

The monthly meeting of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board was held on Thursday, February 7, 2013, 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
Nadia Lazo, Esquire
Austin Davis representing The Honorable Rich Fitzgerald
Genie Beckom representing The Honorable Chelsa Wagner
Joe Catanese representing The Honorable Dr. Charles Martoni

Also present were Warden Orlando Harper, 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 discussed the following:

- Prison Society work done with proper release of inmates with proper clothing. She is thrilled and gratified with the program and it has been successful and a great job.
- Reminder that the Board President thought it was a good idea for each group to provide a report to the Board informing the board:
 1. What they have accomplished,
 2. How they were formed and
 3. How their money is spent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of January 3, 2013 were motioned by Joe Catanese and seconded by Mr. Davis and approved by the members of the Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President opened with a Welcome and introduction of Ms. Nadia Lazo as a new member of the Jail Oversight Board. She also informed the Board that the term is up for Mr. Elliot Howsie.

As a follow-up to Mrs. Damask's reminder, President McDaniel requested the following in regards to reports by Community Corrections:

March Report – Goodwill – Topic: Re-entry in Mon Valley, Transitional information. 10 minute talk regarding expansion, new homes and what they are doing.

April Report – The Renewal Center

May Report – The Program for Female Offenders

President McDaniel also stated that the Warden is doing a tremendous job, from alternative housing, additional new hires, the jail's step down program, and the discharge center – she commends the Warden on the job that he has been doing.

WARDEN'S REPORT:

Good news selection has been made for the Deputy Warden, Ms. Monica Long and she will start February 11, 2013.

They are continuing to work with the Leisure Library, located a storage area for donated books, and the all cabinets for the library have been ordered.

EXECUTIVE ACTIONS:

- \$2,798.90 + SHIPPING AND HANDLING. For the Isolation/Suicide prevention supplies. The Executive Action was moved for approval by Austin Davis and Seconded by Nadia Lazo, and approved by the board.

The Warden's Report was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

Allegheny County Correctional Health Services Report

Dana Phillips discussed the following:

- Training of new cadets in health and Mental Health Training very successful, including schizophrenic training – Hearing Voices.
- She presented at the American Correctional Association on Re-Entry Housing and that was very successful.
- Good PR has been happening regarding Re-Entry and drug and alcohol rehabilitation. Had interviews with WESA. Good PR for the Jail.

In addition, she informed the board the bad news; mental health referrals up more than 100. Acute mental health admits down only because of long term patients.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS REPORTS

1. House Arrest reported that they have acquired 160 sets of equipment from Juvenile Court; process takes 30 days to turn over.
 - The Program for Female Offenders, Inc. – Nothing to report.
 - The Renewal Center – Nothing to report.
 - Goodwill – Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Joe Catanese, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn. The Allegheny County Jail Oversight Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chelsa Wagner", is written on a light blue rectangular background.

Chelsa Wagner
Secretary