

The monthly meeting of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board was held on Thursday, September 5, 2013, in Conference Room #1 of the Court House, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at 4:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

The Honorable Judge Donna Jo McDaniel

The Honorable Chelsa Wagner

Dr. Claire Walker

Chief Deputy Joe Rizzo representing The Honorable Sheriff William P. Mullen

Austin Davis representing The Honorable Rich Fitzgerald

Joe Catanese representing The Honorable Dr. Charles Martoni

Also present were Warden Orlando Harper, Deputy Warden Monica Long, Deputy Warden Latoya Warren, Major Ron Pofi; Marion Damick; Dana Phillips, Doug Williams, Chuck Madarino, Larry Ludwig, Mike Gilmore, Carol Hertz, ACCHS and other interested parties.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Marion Damick :

- Wished everyone a Rosh Hashanah. President McDaniel offered her apologies for scheduling the meeting on this day.
- Thanked Controller Wagner for inquiring on the inmate welfare fund, and getting it recorded. In addition, Mrs. Damick provided Controller Wagner a 1999 document from Controller Lucchino regarding follow-up processes.
- Thanked Judge McDaniel, for getting the part time CO's into full time status. Mrs. Damick is really hoping that you will pursue and attempt to change the system so that Part Timers have opportunities rather than waiting 2 years to become a full timer.
- Role of the Oversight Board. In her view, accept for the 3 citizen appointments, the remainder of the board is County Employees. The three citizens are all **appointed** by the County Executive. They have some responsibility to the Executive. She is urging as Citizens that you participate on this board as Citizens, not just appointees. Begin to look at what is going on with Inmates, as human beings. Do not concern yourself as being a trouble maker, but take on this appointment as a Citizen who is here to ask the hard questions.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of May 2, 2013 were motioned for approval by Mr. Rizzo and seconded by Ms. Wagner and approved by the members of the Board.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President opened with welcoming Claire Walker to the Jail Oversight Board. She discussed with the board, her outstanding credentials and how excited she is to have her aboard.

Judge McDaniel's announced that after an enormous amount of work, a protocol for Alternative Housing is in process of being approved. Deputy Warden Long has done a tremendous amount of work, along with the Warden, and the details have been created that allows for great guidelines for the Judges to have something practical to rely on. A plan has been established. Corizon came into the jail on September 1<sup>st</sup>. So far so good and wanted to inform you that there was an involved procedure in selecting Corizon to be the provider and they have been here at their expense for the last month to assure

a smooth transition. We are excited about the improvements that will be coming as far as health care in the Allegheny County Jail.

Lastly, there were two items that were approved for payment during the break. They were approved conditionally, with the presentation and approval of the full board in September. They will be presented in the Warden's Report during Executive Actions.

### **WARDEN'S REPORT:**

Warden started with Corizon. So far they have done a marvelous job. Discussed promotions and training for officers in reentry program on revised policies. We are hoping that this training will provide consistency.

On the topic of Part time officers, we are in the process of meeting to resolve the issues. Unfortunately I cannot speak further, but know we are working hard to resolve the issues.

Controller Wagner asked in terms of the Corizon contract, I am aware of the issues they regarding minority contractors for Philadelphia's jail. How was that vetted in terms of our contract? The warden responded that the attorneys reviewed the contract and the lawsuits involved with Corizon and they felt Corizon was the best. Judge McDaniel's announced that others who applied to the RFP have also been involved in lawsuits and this is not unusual.

Moving forward, Clair Walker asked if there is a way for this committee to have special oversight over new contracts when there is a history of issues. **As members of the Oversight Board we have to make sure we are doing our due diligence.** Judge McDaniel informed her that each month Corizon will report to the board, meaning we will have contact with Corizon on a monthly basis. Warden Harper said that we will be apart, and have oversight. Jail Administration will make sure they enforce the terms of the contract. Judge McDaniel asked that Corizon report at next month's board meeting.

