

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**District of Columbia Corrections Information Council**  
**Open Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 12, 2012 6:30 – 8:00 pm**  
**Contee AME Zion Church**  
**903 Division Avenue NE**  
**Washington, DC 20019**

**I. Call to Order**

The CIC Open Meeting was called to order by Rev. Samuel Whittaker at Contee AME Zion Church, 903 Division Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20019.

**II. Ascertainment of Quorum**

Board Members present (Michelle Bonner, Rev. Samuel Whittaker, Katharine Huffman), constituting a quorum. Director of Mayor's office of returning citizens affairs Charles Thorton

**III. Brief overview of CIC**

**IV. Part of Revitalization Act-1997**

- a. Fell out of existence in 2000s under previous executive

**VI. Inspection and monitoring body**

- a. Tasked by statute to monitor now, fewer than three correctional institution where DC residents are housed, (FBOP, DC DOC, or contact facilities of these bodies. Some could be halfway housed.
- b. This fiscal year ends September 30, 2012, wants to actually monitor by this fiscal year.
- c. There is an access issue that makes this difficult, CIC is working on the issue. There are memoranda's of understanding for access to the facilities.
- d. Will press on general agreement by CIC board
- e. Looking for staff person to do at least three visits.

**VII. Questions Comments**

- a. **Question:** what do three visits mean? **Answer:** per year, so far, hopefully CIC will be able to do more. At least thirty three prisons hold DC inmates. Prioritization is necessary because not all facilities can be inspected in a year.
- b. It shouldn't be difficult getting into DC DOC facilities or contact the facilities because CIC is working with Deputy Mayor's Public Safety and Justice Office, DOC is under that office.
- c. **Question:** have you reached out to the Warden at CTF (they're pretty open) **Answer:** Isaac Johnston (Warden) Sunny Fulton (Dep. Warden) are very receptive. The halfway house are contracted though DOC and FBOP some are private, but we should be able to get in though DOC, which can give us full access because limited access would be difficult to give (such as one floor)

- d. **Question:** what about the relationship with Charles Reynolds, he's also receptive.  
**Answer:** he knows Our Place DC, but most likely we have to go through FBOP to get the inspections done at the halfway houses, even if the interaction is just informational.
- e. **Question:** why not go through the facilities themselves, being private and getting something in writing and leave the informing to the FBOP, to either the private ownership or even CIC. Hope Village-Jeffery Ferone, he's receptive because there have been protests, he wants disclosure and transparency.  
**Answer:** in the short term, that'll be a very good idea but far as long term the goal should be universal access through FBOP and DOC, so we don't have to go through individual owners.
- f. **Question:** Diplomatically wouldn't it be better to be working with the facilities themselves. **Answer:** yes
- g. **Question:** Effect speaker works in reentry, found effect (Hstreet) that isn't receptive. In all of the speaker's experience these facilities have both DOC and FBOP beds. There is a community board that meets regularly up on Georgia Avenue. Pastor Tuck, very open. Speaker believes that by statute there's supposed to be a community liaison and community board (all halfway house) most community representative are great for initial contract. Reentry and CIC are two different things. **Answer:** part of this work is becoming familiar with the relevant regulations.

#### **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 member Rev. Samuel Whittaker declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

### **CLOSED MEETING**

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