

IDOC Women's Issues Subcommittee Meeting
IDOC Advisory Board Center
Sheridan Correctional Center
Monday, January 24, 2011
12:00 PM

Subcommittee members in attendance: David Olson, Jesus Reyes, Angela Rudolph

Subcommittee members not in attendance: Shaena Fazal

Other board members in attendance: James Gannon, William Patrick Hartshorn, Keith Lape, Gladys Taylor, Donald Young, W. Kendric Berry

Non-board members in attendance: Christine Boyd, Stanley Books, Sharyn Elman, Roberta Fewes, Cory Foster, Eddie Jones, William Marshall, Michael McCotter, Saran Noble, Jaclyn O'Day, Kenneth Osborne, Austin Randolph, Sara Sullivan, Sheryl Thompson, Jim Utley

Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

- Chair Rudolph called the meeting to order.
- Everyone in attendance was welcomed and roll call taken.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the October 25, 2010 meeting were accepted and approved.

Utilization of Administrative Detention and Segregation Initiatives at Dwight Correctional Center

- Warden Thompson has carried on an incentive program for segregation offenders that her predecessor started.
- Population is currently 1117 offenders; 350 are in R&C; 84 in Segregation; 46 actually in segregation status with only 15 being long term seg offenders. Of those 46 in seg 27 are in Temporary Confinement and 7 in Investigative Status. Ten (10) out of the fifteen (15) are in the Incentive Program.
- To get in the program Major Jefferson meets with the offenders after they have been there three months. Major Jefferson interviews them about the program and they are given the stipulations of the program. About a month later long and short term goals are set, i.e. if phone calls have been restricted they may get a phone call. Example of long terms goals would be what are you going to do when you get out of seg, i.e. attend anger management classes, get GED. They are encouraged to modify their behavior while in seg so they can be successful out of seg.
- If the offender is not in seg for a staff assault shortening of seg time is looked at.
- One lady has accumulated 16 years of recreation denials so one of her goals is for every month she can modify her behavior she can get 6 months of recreation time back.
- Next move is to look at offenders with 6 months or less and then to look at who we are putting in Temporary Confinement.
- Chair Rudolph asked what is the average time for segregation? Average is very low 3-6 months.
- Sara Sullivan noted that the Vera Institute is coming to look at long term segregation and Dwight Correctional Center has been selected as one of the pilot facilities.
- Acting Director Taylor advised that the Department is very cognizant to the public that we do not release someone from segregation directly to the community.

Open Discussion/Wrap Up

- Chair Rudolph asked if there were any items for open discussion. No items for discussion were raised. Motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and approved.