IDOC Adult Advisory Women Subcommittee Board Minutes
July 21, 2014
Dixon Correctional Center


Visitors - Annette Tim, Gwyneth Troyer

David Olson, Chair of the Women’s Subcommittee, discussed research he and colleagues at Loyola University Chicago had completed that has been submitted to an academic journal for review and publication that examined the degree to which adult female and male releasees from IDOC had specific risk factors associated with recidivism, and whether or not these risk factors were predictive of both female and male recidivism.

All of those released from prison during state fiscal year 2007 were included in the analyses, and tracked for roughly three years to see if they had been rearrested for any offense or specifically for a violent crime. David discussed how many of those characteristics where there were the largest differences between female and male releasees from IDOC, including prior childhood physical victimization or mental health problems, did not predict men’s or women’s recidivism. On the other hand, age, time served, and criminal history were predictive of both men’s and women’s recidivism. Finally, prior arrests for drug-selling increased women’s general and violent recidivism, but had no effect on men’s recidivism.

No Old Business to Discuss

Chair David Olson Adjourned meeting

Richard Watson motion to adjourn
Kendric Berry 2nd the motion