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**Illinois Department of Corrections
Advisory Board Meeting**

Monday, April 30, 2012

10am – 11am

Executive Office Building

1301 Concordia Court

Springfield, IL

Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Ken Berry, Jesus Reyes, David Olson, Patrick Hartshorn, James Gannon, Malcolm Young, Angela Rudolph

Non-Board members present: Jerry Buscher, Kevin Gilson, Gladys Taylor, Joni Stahlman, Jason Garnett, Jaclyn O'Day, Brianna Baker-Carvell, Steven Matthews, Luke Hartigan (by video conference), Director Godinez (by video conference), Joseph Rose (by phone) and Lori Killam

Board members not present: Laura Kunard, Keith Lape, Donald Young, Shaena Fazal

Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

Chair Hartshorn called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Everyone present introduced themselves which served as roll call as well. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes from January 30, 2012, Meeting

Chair Hartshorn called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was made by David Olson and seconded by Ken Berry. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions.

Program Model

Assistant Director Taylor discussed program designated facilities as well as taking into consideration fund reductions. The program designated facilities would be much like models currently in place at Southwestern Illinois and Sheridan Correctional Centers. Statutory programming would remain at each facility, but the Department would also have specific programs at each facility.

We are looking at a risk assessment tool to guide us in the treatment priorities of offenders in our facilities. Maximum security facilities will specialize in behavior management, medium security facilities will specialize in treatment and minimum security facilities will specialize in re-entry management. In addition, we would also like to have dedicated medical and mental health facilities which will overlap with what is going on in terms of other programming.

Malcolm Young had a question regarding decreasing funds. \$75 million was previously available for programming. The current budget will be \$30 million across the board for programming. We are still

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unable to reach 50% of the inmate population to provide programming to them. If we dedicate those services to specific facilities, we hope to be able to reach at least 60% of the population. Currently 100% of the population and Southwestern Illinois receive access to programming and 75% of the population at Sheridan receive access to programming. The percent is a lot less at other facilities.

There have been 39 successful transitions through the Moms and Babies Program at Decatur CC over the past 5 years. The recidivism rate for moms that have gone through the Moms and Babies Program is zero. The requirements are the moms having less than two years to serve on their sentence. There are restrictions regarding the committing offenses that may not allow them to participate in the program. There are 10 beds available in the unit and 8 beds are currently filled. This program has the dedicated resources and dedicated staff which equal success. This program just celebrated its 5-year anniversary. Several of the moms that completed the program came to the anniversary celebration to celebrate their success. The Decatur community is very supportive of the Moms and Babies Program.

Good Time Proposals

The Department has reviewed House Bill 2621 and is providing feedback. We are taking into consideration points of the Erickson Report. Director Godinez feels we are moving along as this is not a dead issue. Currently, IDOC is not awarding MGT and/or SMGT. The only time being credited is statutory time.

The Department is currently looking at individuals for Electronic Detention. DOC will use the current vendor to monitor the offenders on Electronic Detention. It is less expensive for Electronic Detention than housing an offender at an ATC.

How IDOC is Responding to PRU Scaling Back

PRU is not being scaled back; the Unit is now assigned to Parole. Jason Garnett is the Supervisor for Districts 2 through 5 which include 99 counties. Dion Dixon is the Supervisor for District 1 which is Cook, Lake and Will Counties.

Pending Closures

A handout regarding the pending facility closures of Dwight, Tamms and the ATC's was distributed and discussed.

Ethics Training

Board Members were asked to turn in their forms verifying that they have taken the 2012 Ethics Training for Appointees of the State of Illinois Boards.

Open Discussion/Wrap Up

Mr. Gannon discussed a recent proposal he received from an ex-inmate regarding monitoring recidivism of inmates. Assistant Director Taylor indicated that the State Procurement Code requires IDOC to do solicitation.

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Mr. Olson asked about the status of the process with the RANA RFP. Assistant Director Taylor indicated that it had been posted for the second time. The response to the proposal is due back this week. The evaluation will get underway in May. IDOC has also submitted an application for a Second Chance grant. We are exploring additional avenues for funding.

Mr. Young asked if the Department had a population projection available. A current population projection is not available at this time.

Adjourn Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by James Gannon and seconded by Jesus Reyes. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions.