

Subcommittee on Women's Issues

October 20, 2014

Hill Correctional Center

Attendance: Kendric Berry, Phillip Whittington, Carlos Quezada Gomez, Richard Watson, Laura Kunard, Keith Lape, David Olson, Edna Lee, Assistant Director Gladyse Taylor, Joni Stahlman, Amber Bolden, Margaret Burke, Dr. Melvin Hinton, Shannis Stock, Tina Neely, Joseph Yurkovich, Stephanie Dorethy, Emily Ruskin, Brad Curry,
Phone: David Gomez, Pat McGuire, Jared Brunk, Tracey Williams

Meeting began at 11:45am

Welcome of Board Members

Approval of last meeting minutes Dr. Keith Lape, and Carlos Gomez 2nd

Maggie Burke, Woman and Family Services Coordinator provided an update on the transition of the female population from Lincoln to Logan involving 1,000 offenders in the 1 day transition.

- The Transfer Coordinator's Office assisted with the transition which made it easier and much smoother
- Minor issues such as the miscommunication of cable lines among the women and men were a problem (Men were told to take their television cables / women told to leave television cables)
- 20-25% male offenders require health services. 65% of women offenders need more health care due to sexual abuse, substance abuse, pregnancy , etc.
- Currently 23% of the security staff at Logan is females. The Department plans to increase the hiring percentage to 40% for female security staff and is trying to develop e female staff for management. The challenges include families; some female staff may have young children at home.
- Since the transition, staff training was needed on how to handle female offenders. Many security staff have since went through cycle training to train on how to handle female offenders
- Mental Health is the largest percent in woman
- Logan has flexibility to offer programs maintaining connection with families such as parenting classes and custodianship. The hospice program has not been reinforced yet, for other inmates.(offenders can become hospice aides) . Dixon CC currently has hospice aids and Menard and Stateville CC are interested in this program as well.

Adjourn at 12:10pm

Motion to Adjourn Laura Kinard

2nd Motion Richard Watson