

The monthly meeting of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board was held on Thursday, September 6, 2012, in Conference Room #1 of the Court House, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at 4:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

The Honorable Donna Jo McDaniel  
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  
Chief Joe Rizzo representing The Honorable Sheriff William Mullen

Also present were Acting Warden William Stickman III, 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:

- Jail Lawsuits
  - For assault two years ago.
  - Inmate suing for release regarding medical issues. Medical department under financial restraints.
- Look at Children of jailed parents and re-entry program in jail;
- The current members of Jail Oversight Board consider touring the Jail.
- Consideration of re-establishment of the Inmate Commissary Committee and review of Inmate Welfare Fund – monies from poor families, which isn't county money per se. These monies are for use for the inmates.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of May 3, 2012 and June 7, 2012 were motioned by Mr. Rizzo and seconded by Mr. Davis and approved by the members of the Board.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President The Honorable Donna Jo McDaniel reported that currently there are no more individuals on the waiting list for House Arrest.

Also, she provided an update on warden search. The committee made recommendation to the County Executive. Hopefully the decision will come in the near future. President recognized Acting Warden Stickman for doing an excellent job.

## **WARDEN'S REPORT:**

Acting Warden Stickmen stated there were 8 retirees and a cadet class of 32 graduated last Friday. Warden Stickmen also discussed additional significant activities:

1. The posting of Voting Rights Notices and absentee ballots are available for distribution.
2. The selection of an area of the jail to restart a Library. Carnegie Library has come in as free consultants to help with this project. A question is asked if Carnegie Library will provide reading materials, not at that point yet, but have had connected with various organizations that provided reading materials.

## **Executive Actions:**

1. Request for approval of Executive Action regarding installation of new flooring and restoration of holding cells and bunks in Intake Area for the cost of \$35,000.00. The Warden also wanted them to know that it will be put out to bid.

Discussion was had on this Executive Action. Ms. Moss publicly thanked Acting Warden Stickman for his great job. Ms. Moss also wanted to know why the funds used for improving this area, are coming from Commissary Funds. It was explained that the reason was the emergency need for a viable solution. This funding resource is being used for a one time cost, and in the future this will be budgeted within the Jail Budget, and will not come out of the Commissary Funds. The board unanimously approved a motion by Mr. Davis on behalf of County Executive, duly seconded by Mr. Asturi on behalf of Controller Chelsa Wagner, to have the floors restored and installed in the intake area, including the showers.

2. The board unanimously approved a motion by Ms. Moss, duly seconded by Mr. Davis, for \$481,557 from the Jail Commissary Fund for the Jail Collaborative Initiative. Previously Allegheny received a grant, but now money is not available. This program is one of the most valuable we have and so the request is for an Interdepartmental agreement with Department of Human Services for Re-entry Services.
3. The board unanimously approved a motion by Ms. Moss, duly seconded by Mr. Rizzo, for utilizing \$100,000 from the Jail Commissary Fund for the sustainment of male and female pods currently providing the HOPE Program.

All of these Executive Actions have been approved by the Operations Committee of the jail which does an overview of what is being spent.

Acting Warden Stickman presented the budget pulled from JDE. It still has additional items to be taken out from approved EA's, but this provides a clearer picture of where we stand year to date.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was shared.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Ms. Phillips distributed her report for the month. She informed the board that the above referenced discussion by Ms. Manion, regarding an inmate's health care needs is being dealt with accordingly. Ms. Phillips also reported that the Family Based Substance Abuse Treatment grant has an opportunity to expand the services to June 30, 2013. This is for services for families in and out of jail.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Mr. Rizzo, duly seconded by Mr. Asturi to adjourn. The Allegheny County Jail Oversight Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chelsa Wagner  
Secretary