There were Corizon representatives in attendance and available to answer any questions. It was decided that next month they will present to the board. Controller Wagner asked they provide to us how their approach will differ from what we have seen from the last provider. The Corizon representative (Mary) stated that she has been on site for the transition of services. They have formed a partnership with the Deputies and Warden and are beginning to give suggestions that follow the national standards. Controller Wagner requested that they provide the baseline which demonstrates how they are adding value. Corizon stated that the biggest value is their services provided throughout the country. Corizon is one of the largest Correction Health systems which provide a wealth of knowledge.

Mr. Lee Arrington, Vice President of Operations for Corizon, stated that he is here to assist Mary on the transition. We are currently in an assessment stage, with input from the staff, and balancing it with the way Corizon's approach is to improve the overall care and continuity. Our charge is 24 hour appropriate care. Controller Wagner is curious to hear how they approach drug and alcohol treatment generally, and how they approach minority contracting. Corizon stated that they will prepare a presentation to cover these items. Minority business is very important to Corizon and we will provide specifics at our next meeting.

Deputy Warden Latoya Warren presented the following Executive Actions:

- Education Departments upgrade of computers and expanding our work industry training. Cost is \$49,230.00 will be tag and accounted for as appropriate.

- DACC - Batters Intervention programming – to streamline batters intervention programming. Continuity of services and supporting documentation for the cost \$80,000.00.

These were provisional approvals, so the motion was made by Mr. Rizzo, seconded by Controller Wagner and approved by the Board.

Continuing with Executive Actions:

- **Funding is requested for service coordination; educational classes and transportation assistance (bus passes) - \$489,879.00.** Next month we will present to the committee the actual provider selected. Ms. Walker asked how much of will pay for the entire Family Support services for the year. Deputy Warden Long responded that we still have 6 months of funding from Roberts Woods Johnsons. Where will the money comes after the RWJ's monies run out, asked Ms. Walker. A combination CDBG grants, was the response from Deputy Warden Long.
- **Allegheny Correctional Health Services - \$30,999.99** for the continual of services to cover the cost of the past two months of their services during the transition period.
- **Program Department supplies for \$3,000.00** to be spent over the year.

Judge McDaniel asked if there were any questions. Ms. Walker asked is there a reason to believe that the drug and alcohol services will continue. Deputy Warden Long stated that Corizon will provide the services. Judge requested a motion to approve the expenditures. So moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Controller Wagner and approved by the board.

Strategic Planning process will begin and a facilitator was hired. Contract was signed with Praxis Consulting, (Consultant Brenda Ivey) beginning September 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014 for an amount not to exceed \$88,450.00. Funding for the grant was received from The Heinz Foundation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation by Renewal, Inc.** - Presenter: Steve Devon, Vice President of Renewal Inc. Renewal Inc. is a not for profit established in 1976 and headquartered in Allegheny County. In 1989 they began the Work Release Program in Allegheny County. The centers provide male and female transitional housing services, mental health services, drug and alcohol outpatient services, and employment through GetPaid, Inc. and Lydia's Place, both subsidiaries of Renewal, Inc. They provide work release services, through their subsidiary company that allows inmates to get paid, and provided a work experience. The facilities employs 221 individuals, 91% of employees reside in Allegheny County, 9% of employees reside in surrounding counties with an \$8,340,000 annual payroll. All facilities are secured with walk thru and hand held metal detectors, GPS tracking, DuPont drug ionizer, off-site monitors, drug screens and alcolyzers, 24/7 staffing and routine facility searches. The board has an open invitation to come to the building at any time.

## **Allegheny County Correctional Health Services Report**

Nothing to Report

## COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS REPORTS

- House Arrest – Nothing to report.
- Program for Offenders, Inc. – Nothing to report.
- Goodwill – Nothing to report.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Deputy Sheriff Joe Rizzo, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn. The Allegheny County Jail Oversight Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chelsa Wagner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Chelsa Wagner  
Secretary