



## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND REHABILITATION

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### PRRS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**June 8, 2017 @ 7:30am**

**Committee Members Attendance:** Diane Scott-Jones, Co-Chair CAC; Robert Green, PRRS Director; Angela Talley, PRRS Chief; Ben Stevenson, Deputy Chief of Programs and Services; Joanna Henriquez, PRRS Administrative Aide; Michael McGregor, Ada Bartley, PRRS Case Managers; Sidney Katz, Councilmember; Amy Bransford, Parole & Probation; Lisa Mandel-Trupp, Chief of Staff; Mara Parker, Legislative Aide; Councilmember Elrich; Sara Morningstar, MC Gov Relations; Rev. Elwood Gray, Peace in the Valley Baptist Church; Bernita Johnson, Welcome Home Program; Kate Murray, Lilly Najafzadeh, Catholic Charities Volunteers; Melissa George, MCCF; Patricia Prather, Ali Robinson, Peer to Peer Services; Larry Wilson, Counseling Plus; Five (5) current PRRS Residents attended

**Welcome and Introductions:** Brief introduction of all attendees.

**PRRS Division Chief's Report:** Angela Talley highlighted the following items during Chief's Report to the Community Advisory Committee:

- DOCR has successfully met budget again this fiscal year. No loss of positions. Initiatives for FY18 are Jail Management System (JMS), Electronic Health Records and Telestaff.
- Position Update
  - Interviews for the Therapist position were completed 6/7/17
  - Currently 4 Resident Supervisors, one Work Release Coordinator and one Case Manager positions that need to be filled
  - New Bilingual Case Manager begins Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>
  - New Accountant, Sara Xue also began with PRRS and will assist with upcoming fiscal audit.
  - Congratulations to PAA Joanna Henriquez on recent promotion to OSC for Detention Services
- Annual DOCR Awards ceremony held in May as we celebrated our Correctional Employees Weekly. Many staff members were recognized for their hard work throughout the year. Joanna Henriquez received the Divisional Employee of the Year Award for PRC. Corporal Kevin Heenan from PTS received the Departmental Employee of the Year Award.
- RS Andre Stepp and RS Alicia Jackson were recognized at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chambers of Commerce Public Safety Awards.
- New GED instructor began in January. Since January, one GED graduate for PRRS.
- Parenting group has completed 3 cycles. 31 residents have participated. Due to short staffing, there will not be any summer sessions but will resume in the fall.
- Chief Talley and Ed Powell from Responsible Fathers Program are in communication to bring back that program to PRRS.

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- Four (4) residents completed the Serv Safe Program and obtained their certifications. Two (2) more Serv Safe sessions will be available to residents this year.
- Chief Talley, along with Deputy Chief Downing, and Deputy Chief Stevenson, are looking into more ways to engage the residents, especially those who are struggling in the program. We reinstated our house meetings which we will try to have on a quarterly basis. This will not be just about pointing out what they are doing wrong, but also encouraging and guiding them on how to be successful in the program.
- Escrow audits of all DOCR facilities are being conducted.
- FBOP unannounced audit was completed March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>, no deficiencies noted.
- Major project update: new lockers and scanner, construction will begin this summer for new kitchen, new roof expected to start late summer as well as ADA upgrades and HVAC improvements.
- State audit is scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>-November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Focus Topic: Building and Sustaining Positive Community Relationships**  
**Questions/Discussion: Peer and Personal Relationships**

**New Format for meeting that started with resident feedback- Focus groups were also completed with 17 PRRS residents to receive feedback from residents who could not make the meeting**

- Overall feedback was positive from residents
- Sponsor groups were a follow up to information received during orientation
- Is there a possibility of beginning a BIG BROTHER program at PRRS
- Possibility of tablets for PRRS
- Residents want more treatment with family
- Ensuring treatment is balanced with other program activities
- Program needs to recognize that many residents do not have family
- Residents want significant other and kids involved in group
- Possibility of creating a SPONSOR guidebook
- Want to learn ways to manage anti-social peers
- Residents distrust adding to lack of matching mentors
- Possibility of program adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> week of orientation peer lead after first week on the program (overwhelmed by the information given 1<sup>st</sup> week)
- Case Manager McGregor presented a review of Sponsor groups-create change in family, manage transition into the community.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

**2017 CAC Quarterly Meeting Dates:**

**Theme for the Year: Building and Sustaining Positive Community Relationships**

**Thursday, September 7, 2017: Community Relationships (Mentors, Sponsors, Faith Based)**  
**Thursday, December 1, 2016: Professional Relationships (Employers, Providers)**

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