

The monthly meeting of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board was held on Thursday, May 2, 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 Judge Kim Clark
Sheriff William P. Mullen
The Honorable Chelsa Wagner
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, 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:

- Gave praise to the Warden for dealing with the prisoner who couldn't file per se. As soon as the Warden heard about it, it was corrected.
- Wish everyone a wonderful summer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of April 7, 2013 were motioned by Sheriff Mullen and seconded by Mr. Davis and approved by the members of the Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RFP has been sent out for Health Services for the Allegheny County Jail. Once response is received a committee will review and determine the best one.

President McDaniel announced that there would be no meeting in the months of June, July and August. If something comes up, you will be notified to meet. Next meeting date is September 5, 2013.

WARDEN'S REPORT:

The Warden made the announcement inviting everyone to Corrections Officers Employee Week is set for May 5 – May 11th. One special event will be the 16th Annual Memorial Service for Fallen Correctional Officers. It will be held on May 8, 2013 at 10am, outside the institution at the site of our memorial.

Deputy Warden, Ms. Monica Long presented the following Executive Actions:

- Notary Certification – Total amount \$1,031.63
- GED Testing – Total cost for testing \$2,015.00
- Renewal of Annual Agreement with Touch Legal d/b/a Touch Sonic Technologies – Total cost \$26,400.00 per year for Library Kiosks.

All went through the operations Committee and approved. A motion was made that the \$29, 446.63 be approved by Austin Davis and seconded by Chelsa Wagner and approved by the board.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by The Program for Offenders. Presenters were: Executive Director, Carol Hertz, Michelle Morris, Director of Corrections for the Program, and George Jones, Director of Treatment. The Program is a non-profit organization incorporated in Pennsylvania in 1976. An internationally recognized organization providing alternatives to incarceration, drug and alcohol treatment and other services to both male and female offenders.

Since 1984, The Program has maintained contracts with the Allegheny County Jail to provide residential alternative to incarceration services. In addition to these contracts, The Program has partnered with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Community Care Behavioral Health, the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency and other government entities, local and national foundations and corporations to offer programming to meet the ever-increasing needs of the offender population. The Program's professional and systematic approach to fundraising enhances the rich history of service and relationships with funders that The Program has always enjoyed.

In 1993 a Federal Court order due to abuses, and at that point Allegheny County requested a Male Work Release Program. A female facility was created as knowing that when a woman goes to jail 100% of the time family goes to CYS systems and takes care of children. CYS also allows for children to be placed with their Mom in the program.

Michelle Morris, Director of Corrections for the Program responsible for the facility runs smoothly in terms of security of the facility, case management for the clients, and the inmates.

Annually, The Program provides services for 300 offenders and more than 100 of their children. Seventy-six percent of clients who enter job search secure meaningful employment, 90% of clients who receive treatment reduce their reliance on mood altering substances, 90% of clients who receive family services begin the reunification process with their families and 80% of clients increase their knowledge of parenting and life skills topics. In addition, The Program has one of the lowest recidivism rates in the country.

The Program has a clearly articulated, vision for the future and is committed to providing a continuum of care that meets the needs of a most vulnerable offender population from pre-trial through post- release. The Program is currently developing a 1.5 acre site in West Homestead, PA, which will serve as a complete alternative to incarceration for up to 230 non-violent female offenders in Allegheny County.

Allegheny County Correctional Health Services Report

Nothing to Report

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS REPORTS

- House Arrest – Nothing to report.
- The Renewal Center – Nothing to report.
- Goodwill – Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Sheriff Mullen, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn. The Allegheny County Jail Oversight Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chelsa Wagner
Secretary