

The monthly meeting of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board was held on Thursday, October 4, 2012, in Conference Room #1 of the Court House, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at 4:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

The Honorable Judge Kimberly Clark

M. Gayle Moss

Joe Asturi representing The Honorable Chelsa Wagner

Elliott Howsie, Chief Public Defender

Austin Davis representing The Honorable Rich Fitzgerald

Joe Catanese representing The Honorable Dr. Charles Martoni

The Honorable Sheriff William Mullen

Also present were Warden Orlando Harper, 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 discussed the jail report. She requested the following:

- Discussed the role of the warden.
- Would like Warden Harper to concentrate on the library and learning/teaching inmates to read.
- Provided the Warden with a brochure on PA Prison Society.
- Informed the Warden and the Board that the Supreme Court ruled, State to pay for county jails. This was in the September 27, 2012 newspaper.
- She wanted the Warden to look at confinement. Currently inmates can be confined up to 23 hours in solitary confinement. She asked the Warden to review who, why, and how long inmates go into solitary confinement.
- Finally she informed the Warden that Acting Warden Stickman permitted voting by absentee ballots for inmates with misdemeanors.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of September 6, 2012 were motioned by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Catanese and approved by the members of the Board.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No report from Judge McDaniel. Judge Clark discussed the conference she attended on Re-Entry. She stated that it was very well attended, Sec. John Wetzel, Chief of Probation/Parole Mike Potinger, and David Highton, U.S. Attorney was the keynote speaker.

Judge Clark welcomed the new Warden Orlando Harper.

## **WARDEN'S REPORT:**

Warden Harper stated that there has been a Promotion for Latoya Warren to Deputy Warden of Inmate Services over all programs and all Inmate Services.

## **Executive Actions:**

Warden Harper had no Executive Actions for this meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Moss informed the Board the NAACP did 3 floors of distributing and collecting absentee ballots from the Inmates yesterday.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

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

Ms. Phillips distributed her report for the month. She informed the board that the Jail Collaborative Providers and funders had a 2 hour meeting at Community College of Allegheny County and they shared information.

Ms. Phillips informed the board that they are kicking off flu vaccinations for inmates. She also stated that during the month there were 11 inmates committed to Torrance State Hospital. Mental health referrals are very high and they are very concerned. Currently there are 3 part time psychologists, and they are waiting for a new full time psychologist.

She also stated that she is working on Telemedicine Contracts so that doctors can work with the inmate patient population in some cases remotely – for example, pregnant females, and the use of this technology for pre and post op surgeries.

## **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS REPORTS**

Nothing to report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Sheriff Mullen, duly seconded by Mr. Asturi to adjourn. The Allegheny County Jail Oversight Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chelsa Wagner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chelsa Wagner  
Secretary