



DC Corrections Information Council

Thursday, September 28, 2017, 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Ground Floor Meeting Room
Greater Washington Urban League Building
2901 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Michelle Bonner Executive Director called meeting to order on Thursday, September 28, 2017 @ 5:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Phylisa Carter Chairperson, Katherine Huffman Board Member, Charles Thornton Board Member, Michelle Bonner Executive Director. Staff attendees; Laura de las Casas, Kendra VandeWater, Rebekah Joab, and Jillian Wintle.

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

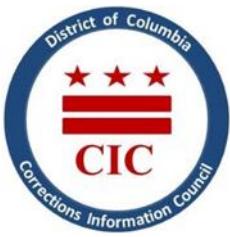
IV. AGENCY LIAISON POSITION

This person would work with the BOP, DOC, and other agencies on responding to issues. They would build a bridge to address these issues which in turn would save time on our end. We currently reach out quickly to solve these problems. Examples: Health, Sentence Computations, Staff Misconduct. We can make the recommendations in our reports but they don't immediately solve the problems. Laura manages inmate correspondence, does a lot of interviewing with inmates. They gave us Rebekah in place of losing Laura to this position. We want to do more underground implications.

While Laura will be making things happen and moving things along, we hope to get a communications person for bulletins. Liaison with agencies and individuals, this job is currently done informally with Michelle.

Any open Positions: Communication position is a part of CIC staff but in terms of marketing it, DC HR. The position is funded but not posted. The position is available but no classification. Communication person won't be fully versed in the position but over time it will come, preferably communication specific. Have to be a DC resident. No deadline on applicants, they will keep it open until position is filled. Please forward too Michelle if any applicants in mind.

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Sonya Well – legal staff – committee on judiciary

V. CIC Board Composition

Currently have a board of three members. DOC increased board from 3-5. Calvin Woodland Jr., former chief of staff, no confirmation of appointment

VI. New Jail Discussion

Back story: CIC visited DC Jail Tuesday and Wednesday. The jail is 42 years old. It's time for a new facility. The city is considering a public/private partnership.

Is there any vision for the new facility or recommended approach to bring people back with small sentences from BOP, any flexibility? Response: Yes there is a design for the new facility; we don't know what it is.

Seth Miller Gabriel off Public Private Partnership: Didn't deny design study. Study not shared with council or CIC. They hired a firm to do it. No decision on location or design. City councilmen would like space to bring people back. It is a huge project so it has to go in front of city council eventually. Once there is a draft RFP then there can be opportunity to talk about design.

Timing for opening: no set date, lack of transparency.

Rethink Justice DC has been putting together information on the new jail.

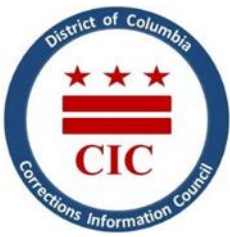
OP3 office is planning to move ahead with community engagement process.

Decent relationship with FOYA for receiving information.

Expanded foot print? Response: Enough space to build and keep old location, portal on same location with existing jail camps

We welcome any information on the new jail. We should find a way to communicate the request for openness. Can we do a think tank on a new jail? Is the jail/CTF handing out anything to work together? Response: They are all inclusive now.

They want to hold an event on Revitalization Act



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Charles: I want to see a study of the impact of the Revitalization Act

Michelle: I don't know specifics but CIC area of focus, maybe CSOSA

Response: Studies and reports that the CIC could put out, we are talking to individuals, could use that information to make a case. When the case is made, we will probably have enough information to make good reports.

Pilot Populations: people 18-21 almost 22 who are eligible for IDEA

Deputy Mayor had a meeting with the acting director, didn't move on it, don't know if there is a plan to introduce that idea to the new director.

We would need more capacity for a comprehensive report. Put information of what we have to make a summary. Education on juveniles and young adults with David Grasso. We toured GED and school in the DC jail. We would like to give a testimony on observation of school.

Is school run by DCPS? Response: yes

Any further comments on the new jail?

None

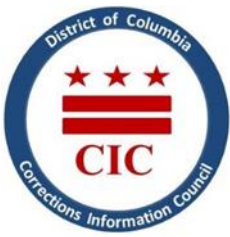
VII. RECENT INSPECTION

We did ask about what they are doing in regards to methadone/other drugs. There was no change in policy. Unity had on call medical staff. Response to officers not carrying Narcan: Why not? Anyone can administer Naloxone. 28 CO's went to training on prevention. Unclear why they cannot have it on the unit. Union scared about accidental OD's. CO's look at using it as a medical job. We asked about other OD; two weeks ago, person from halfway house that was on work detail at the jail.

Any update on providing services to multilingual/bilingual inmates?

