

IDOC Adult Advisory Board Minutes  
April 21, 2014  
Lawrence Correctional Center

Attendance: Kendric Berry (call in), Phillip Whittington, Carlos Quezada-Gomez, Director S.A. Godinez, Assistant Director Gladys Taylor (call-in), Richard Watson, Laura Kunard, Keith Lape, David Olson, Jesus Reyes, Edna Lee (call-in) Tracey Williams, Christine Boyd (call-in), Pat McGuire (call-in), Shannis Stock (call-in), Steve Karr (call-in), Mike Atchison, Bryan Gleckler (call-in), Joni Stahlman, Tracey Williams (call-in), Amber Bolden

*Visitors-Annette Tim, Gwyneth Troyer*

Meeting began at 10:03am

Reading of January 21, 2014 approval for minutes Laura Kunard and Keith Lape 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Board Members voted for a new Chair and Vice Chair of the board. David Olson motion to nominate Keith Lape as Chair and Kendrick Berry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Keith Lape motion to nominate David Olson as the Vice Chair of the Advisory Board and Chair of the Women Subcommittee. Kendric Berry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Mr. Lape stated he will like the committee to communicate with one another and if there are any concerns or questions to please email or call him.

### **Open Meetings Act**

Joni Stahlman distributed documents to each board member and discussed the open meetings act. She encouraged each board member to read Act and made special reference to the "in person attendance policy". Ms. Stahlman also distributed the ethics test and told board members to mail their signed document to the address listed on the test once completed.

### **Education:**

Christine Boyd

- FY'13 Annual Full Report was provided-there is also a "Executive Report" that will be sent to Legislators
- Per State Statute, offenders are required to take an achievement test to determine placement in educational programs. In FY'13, over 17,047 offenders were tested with 35% testing below the 6<sup>th</sup> grade level in math and reading.
- In FY'13, there were 7,739 offenders who attended ABE classes; 5,814 who attended GED classes; 3,906 who attended vocational classes and 5,540 who attended associate degree level college classes.
- In FY'13, 187,634 days of earned good-time conduct credit were earned in educational programs and 40,112 days by offenders who passed their GED. That EGCC (with marginal cost per Offender) equates to over 3.72 million in savings in cost of incarceration.

- Vandalia Correctional Center will be the first facility to conduct the GED2014 computer based testing.
- Christine provided a list of educational vacancies. Explanation of the difficulty with hiring Librarian positions for the facilities was discussed. Keith Lape asked Christine to give an update on this issue at the July meeting.

## **Budget:**

CFO Jared Brunk

- FY15 Budget Overview
  - Governor Quinn introduced our FY15 budget at the level we requested. That included the opening up of Murphysboro, phase one for Joliet, and \$20 million in re-entry services.
  - The budget increase funding for RASHO case for 25.1 million
  - The GRF account does not include back wages
  - Cost of living is 32.5 million
  - Murphysboro DUI facility will staff 102 employees at 9.6 million dollar budget
  - Cuts of 308 million to IDOC
  - Chair Keith Lape would like a follow up regarding retirement/ understaffing and overtime

## **Steve Karr**

Graphs presented with focus on 3 court admissions

1. New inmates
2. New violators who were on parole and returned back into a facility
3. Discharged and recommitted a crime and served their sentence term within 3 year

The Department reviews indicators of prison population trends throughout the fiscal year. There are three primary measures that are monitored including new court admissions, parole violator admissions, and average length of stay. The tables provided here addressed court admissions, which are the most vital of the primary measures because, theoretically, if no inmates are admitted from court then eventually there would be no inmate population. The Department breaks down the court admissions to review trends by committing county, gender, offense class, offense type, sentence lengths, etc. Court admissions for FY13 and FY14 thus far were produced by committing county against offense class to gain some insight as to the types of convictions that result in admissions to prison. The data illustrate which counties produce the most admissions among the felony classes.

**Chief Curry Supplemental Sentence Credit**

- Currently there are 3700 approved for supplemental sentence credit
- 3,352 offenders are out on parole
- 184 violated their parole
- 5% return rate of SSC awardees who go out on parole and then become readmitted on alleged violations.

**Assistant Director Taylor:**

- IDOC applied for a grant through the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance - 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Act. . This grant will help reduce recidivism, and build internal and external service delivery for IDOC's population and parolees. Illinois is 1 of 13 states that received a planning strategy grant. BJA plans to award \$3 million dollars in September of 2014. Funding will help with risk assessment, training, and Murphysboro for new alcohol treatment.
- Illinois is looking at reducing the amount of mandatory drug convictions.
- IDOC and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority are looking at court felon filings for who/ and how long inmates are in custody.
- DHS maintains a mental health data base with several large counties across the state. IDOC and DHS have recently executed an Interagency Agreement that will allow IDOC to access the mental health history for those offenders coming to IDOC custody.
- Assistant Director Taylor believes that a major contributing factor to recidivism is community capacity and funding for delivering mental health and substance abuse treatment.
- Looking forward to the date for Offender 360. On June 20, 2014 the Department is planning the cutover from the Offender Tracking System (OTS) to Offender 360.

**Deputy Director Gomez, Stateville CC**

- Currently pest control is coming once a month and added traps in the tunnel, and sealing walls at Stateville since the weather has changed
- The facility is now seeing improvement since pest control comes out weekly
- Deputy Chief Atchison, stated he address staff consistently regarding cleanliness in the facility and how it is very important in keeping pests away.

No old business

11:45am Adjourn Meeting by Chair Keith Lape