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**Illinois Department of Corrections
Advisory Board Meeting
Women's Issues Subcommittee Meeting**

Monday, April 30, 2012

11am – 11:30am

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, Gladyse 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

Angela Rudolph called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Lori Killam called roll; quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes from Januey 30, 2012, Meeting

Angela Rudolph called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was made by James Gannon and seconded by David Olson. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions.

Transition Plan – Dwight Closure

There is a Committee working between Dwight and Lincoln as well as Logan so the Department has a plan in place regarding the closure of Dwight. The biggest concern is the special population (mental health, R&C and protective custody) transferring into Logan and getting Logan up to par. We cannot move forward without any construction changes at this time. The tentative schedule is August 31, 2012. Prior to moving Dwight females to Logan, the males at Logan will have to move to Lincoln as well as the females at Lincoln being moved to Logan.

Mr. Gannon asked how the transition would be for the staff. Staff transfers will depend on counties. Staff will have the option to transfer to other facilities closer to Dwight; not necessarily to Logan. Union attended COFGA hearing and have expressed their opinions.

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Dwight and Lincoln can each hold 1,000 offenders. Logan can hold 2,000 offenders. Therefore, 1,000 male offenders will have to be transferred throughout the state.

Mr. Olson asked if DOC has ever done this. Lincoln used to be a male facility and Logan was co-ed. Males were transferred to Logan and females to Lincoln.

Mr. Young asked if the Department would increase the number of female officers. Assistant Director Taylor indicated that the next cadet class would more than likely be dedicated to females.

Angela Rudolph asked about the current number of female offenders and the target goals. Assistant Director Taylor will get back to Ms. Rudolph with this information.

Several of the Board members questioned what would happen to Dwight upon closure. Dwight was dedicated to IDOC for the purposes of housing female inmates. The facility is registered as a historic landmark. Chief Rose indicated that IDOC has asked for a full title search.

Mr. Olson asked about the individuals that currently volunteer at Dwight. Ms. Stahlman indicated that several of the volunteers volunteer at other facilities as well.

The question was raised if the Department would eliminate any of the current programs offered at Dwight. We are looking at enhancing programs. Female offenders will go to Decatur for re-entry as they prepare to transition back into the community.

Ms. Rudolph asked if any construction type changes would need to be made to Logan. Ms. Stahlman indicated that minor changes would need to be made based on housing mental health inmates (windows, cameras, etc.).

Open Discussion/Wrap Up

Mr. Berry asked if the Department's recidivism rate was still at 51%. Assistant Director Taylor indicated the current rate is 47%. Ms. Taylor will have a statistical sheet emailed to the Board Members. Mr. Young wondered why there was a significant change. Ms. Taylor indicated that she does not believe a comprehensive assessment had been done regarding the change in the recidivism rate.

Steven Matthews, Chief Information Officer, discussed the Phases involved with updating the Department's IT system. Phase I is currently being function tested.

Adjourn Meeting

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