

**Illinois Department of Corrections Advisory Board
Women's Issues Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 25, 2011, 10:00am**

**At the following public site:
*Illinois Department of Corrections Headquarters
Executive Office Building, 1301 Concordia Ct., Springfield, IL 62794***

Board members in attendance: Shaena Fazal, Keith Lape, David Olson, James Gannon, Angela Rudolph (via phone), Donald Young, Gladyse Taylor, Malcolm Young, William Patrick Hartshorn,

Non-board members in attendance: Jaclyn O'Day, Deb Denning, Sara Sullivan, Cory Foster, Joe Rose (via phone), Ed Huntley, Sharyn Elman, Mike McCotter (via phone), Austin Randolph, Steve Karr, Belinda Adelman

Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

Shaena Fazal, Member, IDOC Advisory Board welcomed everyone, roll call was taken by Sara Sullivan and all those in attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Sara Sullivan announced a correction to the minutes of the January 24, 2011 subcommittee meeting. The word "Center" will be deleted from the second line after "IDOC Advisory Board".

With this correction, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Keith Lape and seconded by Donald Young. The motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

Drug Treatment Designation for Lincoln Correctional Center

Gladyse Taylor, Acting Director, Illinois Department of Corrections, discussed at length and in detail the drug treatment programs for women. The Lincoln Correctional Center will be the designated facility for these treatment programs which houses 1,000 offenders and will be an 18 month program.

Ms. Taylor IDOC would bid out treatment through an RFP. The question was asked if participation in the program was voluntary. Ms. Taylor responded that it has not yet been decided. She stated Dwight CC houses inmates with longer sentences, Decatur CC houses inmates with shorter sentences and Lincoln CC will be the treatment model facility. Ms. Taylor stated some inmates will have to be transferred out of Lincoln to house designated inmates participating in the program.

The focus of the model treatment program will be education, cognitive behavior, substance abuse treatment, alcohol treatment, mental health treatment, etc. The current women's population is 2,804.

Reentry Initiatives / Second Chance Act Funding at Decatur Correctional Center

Debbie Denning, Women's and Family Services Coordinator, Illinois Department of Corrections discussed the new Second Chance Act Funding at Decatur Correctional Center. She states that there will be a family case manager to assist with child care, emergencies and housing after the inmate is released back into the community. This person will also help prepare the family (act as a coach) for the transition. IDOC plans to implement the program July 1, 2011 with hopefully more funding from the Second Chance Act.

In the Moms and Babies Program, 31 mothers have been moved out of the facility and all still have their children. Admittedly, some are struggling and have contacted the department. A full-time person is needed to assist with post-release and reentry issues.

Open Discussion

During open discussion, Ms. Taylor stated that although Chief of Program Services Roberta Fewes retired March 31, 2011, she will be called upon in the future to assist with the pilot treatment program. Roberta Fewes was formally recognized for her contributions to the department.

Ms. Taylor stated the Women & Family Services Division will continue to be separate from the Operations Division and the wardens are dedicated to the programming.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by James Gannon and seconded by Dave Olson. The motion passed with no objections or abstentions.