

# **IDOC Adult Advisory Board Minutes**

**Monday, January 28th, 2019**

**Video Conference – Springfield & JRTC**

**10:30am – 12:00pm**

**Attendance Chicago:** David Olson, Phil Whittington, Dr. Puga.

**Attendance in Springfield:** John Baldwin, Gladyse Taylor, Carolyn Gurski, Keith Lape, John Clegg, Rich Stempinski, Richard Watson, Lindsay Poeschel.

**Guests Springfield:** None

**Call in:** None

- I. Phillip Whittington called the meeting to order at 10:30am
- II. Approval of October minutes. Motion to approve. Moved, seconded. Minutes approved.
- III. Director's Report – Director's Report: Governor to tour Logan this Thursday. Third graduation of welders will take place this Friday at Kewanee. Rasha we will be back in court again in the next few weeks. Will settle Lippert here soon. Dealing with all the lawsuits and trying to make changes. Continuing to hire, highest in a long time. We have had lot of retirements. March 15<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for architect's groundbreaking for Joliet hospital. I will keep the board updated on that.
- IV. EPSC/EDSC Update: Legislation changed and combined statutes into one in January. Over the course of 2018 we have worked on how to execute the legislation. We reviewed exclusions, added additional flags for required registries, went through program participation and waiver process, building on our programs inventory. We will be granting credit for other things like facilities assignments and goodwill measures. Staff training is ongoing. Current totals: 3670 that are within 9 months of release. 1980 within 6 months of release. 1170 within 3-4 months of release. 497 remaining may receive full EDSC based on clinical services review beginning today. All this info will be considered as part of recommendations to the PRB. Will provide all slides and decks to the Advisory Board.
- V. New Classification System Update: AD Taylor assisted this discussion with a PowerPoint presentation. Discussed upgrade of our class and assessment process. Reducing our population by 2025 is still our goal. We must identify the needs of our population and optimize our resources as a result. Optimize how we utilize staff, use of our facilities, current resources. addressing mental health, education based on length of stay and gender specific. We want to move away from resources dedicated to those with shortest length of stay to population with the

highest need. That is where we have been focused. Offender centered rehab starts with the intake process. Focused on changing the intake process. discussed the different instruments.

1. Security
2. Escape risk
3. Pre-screen Recidivism
4. Clinical Recidivism
5. Violence Risk
6. Needs Assessment

CARE tool - Enables staff to make data driven decisions more effectively and efficiently. Reviewed 11 major clusters of distinct individuals in IDOC population. 6 major buckets of areas to focus on; Integration, Staff building, Preparation, Affirmatives, Community, Maintenance. Initial Classification distribution - minimum, medium and maximum, did not change drastically. Reclassification distribution - minimum dropped, medium and maximum slight increase. We want to evaluate these tools about every 6 months. Over a two-year period, we will be better informed on which ones are most effective. We need to be more definitive in how we are making these classification decisions. Looking for more flexibility for programming and treatment. Discussed reasoning for number of individuals classified as min with low escape risk being held in med security.

- VI. Offender Min/Max Security Levels - covered in IV and V.
- VII. Education/Programs – We are off to good start with 387 offenders who have received GED. On pace for goal of 800. Currently 5160 on waitlist. 1390 waitlisted for college; 2338 for vocational. Getting ready to make switch to 11/12 will take over. More testing will be required, so waitlist will probably become more backlogged. Still short on library staffing. We need 25 educators to be fully staffed. Looking at reviewing and updating the 104 for job requirements regarding Librarian positions. Working on E-filing to save paper. Good time savings is 5.8 million dollars in time awarded so far this year - which is a cost savings to the department.
- VIII. Budget Updates - Oct 31st wrapped up '18 transactions. Will be substantial improvements over the last few years. Comptroller recently changed the way they do payments, so any vender can log on and view the que. FY19/FY20 - we are in conversations as to how they want to show the departments finances. Today by 5pm there will be a full reconciliation of back wages for FY16-18 for AFSCME employees only. Gov budget will be introduced on Feb 20th at noon. Facility budgets are determined through business officers and wardens - also team of budget analysts who work hand and hand with 6 facilities and they help forecast the upcoming budget.

- IX. Travel Reimbursement- CMS issued a travel update policy change this summer regarding the need to rent a car as opposed to driving personal car. Look and see renting a vehicle. If it is to be cheaper, that is the route to be taken. Board member Keith Lape expressed concerns with the travel reimbursed. We need research to provide to the comptroller and travel control board substantiating that personal vehicle use is cheaper.
- X. Women's Subcommittee - Governor plan to visit Logan on Thursday from 10am-12pm. He has asked to see programming, wants to talk to pool of offenders, and a general overview of facilities. Pantograph did an article about gender-responsive training last month - nice press for women's division. Local media outlet interested in sitting in gender-responsive training. Always welcome to come by and sit in. Regarding programming - current: Baker's apprenticeship, seed germination program; horticulture class coming back in March, Lakeland providing Psychology and Environmental Science classes. Opening pregnant offender wing next month; will be living in one certain area instead of spread out over facility. Still have Women of Dignity unit. Added beds to residential treatment unit. Fine tuning truck driving school for Kewanee. Policies working on - employee training, scheduled to come out in February. Birthing support person program still offered at Logan and Decatur. Updating Moms and Babies program policies. Seven babies in program currently. Women's population is declining as it has been the past 10 years. Shared success story with inmate Roland.
- XI. Ethics pack needed for Advisory Board prior to the next meeting. Would like update on bills passing or updates of bills in the pipeline. Dates proposed for the next meetings. Please get back to Phil on whether these dates will work and we can get those locked in.
- XII. Motion to adjourn. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup>. No discussion or opposition. Motion carries. Meeting concluded at 12:14pm.