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NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

Message from CIC Executive Director



April was another busy month for the CIC.

CIC staff visited USP Atwater, CA, where there were 30 DC men at the time of our April 11-12, 2018 inspection. A highlight of this visit was the [Reintegration Housing Unit \(RHU\)](#), a unit for those in protective custody as an alternative to limited restrictive housing options for those who feel unsafe in general population. Also, the facility has been known to mandate [Financial Responsibility Program \(FRP\)](#), payment plan of court fines, fees, and restitution) payments of more than \$25 per quarter. If you have information about these programs or other information pertaining to USP Atwater, the CIC would love to hear from you.

The CIC also had its FY 2019 budget hearing, along with DC Department of Corrections (DOC) and other [Public Safety and Justice agencies](#), on April 19, 2018. The CIC has requested an additional full-time employee position, in anticipation of mandated reporting on the [Youth Rehabilitation Amendment Act](#) and other CIC reporting.

Please reach out to the CIC if you have information you would like to share about BOP, DOC, or other agencies and issues affecting incarcerated DC residents. The CIC main number is 202-478-9211, email is dccic@dc.gov, or you can see us at the office or at the next open meeting, June 7, 2018. (See details below.)

Michelle Bonner

*** New Publications ***



In August 2016 changes were made to the USP Lewisburg Special Management Unit (SMU) program. In February 2017, the CIC conducted a follow-up inspection of, USP Lewisburg SMU in response to program changes. As part of this inspection, we spoke with DC men incarcerated there, in person and via phone. Following the inspection, the CIC continued to receive

reports and information related to the SMU program, which as of April 6, 2018, can be found referenced in the [CIC Inspection report and BOP Response](#).

The CIC also published the [FCI Beckley Inspection Report](#) on this date. FCI Beckley is a medium security, male only prison located in Beaver, WV. As of April 6, 2018, FCI Beckley housed 78 DC men. You can read these and other CIC inspection reports on the CIC website, <https://cic.dc.gov/>.

The CIC thanks our staff, board members, interns, volunteers, BOP Central Office and facility staff, incarcerated DC residents and their loved ones who have contributed to these reports.

Upcoming Inspection: Fairview RRC

This month on May 3, 2018, the CIC will be conducting an onsite inspection at Fairview Residential Reentry Center (RRC), in the District of Columbia. Fairview RRC is a women's halfway house, housing female residents under the supervision of BOP, DC Department of Corrections (DOC), and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA). If you have any information you would like to share regarding this facility, contact the CIC between 9am-5pm Monday through Friday at (202) 478-9211 or via email dccic@dc.gov.



CIC Info Sheets



In addition to inspection reports, the CIC also releases relevant information regarding DC incarcerated resident concerns in the form of CIC Info Sheets. These info sheets serve to be a quick read with references to corrections policies and updates affecting those incarcerated in DC and BOP facilities.

The CIC has been made aware of additional restrictions beyond the BOP [Incoming Publications statement](#) being made at USP Atwater, FCI Dublin, FCC Colman, and FCC

Victorville. Two major changes made among these facilities and correctional complexes include: no longer being able to receive books from “publisher, bookstore, book club, or friends and family;” and having to pay “retail price plus 30% mark up plus shipping cost (if applicable).” (See memos from these facilities in article, ["New Federal Prison Policies May Put Books and Email on Ice,"](#) Lauren Gill, In Justice Today, Apr. 27, 2018.)

The CIC has reached out to 68 facilities so far, and has received responses from 27 and counting. The CIC will continue to contact BOP facilities regarding additional restrictions regarding the publications and will update this information on the [CIC Info Sheets page](#) on the CIC website.

Visit the [CIC Info Sheets page](#) to access info sheets on mail policy changes, distance from facilities to DC, medical care levels and other information related to DC incarcerated residents.

DOC Expands Education

In efforts to continuously grow career and technical education programs (CTE), the Department of Corrections (DOC) has expanded post-secondary opportunities for those housed at Central Detention Facility (CDF/DC Jail) and Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) through partnerships with universities who provide funding for their courses. Ashland University, based in Ohio, provides students in both CDF and CTF with for-credit college courses that allow students to work towards an Associate’s Degree via distance learning on modified Android tablets. While the students do not

and TedTalk through the tablets. Howard University merges Howard students and those housed within DOC to engage as one in a classroom setting within CDF as a part of the *Inside-Out: Crime and Justice Beyond the Wall* course. University of the District of Columbia (UDC) offers certifications in hospitality and tourism career pathways. And those housed in CTF can participate in courses such as *English Literature, History,*



Government and Politics through Georgetown University. The DOC has also been awarded the Carl D. Perkins Grant earlier this is year through the Office of the Superintendent of Education (OSSE) and is currently awaiting funds roughly amounting to \$75,000.00 to be made available to further expand college education opportunities.

In addition to these programs, DOC provides prep classes *Literacy I, II* and *III* for those pursuing their GED, and offers GED testing once a month. Those 30-90 days away from release can participate in a program called *Master Class*, where community-based organizations come in and provide mini-workshops on topics that will assist residents upon release. In the fall, DOC will also provide *Thinking for a Change 4.0 (T4C)*, an assimilated cognitive behavioral change program provided by the National Institute of Corrections. The DOC, under the direction of Deputy Director for Education Amy Lopez, has hired Education administrative personnel, scheduled professional development and training for DOC teaching staff in instructional strategies and best practices, and is actively seeking to hire and train more educators and staff to support educational program efforts! To learn more about these programs please visit the DOC website, www.doc.dc.gov.



Future CIC Open Meeting Dates

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE), 100 42nd St NE

Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, location TBD

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, location TBD

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