One volunteer is Spanish in GED unit. 18-21 Spanish speakers IEP plans materials weren't in Spanish? Recommendations for full time staff. They spoke of a language line which was significant because BOP usually doesn't have answers about language line.

Talked about CDF weaning people off 10 ml a week, they also talked about keeping people on it. No policy, nothing written about it, do they even know? Pregnant women stay on. Bill this



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spring to keep people on the drug for 30 days. They need to have a medical director training in substances, dosage training. Bruce Reed agreed with looking into what happens when they go out of jail and die from using after being weaned off.

Follow up on Unity tracking wait times. We were asking questions about document transfer to BOP, problem with transferring information, gets lost, inmate has to take documents with them, constantly getting reevaluated, wasted services. Stream lining medical records? Response: no people are still requesting them. The month before release, case managers tell them to get records.

VOA Chesapeake:

Questionable answer to number of DC inmates

Issues with coming to DC and getting DC ID. Confusing because a lot of those people are homeless. Only helped with healthcare in Maryland. Sent in wrong places when sent to get ID. Not enough time with commuting to get things done. 50 DC beds. Contracts with BOP all federal, looking to get state contract. DC no longer has a Halfway house that accepts sex offenders. Same set of rules, no separate rules for DC people. Drug test for home confinements in DC. Is the BOP contract for DC people where DC people can get moderations? Response: BOP has same contract with Residential Reentry Centers. VOA = totally unaware of resources in DC

Have not had staff discussion for upcoming inspections, calendar dates

Laura and John for non-auditors PREA in Arizona; visit facilities while there?

Talked about doing more medical centers and places where we have gone before.

No DC folks in Puerto Rico

How Caught up are we on reports?

- Complex reports (Coleman 1 & 2, one report)
- Still 6 for back log
- Ones we are working on currently
- Florence draft ready by October
- Carswell is being drafted/summer inspections



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For Fiscal Year 18 – we want to do no more than 8 inspections, particularly want to see Springfield, bring a medical director with us to medical centers

Cumberland: resource trip, John and Charles went together. They did a tour, cafeteria with 500 people. John had more opportunity to share a lot of information (speed dating). Looking at other spots that have been neglected

We want to do holiday post cards again

- Mailing policies
- Black and white copies, no colored paper
- TWC interns: call BOP facilities
- A lot of people want to do it again; MORCA, PDS

VIII. CLOSED MEETING

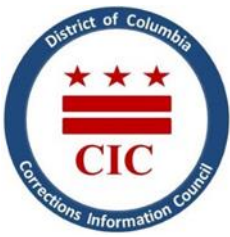
Any further comments on the recent inspection?

None

CIC PROJECTS/EVENTS

The Postcards events have been inviting. We have had an event at the Washington Convention Center where the interns live at the dorms. So we decided on Postcards so there would not be an issue about what is inside or what does it say. Random names are given to people. Mabel has been dynamo in scheduling. We will try to get some this week. We are trying to review and make sure information going out is correct. The Wire would be a good connect. Other Community Outreach organizations can be notified next time and send out emails letting people know.

We have gotten a handful of offensive cards. That is why we want to review them first. Example we had a person say “DC Do or Die” that is offensive. That would mean that one person did not receive a card because of another not knowing why? So deciphering what is



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acceptable and what is not means that reading each individual card helps. Maybe something that innocuous or sending something that the BOP would not be able to control.

Tiffany is leaving us. But Tiffany has provided so much and that was one of the reasons that she was brought on and is calm. We need to be able to provide statistical analysis with some of the data that we used before and continue to use. We will continue to grow. She started a good foundation for us. She also was good at implementing OCTO to get us a database management system up and running. We are almost there. We just got finished with the MOU. Hopefully, next quarter they will spend that money building it up. Tiffany has basically put together all the information needed for that. Setting up the foundation for that and also in the future. So thank you very much for that. That was not an easy task. She will also be available for a month or so if needed, for database analysis. IF we need her we can reach out.

Any further comments on CIC/Events?

None

OTHER

The Mayor has put out there to all its agencies about things or changes that people would be concerned about, certainly funding issues. We have gotten \$75,000 for data management system this fiscal year. There is hope that we have an MOU in place. It is a sense that it has to be confirmed by the Senate. It is a small confirmation hearing. It will be interesting to see who will be chosen.

Any further comments?

None

SCHEDULE NEXT CIC OPEN MEETING

We will certainly have one within the next quarter, and will contact board members and try to schedule a good date for that. Would you like to have the meeting before or after the budget and performance hearings that will be happening in February 2017? Just keep that in mind and we will post it.

Any further comments?



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None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Phylisa Carter, Chairperson declared this meeting closed at 6:52pm