy programs that will provide statewide structure for training and program delivery. Trying to bring structure to internal layers of good programs with no proper structure. Trying to optimize our space and resources. Recidivism rate is 43% statewide. Would like recidivism rates per gender. Mr. Lape expressed that Advisory Board would and should like to be notified and rally on behalf of IL if funding is cut off, that is a role the advisory board should be playing. Step down process needs to be changed to allow cognitive programming over any interactive job programming, actively transitioning them to workforce and community. Program sentence credits may only serve 1 year and not effectively complete transition program, so if you could help with that it would be very much appreciated.
- IV. Joliet Treatment Center Facility Overview - Warden Tack: JTC is 486-bed mental health treatment center for adult males. Received our 1<sup>st</sup> resident in October. 110 residents, 69 receiving treatment, the rest are resident workers. 2 areas: Main campus is our Residential Treatment Unit (RTU), that area has 6 housing units, 5 for SMI, other for resident workers. Separate area Behavior Management Unit (BMU), 2 connected dorms on that section of facility, for persons that are requiring more

intensive services. Our hope is that as those residents receive treatment, they can step down. Elgin Treatment Center in Elgin is a 44-bed facility, 22 beds female, 22 male. Currently have 12 females, will receive first male patients in the next 30 days. Very intensive treatment is provided for a short period of time, and then the females transfer to Logan, males transfer to JTC. Once stabilized, they can go to general population setting. JTC folks will be with us for 12-18 months before transferring back to other facility. Fully staffed, treatment and education classes 5 days week. Custodian and horticulture programs will be starting shortly. Elgin focuses on treatment aspect, no education offered at that facility. Process of determining who comes here, Psych admin is in constant communication with other psych admins at facilities, referral process and determine if that person would be better fit for JTC or Elgin. Max capacity: 422 JTC. Multi security level facility, we have those who have short and long sentences. Length of stay should not affect the way we treat patients. We intentionally brought those in at a slow pace due to new facility and new staff, working to get everyone acclimated. There is a nationwide shortage of staff available, and IL is not the only one going through these problems. Mental health professionals are in large demand. IDOC paired up with SIU and is providing tele-psychiatry that way, training primary care physicians to practice some psychiatry, along with nurse practitioners. Every prison has clinicians that deal with those that have mental illness; do other facilities still have psych units? Every facility has a crisis unit, more intensive and short term. Security and mental health staff work together well. We have a variety of classifications here.

- V. Budget Update - Jared Brunk – Backlog of bills was discussed. Invoiced vouchers first week of May is what they are releasing. We have been holding onto vouchers for '16, '17 and '18. Interest comes out of DOC budget. There was a question from board asking about Wexford, 150 is backlogged because we are trying to merge vouchers, we have to determine which bills get paid from which pot and fulfill obligations. A lot of back end functions that take place. Does budget affect staffing in facilities? We are sensitive to local utility providers and are able to get vouchered up to the 90-day mark. Now that we have a comprehensive budget, we are vouchering those payments. Theme with this year's budget will be heavily based on communication and accountability. We have given each facility their budget and will be in communication with general office on any issues that come up. Capitol bill is huge need for the department. This year's budget gave full funding of FY19. We are going to continue on with our hiring, as well as combat overtime and fill statutory mandates. With regards to new offender banking system, we are going to a new cloud based program that will be easier for staff. It goes more with O360 platform and inventory management platform. Better prepares us for fiscal conversions scheduled for January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and is going to bring us to a more sophisticated state of the art solution.
- VI. Education Update - Rich Stempinski – FY18 very good year, data still being collected and will come out October 1<sup>st</sup>. GED count went up. Our goal for '19 is to get over the 800 mark. DOC continues to be #1 in the nation at 93%. Stateville launching BA and master's program. Finished with apps and screening, will finish up this week and extend offers next month. Staffing continues to increase, we are filling positions both

- academic and faculty. Welding at Kewanee is a huge success. 8 students graduated, 8 others attending mobile welding class which will wrap up at the end of August. RIOIA funded. 2 new classes manufacturing skills, focus on robotic repair. FY 18 enrollments 14, 500 students. Area Private Institutions are worth contacting for associate programming.
- VII. Policy Initiatives Update – ESC Program: We have been getting inquiries about awarding all eligible population, but there is no discretionary credit being given at this time. When the new law was enacted we prepared ourselves, but we have not received permission yet.
- VIII. Legal Update – RASHO: Preliminary injunction where things needed to improve and DOC needed to comply. Department has made efforts, provided quarterly report. Generally we are finding facilities are doing great job and doing everything they can to comply with the order and settlement agreement. Monitors doing visits, all in prep for final Rasha hearing Aug 27<sup>th</sup>. IDOC is working directly with AG’s office to prepare for that hearing. We are finding good compliance with quarterly report. All areas are 80% or above. Those below 80% must have corrective action plans in place. Rasha quarterly reports are internal IDOC evaluations and typically that report focuses on every area in the settlement agreement, what we are finding through quality improvement process, etc.
- IX. Motion to conclude Adult Advisory Board meeting, motion seconded. Meeting concluded at 12:13pm.
- X. Transition to Women’s Subcommittee Meeting, Gladys Taylor/Gurski at 12:13pm – We have a lot going on right now. Some highlights: In June we sent four staff from Decatur and Logan to Safety Matters in Women’s Prisons training where staff learned about policy writing, healthy relationships, boundaries training, etc. Two of the people have asked to return to NIC to help with future training sessions. July 9-11 NIC was able to come to Logan and put on Operational Practices training. All top level administrators, shift supervisors and department heads went and participated in the training. Working on emergency medical furloughs. Currently have 7 babies in the mom’s and babies program at Decatur. We are in need of dog training. Looking to expand women’s programming into robotics, etc. If you know anyone who would be interested in helping us with that, please let us know. Opened crisis care unit at Elgin, it houses 25 women who are most acutely in need of mental health services. Fox Valley ATC is currently at 98% employment, 20% are supervisory roles. We have added a number of employers in the area, some women working with Amazon. Update on gender responsive training: 327 employees training so far. All staff should be completely trained by June 2019. Working with Give Back to fund scholarships for incarcerated women’s children. Hoping to fund 10-15 scholarships next year. Overall staff is changing their perceptions at Logan. Participated in Women’s Symposium last month, all of the efforts that were just mentioned directly related to this improvement. Women’s Empowerment Concert was held at Logan with some

pretty big name Christian entertainers for the inmates to enjoy. Over 1400 women with A grade were able to attend the concert.

Next meeting date proposed for Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at Logan CC.

- XI. Move to adjourn, motion seconded. Women's subcommittee meeting concluded at 12:33pm.