

MEETING MINUTES
District of Columbia Corrections Information Council
Open Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Martin Luther King Jr. Library
901 G Street, Conference Room A-9, NW
Washington, DC 20001

I. Call to Order

The CIC Open Meeting was called to order by Chairman Michelle Bonner at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 901 G Street, Conference Room 221, NW, and Washington, DC 20001.

II. Ascertainment of Quorum

Board Members present (Michelle Bonner, Rev. Samuel Whittaker), constituting a quorum. Board member Katharine Huffman, was not in attendance. Staff personnel present Cara Compani (Program Analyst).

III. Adopting of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted unanimously

IV. Agenda

- a. Overview of CIC
- b. Introduction of Board members and Staff Personnel
 - Agency mandated by the Revitalization Act of 1997 to inspect and monitor the prisons, jails and halfway houses where DC residents are incarcerated.
- c. Responsibilities of CIC
 - Physical year started October 2012. CIC makes arrangement to view facilities, it's to inspect, not only visually inspect but also review documents (conditions, programs, grievance procedures, re-entry procedures and planning).
 - They want to know what things are or are not being provided and beyond what's constitutionally required.
- d. Discussion of CIC plans for the remainder of 2012
- e. Current activities for CIC current physical calendar year (November 2012-Janurary 2013)
 - i. Friday, November 16,2012 – touring the DC jail (just a tour, not an inspection)
 - ii. Thursday, November 29,2012 – training with Michelle Deitch, expect in independent prison oversight.
 - iii. Friday, November 30,2012 – CIC inspection of Hope Village
 - iv. Regional Jail of Virginia (Northern neck and Piedmont)- intention to have inspections completed by the end of 2012; no date set
 - v. Working on annual report, in draft form as of right now
 - vi. Fiscal year of 2012 (October 2011-September 2012)

vii. Finalizing Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with The Federal Bureau of Prison (FBOP)

viii. It will be an understanding between FBOP and CIC on our access agreement to Federal Bureau of Prison's facilities; their contract facilities include halfway houses.

ix. Comprehensive manuals for inspection for the facilities

x. Job training for returning citizen

f. The Mayor's One City Action Plan

i. CIC will look into how or if the programs for people who are incarcerated fit into the Mayor's One City Action Plan

VI. Comments and Concerns about Hope Village

a. Contracts with FBOP and Hope Village

b. Transportation

c. No Internet

d. Hope Village is there just to get a profit

e. Hope Village doesn't want to help the inmates that goes there

f. Not enough phones (2 per building)

g. Residents can't do any job search

h. No cell phones

i. There are 50 residents to one phone per building

j. Pay phones are \$0.50 per call for fifteen minutes

k. Staff doesn't understand the significance of helping the residents get back to society.

l. Public requested State of Work for Hope Village

VII. Questions Comments

a. **Question:** How does CIC plan to interview the residents past and present ?

Answer: The CIC has sent out letters to over 100 individual and the interviews would be private not out in the open.

b. **Question:** Has Hope Village been in compliance with FBOP?

c. **Question:** Does Hope Village know you're coming to inspect the facility.

VIII. Open Meeting

a. The CIC Board will discuss the next open meet during the closed meeting and will forward the information out to the list serve.

IX. Vote to Close Remainder of Meeting, pursuant to DC Code 2-575(c)(1)

Pursuant to DC Code 2-575(c)(1) the board of the CIC will vote to close the remainder of the meeting to discuss training and development of CIC board members and staff. DC Code 2-575(b)(12).

X. Closed Session of Meeting (if approved by majority of CIC Board)

XI. Adjournment

a. There being no further business, Board Chair Michelle

b. Bonner declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.

c. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

CLOSED MEETING

- I.** Closed Session of Meeting (approved by majority of CIC Board)
- II.** Adjournment (Board Chair)

