

**Illinois Department of Corrections
Adult Advisory Board Meeting
April 1, 2013**

Board Members Present: S.A. Godinez, Gladyse Taylor, Patrick Hartshorn, David Olson, Keith Lape, Laura Kunard, Ken Barry, Jesus Reyes

Non- Board Members Present: Brad Curry, Darryl Johnson, Jerry Buscher, Deb Denning, Joni Stahlman, Tracey Williams, Amber Bolden

- **Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call**
Wm. Patrick Hartshorn, Chair, IDOC Advisory Board called the meeting to order.
- **Action Item: Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2013 Meeting**
Wm. Patrick Hartshorn, Chair, and IDOC Advisory Board read the minutes from the January meeting; 2 corrections noted; motion carried to accept the minutes. Keith Lape approved the changes of the minutes and David Olson seconded the motion.
- **Lincoln/Logan Transfers (Phase I)** – Deb Denning, Chief of Programs and Support Services stated on March 12, 2013 there were 1,000 Offenders transferred from Logan CC to Lincoln CC and 1,000 women transferred from Dwight CC to Logan CC. The transfers were very successful without incident. There was one offender placed in segregation because she was unhappy with her accommodations. The Director was able to visit both facilities and was pleased with staff and all involved with the process. Director Godinez commends the help of all staff who were involved in the transitions. The Director spoke with several offenders and there were no reports of anxiety, as he thought there might.
- **Supplemental Sentence Credit “SSC”**-Brad Curry, Chief Public Safety Officer IDOC, stated the SSC program started 2/15/13. Those eligible offenders with 60 days to 14 months left and/or closer to re-entry are the offenders reviewed for an award of SSC. The first phase includes: 3,454 offenders department wide, 802 pending Transfer Coordinator’s Office “TCO” review, 470 provisionally approved by the Chief Public Safety Officer, 360 offenders are on hold due to other mitigating factors (disciplinary, crime, etc.) and 28 offenders are deferred and more time is needed to evaluate them. There are approx. 1,000 offenders that were not recommended for consideration by the TCO. Denials are undergoing a 2nd review by Joe Rose and I to ensure that a thorough evaluation was conducted. The application process on Offender 360 allows offenders to undergo 5 layers of evaluation and review before reaching the Director/CPSO Level. ***David Olson questioned if and how many of the women offenders were also being considered for SSC?***
Brad responded by stating that the department is looking closely at SSC for the female population and the potential for approval was good because most women are low level offenders. The Director mentioned that 60% of women offenders have 1 year or less to complete.

- **Phase II- Dwight to Logan** – Deb Denning stated the 2nd phase began on 3/14/13 and ended on 3/27/13 and included 6 groups from Dwight: Reception/Classification, Segregation, General Population, Mental Health, SMI’s and Protective Custody Offenders. It was challenging for both staff and offenders but staff members seemed eager to learn and do the right things associated with helping the women adjust to the move. It was noted that women offenders are adjusting well to the move. Staff members posed questions throughout the process. The dogs were there within 3 days. Decatur and Logan are within close proximity of each other. It was noted that Logan had great programs. The goal for this facility is to stabilize the population with greater attention given to the Mental Health.

A question was raised by a Board member related to how many staff were able to move to Logan. Deb stated that not many staff members were able to move.

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Deb stated there were about 328 staff members and 2,000 inmates currently at Logan CC.

- **Waiting Lists** – Deb Denning stated the waiting list numbers reflect a shortage of counselors. There has been some success with ABE and GED but the numbers were a direct reflection on a shortage of staffing.

A Board member questioned why? Assistant Director Gladys Taylor stated several factors: transfers within the facilities, labor issues (namely restrictions, hiring freezes) and closures. Director Godinez stated that positions were unable to be filled with entitlements and waiting lists. He further explained that those laid-off were waiting to be bumped into open positions. He further stated that there were hold ups due to court.

A Board member questioned if the waiting list would cause delays with entitled to SSC?

Deb Denning stated the law allows for Program Sentence Credit where this would serve as the alternate to SSC. Assistant Director Taylor stated the department is looking at creative ways to expand service delivery for vocational programs..

A Board member questioned if vocational programs require educational credit as a prerequisite?

The answer was given “yes”. It was stated that 810 GED’s were awarded and that number is expected to increase as more teachers are hired.

Deb Denning stated there could be problems with the older offenders and the virtual learning technology. Potential problems as a result of unfamiliarity with the technology itself.

- **Open Discussion - A Board member questioned why so many security issues at Menard CC. (i.e. – deaths).**

Director Godinez stated Menard CC is the largest maximum security facility and his belief is that all deaths were separate isolated incidents with no gang relations associated with either. He also stated there was no use of a weapon in all 3 deaths. Two deaths were homicides involving offenders in segregation. Offenders are sent to segregation when they do not follow the rules. He stated the third death was deemed self-defense by the coroner. The Director says offenders are locked up 23 hours with 1 hour out of their cell.

Most offenders are double celled in segregation with very few offenders single celled. He stated it is tough and all three deaths appears to be battles between “cellies”. He concluded by stating all deaths are under investigation with charges to be pursued ASAP. He stated also that the State’s Attorney’s office is in cooperation with IDOC.

- ***A Board member questions the status on “Alternate Housing”.***
Director Godinez stated there are 100 offenders housed among 6 different minimum security facilities which currently house low risk inmates. The Director also stated if any offender is not happy with alternate housing, the Director will send notice to the Warden of that facility to move the offender.
- **Budget** – For FY 2014 not much has changed from last year. There aren’t any foreseen reductions in the upcoming year while yet seeking to fund existing programs with no changes.
- **David Olson** – Stated per his analysis, admissions at Cook County Jail “CCJ” have increased. He stated that offenders are staying in jail longer. the increased length of stay at the jail benefits IDOC because more of their sentence ends up being served in the jail rather than in IDOC
- **A Board member questioned why such a spike at CCJ?**
David Olson stated per the Superintendent of Chicago Police Department, there have been recent changes in police tactics with street level enforcement, especially drug related offenses. He also stated that CCJ is very close to reaching its maximum population. He stated there have been successes with CCJ Electronic Monitoring “EM” yet the Sheriff does face challenges with EM similar to SSC (ie. Criteria, criminal history).
- **Open Discussion/Wrap Up** - None
- **Adjourn Meeting**
Wm. Patrick Hartshorn, Chair, IDOC Advisory Board made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion carried to adjourn the meeting.