

APPROVED

**Illinois Department of Corrections
Big Muddy Correctional Center
Advisory Board Meeting
July 15, 2013**

Attendance: Director Godinez, Assistant Director Taylor, Joe Rose, Tracey Williams, Amber Bolden, Jesus Reyes, David Olson, Ira Acree, Donald Young, Pat Hartshorn, Keith Lape, Kendrick Berry, Steve Karr, Brad Curry, Christine Boyd, Alyssa Williams Schafer, Jared Brunk,

Meeting was called to order and Roll call was taken by Chairman, Pat Hartshorn.

Minutes from April 1, 2013 meeting were read and reviewed. They were asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Motion carried to accept the minutes and the motion carried.

Agenda Items: Closings- Female Population Patterns

Population Management

Supplemental Sentence Credit

Programs:

- RANA
- Re-Entry Planning
- Education
- Sexually Dangerous Civil Commitments
- Affordable Care Act

FY 14 Budget

Closing- Female Population Patterns

Steve Karr, discussed the female prison population growth over the last twenty years. The female population low occurred during the first observation (or 1994) and peaked in November 2000 at 2,976 inmates. Thereafter the female population began to decline and then began to fluctuate between FY01 and FY10. The FY10 female population was approaching the record-high, but currently there is a slight decline. Most of the female population growth had been attributed to drug admissions culminating in as much as 42% of the female prison population being drug offenders. However, that percentage is down to 28% indicating that female offenders are now being incarcerated for more serious crimes.

Steve Karr also deliberated on the female adult population by drug offense type the last two years month-by-month. The data gathered shows limited change with the range being 2,795 on the low end and 2,951 on the high end. Further, the percentage of female drug offenders within the population of the last two years has had limited fluctuation between 27.9% to 29.0%. The data show that the Department must monitor the female prison population closely; but there has been little change during the last years, and still has not exceeded the record high more than twelve years ago.

Population Management

Chief Curry and Chief Rose has been working with the Supplemental Sentence Credit and currently there are

- 1,000 individuals out on parole
- 3 in custody
- 2 have warrants for arrest

Currently there are 800 reviews pending at Chief Brad Curry's levels that were not recommended to him and is currently reviews those that are not recommended.

Chief Brad Curry is the designee for the Director and acts on his behalf and keeps the Director updated on the SSC program daily.

RANA RANA Implementation is underway. The Department of Corrections has completed the design of the new automated risk assessment instrument (SPIn) and case planning tool (Caseworks). The assessment instrument will be tested from July through October. Selected staff will be trained beginning in November and December of this year. The first assessments of our offender population are scheduled beginning January 2014. The Department anticipates that full implementation will take approximately two years.

Education

Christine Boyd, distributed documents recognizing the Office of Adult Education and Vocational Services (OAEVS). OAEVS is among seven programs selected by the Illinois Community College Board to receive intensive technical assistance in the development of integrated bridge program and participate in the FY14 Transition Academy. A bridge program provides access and training to low skilled offenders who are not currently eligible for vocational training.

IDOC was recently approved by Illinois Community College and Pearson Vue to have a computer based GED testing site which eliminates the cost of contracting with the Regional Office of Education for the service. The number for offenders served and DEB completers are not available as of June, test results have not been received at facilities yet.

There were several graduations held at the following facilities; Illinois River CC, Robinson CC, Southwestern CC, Western CC. Graduations are being schedule at the Hill CC, East Moline CC, Dixon CC and Sheridan CC.

The Curriculum Committee completed revisions to Construction Occupation Certificate. The certificates will allow offenders with less time to serve the opportunity to earn credential before release.

Sexually Dangerous Civil Commitments

Alyssa Williams-Schafer state IDOC currently has 174 individuals civilly committed to the Illinois Department of Corrections as sexually dangerous persons (725 ILCS 205). The civil commitment process was discussed as well as the treatment and recovery process. Big Muddy is currently hiring additional treatment providers as well as an administrator for that program. Once fully staffed, the team will review current treatment strategies and potentially begin some modifications to the program to ensure that it is up to date with best practices in the sex offender treatment and evaluation field.

Affordable Care Act

Assistant Director Taylor stated the training will begin November 2013. The 1st assessment will be in Jan 2014. Health Care and Family Services are faced with challenges with the volume of applications for Medicaid enrollment. There are 28,700 Offenders on Parole who are most eligible. IDOC won't have to bear the cost in the community once they are enrolled. Open enrollment begins October 1st. Most counties are taking the lead on enrollment activities.

FY' 14 Budget

The FY14 budget was appropriated in a lump sum format. IDOC received a cut of approximately \$25 million GRF from what Governor Quinn introduced. The shops are receiving allocations to meet their operational needs for orders like food and clothing; while funding for programs is currently held flat to FY13 spend. As the year progresses, IDOC will work with GOMB on our FY14 supplemental need

IDOC expects to attrition of approximately 1,200 employees during FY14. We are currently in the process of seeking approval to hire back fill positions of both officers and support staff. We have plans to seek approval of four cadet classes and may very well seek approval for a fifth.

IDOC is working with GOMB, the Governor's Office, and CMS on the back pay due to union employees. The FY13 steps have been covered, but the FY12 back pack is still in the process of being disbursed.

Open Discussion- The next Advisory Board Meeting and Women Subcommittee will be held at Decatur Correctional Center on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 10:00am.