

MEETING MINUTES
District of Columbia Corrections Information Council
Open Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2013 6:30 – 8:00 pm
One Judiciary Square
441 Fourth Street NW, Conference Room 114
Washington, DC 20001

I. Call to Order

The CIC Open Meeting was called to order at by Chairman Michelle Bonner at the One Judiciary Square, 441 4th street NW, room 1114, Washington Dc 20001

II. Ascertainment of Quorum

Board Members present (Michelle Bonner, Rev. and Katharine Huffman), and board member (Rev. Samuel Whittaker) running late, constituting a quorum. Staff personnel present Cara Compagni, Program Analyst and LaShelle Lee, Office Manager. Volunteer Community Outreach Intern was present (Sherman Justice).

III. Adoption of the Agenda

- a. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

IV. Hope Village – Questions, Comments and Concerns in regards to Hope Village Report

- a. J. Varone comment: On page 53 of the report there was incorrect information, specifically, the report being released to DC Council Member Marion Barry. Mr. Varone would like this comment to be retracted. Chairman Bonner responded that the CIC received credible information regarding the leaking of the report and we are standing by the information in the report. The CIC will, however, collect any information provided to us.
- b. J. Varone requested name of criminal justice legal experts that reviewed the Hope Village report. Chairman Bonner responded that this is the CIC's report and we will answer any and all questions and comments should be directed to the CIC.
- c. J. Varone Question: Did CIC use government money to pay for the two criminal expert's advice? Board member Huffman responded that the experts were not paid.
- d. J. Varone stated that the CIC report was a witch hunt and the CIC should have asked Hope Village for additional information. The report was not written on factual basis. Board Member Huffman responded to the statement, stating that the CIC reached out to Hope Village staff and residents for information during and after the inspection. The CIC appreciates the information that was shared. The CIC is willing to and has worked together with Hope Village. The CIC stands by its report and hopes that in the future everyone can work together.
- e. W. Jenkins questioned how did the CIC select individuals to interview for the Hope Village report? Chairman, Bonner responded that there was no selection process; it was open to the public. The CIC collected information from all individuals and groups that presented information to us. We did not personally select any individuals or groups to speak with.

- f. P.Jones questioned why was he listed in the report as the registered agent and founder with Congressional Heights Community Training Center which provides GED and literacy services, which is an error, what was the purpose of that information? That organization has been providing services to Hope Village residents for 18 years. The CIC report on this section was not accurate; he hopes that all read Hope Village's response in the appendix. Chairman Bonner responded that the purpose this information was to provide more information on that particular area of the report and Mr. Jone's role at Hope Village.

V. Update on FCI Fairton, Video Visitation at DC jail, FCI Manchester and USP McCreary

VI. CIC Upcoming Tour Schedule

- a. The CIC will visit Fairview halfway house, Washington, DC; June 26, 2013 and FCI Victorville, California: July 11-12, 2013

VII. Community Outreach Intern

- a. S. Justice has been attending different events in the community. He will be attending the video visitation hearing on June 25, 2013 @ 11:30am

VIII. Questions / Comments

- a. Attendee: How does the CIC plan to explore housing placement for the returning residents?
- b. Hope Village staff member: Does the CIC have a vision for the halfway houses? Board member Huffman responded that a collaborative effort is important, one agency or organization cannot do it all.
- c. Attendee: Rev. Whittaker visited USP Beaumont, are there any updates on this facility. Cara Compagni responded that the CIC has not heard anything from inmates at this facility since Reverend Whittaker's visit.

IX. Schedule Next CIC open meeting and set open meeting schedule.

- a. The next CIC open meeting will be held, Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 6:30pm Location TBD

X. 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).

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

XII. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, Board Chair Michelle Bonner declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

CLOSED MEETING

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