

The monthly meeting of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board was held on Thursday, November 7, 2013, in Conference Room #1 of the Courthouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at 4:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

The Honorable Judge Donna Jo McDaniel

Dr. Claire Walker

The Honorable Sheriff William P. Mullen

Joe Catanese is representing The Honorable Dr. Charles Martoni

Austin Davis representing The Honorable Rich Fitzgerald

Brad Korinski representing The Honorable Chelsa Wagner

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Marion Damick reminded the Board to look at the following:

- Please report on the Commissary Fund
- Please report or provide an update on the issues involving Part Time Officers
- Please provide a written report on Corizon. In addition would like thank Corizon for their allowing family to provide Prescription Medicines and glasses from the families
- Please provide an update on the library kiosks
- At least 200 inmates are over 50. Would like to know how Corizon intends to face and handle dealing with the increase in health issues for inmates over 50
- Please report how you would handle the increase in diabetes? Also be careful to look at how you would handle any potential lawsuits around the care of diabetic inmates
- Please report on how you handle suicides.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of October 5, 2013 were motioned for approval with changes by Sheriff Mullen and seconded by Dr. Walker and approved by the members of the Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Judge McDaniel had nothing to report but wanted to inform the board that after last meeting she re-read the statute and the hiring practices of the Jail are not up to this committee. We do support however that PT officers should be moved to full time.

WARDEN'S REPORT:

Warden Harper informed the Board:

- Will provide a report on the Commissary Fund next meeting.
- Library Kiosks are up and running.
- Strategic Plan has begun. First meeting went well with 25 employees as members.
- There are 7 recruits as Correctional Officers.
 - Dr. Walker asked if hired, will they be hired full time or as part time. Warden Harper responded that all will be Part time. Judge McDaniel asked if there is any full time

hiring. Presently one was moved to full time, and we will have two additional vacancies that will be filled by promoting two more part time officers to full time positions. No outside recruits are hired in full time positions. A question was asked about how are they moved from part time to full time, response was that there is a process.

EXECUTIVE ACTIONS:

Deputy Warden Long presented Executive Action:

- **HOPE Pre-Release program: \$141,423.66** – Motioned by Dr. Walker and Seconded by Austin Davis and approved by full board.
- **Discharge Coordinators: \$149,064.00** – There was discussion with the Board on making sure that there is sufficient money to provide coverage and Dr. Walker stated there have been concerns in the past regarding full coverage including weekends. Judge McDaniel stated that this is important area and we want to make sure all processes are covered. Warden Harper stated that issues regarding weekend discharge are being dealt with by using correctional officers on the weekends. Warden Long stated that additional funds are needed and will provide an update on exactly what is needed to make sure we have responsible releases. Moved by Dr. Walker, Seconded by Austin Davis and approved by full board.
- **Zone 2 Bus Tickets - \$20,000.00** – Moved by Austin Davis, Seconded by Brad Korinski, and approved by full board.
- **Expansion of Program Space: \$65,554.38** – Moved by Austin Davis, seconded by Brad Korinski, and approved by full board.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Corizon

- Michael Barfield reported that during the month of October the following:
 - 307 Clinic Visits
 - Infirmary averaged an 8 day stay
 - 117 Health and Physicals
 - 1 OB Clinic
 - 32 Referrals
 - 52 Mental Health Referrals
 - 12 to be Committed to Torrance State
 - 1 in, 11 on waiting list.
 - 18 Hospital Emergency visits
 - 1 Outside surgery
- Dr. Les Halley, Jr. of Correctional Dental Services
 - Provided history of his company, including he currently is providing Oral Health Services for correctional facilities in New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, and Maryland.
 - Allegheny Jail has a strong clinical staff, but equipment is outdated.
 - Over last 2 months with improved equipment
 - 300 patients seen in September
 - 500 patients seen in October

Dr. Claire Walker asked if he currently has any connection to community resources. He replied that he will look into and include outreach to Pitt Dental.

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 Sheriff Mullen, duly seconded by Dr. Walker to adjourn. The Allegheny County Jail Oversight Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chelsa Wagner
Secretary