

**IDOC Adult Advisory Board Minutes**  
**Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Joliet Treatment Center**  
**10:30 am**

**Attendance:** James Baldwin, Gladyse Taylor, David Olson, Marcus Hardy, Phillip Whittington, Kendric Berry, Laura Kinnard

**Call in:** Keith Lape, Edna Lee, Richard Stempinski, Carolyn Gurski, Michael Lane, Jared Brunk, Carolyn Gurski

- David Olson called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.
- Roll call was taken
- Review of minutes from October 2016 meeting. 1 correction made. Motion to approve the minutes. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup>. No discussion. No opposition. **Board approved.**
- Governor's Commission Report read by David Olson. Recommendations given by the commission that include mostly legislative changes. Also ways IDOC Adult Advisory Board could assist.
  - Discussion regarding gender responses. Report provided by Carolyn Gurski. Separate division created for the female facilities. Steering committee created. Met in January 2017 kickoff. Meeting soon to create mission, vision statement & creating policy and procedures. 1<sup>st</sup> class held on gender responses. Large turnout and great success. The department has applied for a grant for additional training. Also discussion regarding making changes to programming and reducing to evidence based programming. Recommendation given for the Board to establish what items specifically from the commission where the IDOC Adult Advisory Board can assist.
- Legislative report given by Michael Lane. HB3816 replaces previous bill which deals with elder population in corrections. Mentioned that it's up to the general assembly how it will be moved forward. New State Rep assigned to this bill and may take a while to be called. This bill will allow inmates over 55 for early release. Criteria: must be in prison 20 when bill is passed. Bill has been around in its various forms for over 10 years or so. Other bills on the table: officers carrying firearms, inmates having ipads, 8 bills that include penalty increases which costs the department money and 2 initiatives moving through GA- IDOC working with Department of Public health to waive fees for id's and Contraband radio stations broadcasting outside of the facilities & drones.
  - Discussion related to how this bill is different from the previous bills as IDOC is an added layer where the decision rested primarily with the PRB.

- Budget update by Jared Brunk. (see powerpoint)
  - Discussion related to any services that have ceased due to budget constraints. 3 schools that have either suspended or terminated services: Richland, Kascacia & Lakeland. Women facilities are affected the most. Other vendors have inquired about payment but have not yet terminated. The department has done what it could to pay out of other funds ie. 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
  
- Programs/Education report given by Richard Stempinski. There are 4000 on waiting list for educational programs. Includes: adult basic education, advance education, and GED. The largest lists are among Sheridan, Illinois River, Shawnee, Lawrence and Vienna. GED as of 1/1/17 349 graduates. Goal is +500 by end of FY. New computer based testing. We are in the top 4 nationally success rate. Possibly #1 among other states in testing. 96% success rate I pathways curriculum which prepares offenders in taking the GED. National average lower 70%. Currently Lakeland is the only vocational college servicing 17 facilities and will include Kewanee. EFA Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> time in over 2 years, last month. Great meeting. Committees formed to streamline the processes that are taking place. In talks with Lakeland to expand the curriculum and bring back effectiveness and making some replacements. Also looking into adding an apprenticeship program.
  - Discussion on bringing advanced degree program to IDOC. The department is in talks with U of I- Champaign.
  
- Legal report read by Director Baldwin. (see report).
  
- Joliet Treatment Center - "Tour was provided to members of the advisory board following the meeting"
  
- Old Business – None
  
- New Business. David Olson will follow up on identifying specific items from the Governor's Commission Report in how the Board can engage more and be of assistance to the Department. Laura Kunard would like to look over the Department issued grants. David Olson nominated to be the 2017 Chair for the IDOC Adult Advisory Board Meetings. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup>. No discussion. No opposition. Board Approved. David Olson appointed Laura Kunard to serve as Chair as Vice Chair for the IDOC Adult Advisory Board and Chair of the Women's Subcommittee Meeting. Subcommittee information provided earlier by Carolyn Gurski. Question related to fault in the most recent release of offender with Cook County.

- Meeting adjourned 12:24 p.m.