

**SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Date: April 15, 2016

Location: 951 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Board members present: Joe Oswald, Terry Hertle, Jessica Peckover, Dwayne Daniels, Ryan Schnackel, Jan Kazimour, Janelle Rettig, Allan Thoms, Lonny Pulkrabek, Shelby Humbles Jr., Fred Mims

Staff members present: Bruce Vander Sanden, Angela Brubaker, Greg Fitzpatrick, Gabe Schaapveld, Kevin Posekany

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Everyone present introduced themselves.

**PRESENTATION – n/a**

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Joe Oswald moved to approve minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Terry Hertle seconded. Motion carried.

**DIRECTORS REPORT – Bruce Vander Sanden reported:**

- The diversity appreciation event was held on 2/16/2016 and Tony Haughton was the speaker. Mr. Haughton, a former employee of the Sixth Judicial District (6JD), is currently an attorney, and discussed the disparate rates of incarceration in our state.
- He stated that he was asked to join the Public Safety sub-committee. They meet monthly and are working on some solutions for issues in Cedar Rapids.
- He is currently working on attending each of the unit staff meetings. He will be doing the district dialogues later in year.
- Drug Treatment Court had a graduation last Monday. Speakers included Supreme Court Justice Bruce Zager and Chief Judge Patrick Grady and they are very supportive of our drug treatment court model. Greg Fitzpatrick represented the 6JD. There were three graduates and it was a successful event.
- Last Wednesday we met a US Attorney's office representative and others to discuss revamping the WARN meeting for felony offenders reentering the community. The WARN is designed to educate on community supports and firearms laws. Out of approximately 1800 clients that have gone through this education, only about two have been rearrested for a gun crime. The US Attorney would like to renew their support of the program.
- The US Attorney's office has a directive to get more involved in re-entry. Employment is one of these initiatives. There will be an employer roundtable on April 26<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting they will talk to employers about why, or why not, they hire clients and have a question/answer session. They hope to dispel some myths about hiring offenders. Two 6JD staff will attend this.

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- Working on remodeling the bathrooms in the Cedar Rapids residential bathrooms. One is done and getting ready to start the next one.
- Last Sunday the Victim's Rights week kicked off at the Marion PD. It was well attended and many 6<sup>th</sup> DCS staff are part of the planning committee.
- The annual review from the auditor's office starts next Monday.

### **FISCAL REPORT**

Kevin Posekany went over the January and February financials, as well as Drug Forfeiture information.

Shelby Humbles moved to approve the January and February financials and Drug Forfeiture as presented by Mr. Posekany. Janelle Rettig seconded. Motion carried.

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Southern – Ryan Schnackel stated the minutes are in the packet and cover most of the topics.

- He said there was a presentation from Inside Out at the last meeting. This program assists people in the system get the needed resources to reenter into the community.
- There is now “walk-in” assistance for victims in Johnson County, with victim witness coordinators. They are seeing the numbers of people using this increase as awareness of it increases.
- This committee is working on deciding on a project. They are talking about connecting with job services to assist clients get employment, especially in the trades.

Allan Thoms brought up voting rights for felons. Overall the 6JD Board agreed that felons should have their voting rights reinstated once they have completed their probation/parole. Allan Thoms said since this is a community Board, we should possibly take a stance on this. He would like to get more information on this issue. One question that was asked is what is considered a heinous crime. The Board would like more information on “checking the box” on forms on employment applications. This may be a good project for one of the committees. It was decided to try to have a report by the end of July.

Northern – No meeting since last report.

Client Services – No meeting since last report.

Law Enforcement – Bruce Vander Sanden said it was a very spirited meeting due to Harry Daugherty's retirement announcement. Lonny Pulkrabek wasn't there and was elected to be the representative to the Board since Harry is leaving. Information was shared on HRU and doing educational sessions for the police departments on HRU and how they can be of assistance. This information could be presented at MATS training, which is an annual training for all police departments and they do this jointly.

Cultural Competency – No meeting since last report.

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### OLD BUSINESS –

1. Director Evaluation: Allan Thoms noted that there were some questions about the evaluation process that has stalled moving forward with this. Dwayne Daniels stated they are revamping the evaluation and will continue to work on finalizing this soon. There will be a report and a draft at the next meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS – Other

1. Allan Thoms raised the issue of body cameras due to the latest car chase in the news and that cameras in the car were helpful. He would like to keep this topic on the table. He asked Lonny Pulkrabek his opinion on this. Allan Thoms feels this would help protect our staff.

Lonny Pulkrabek said he is an advocate for body cameras. He stated there are policies already out there that you can adapt and use. He talked about how they use body cameras in Johnson County. He said the big cost is data storage; you need to decide how long you keep the data, where it is kept, who has access to the video and who can request it. If a person is not involved in the case, and not in the residence, they do not have the ability to get the video. He said the cameras in the cars run about: \$4,000 – \$6,000. Body cameras usually run about \$3,000 or less. Janelle Rettig said from a bill payer perspective, if there is an incident, the liability perspective is huge and beneficial. She noted that it would be a significant financial cost though. She feels we'd need to do a study on this and determine if there is a need and what the cost would be.

\*Agenda item for next meeting: body cameras.

2. Janelle Rettig stated there has been a jail alternative program since 2005 in Johnson County. She said in 2011 this program was moved under the Sheriff of Johnson County and Jessica Peckover runs this program. Jessica Peckover has learned as much as she can about mental health, de-escalating, etc. She went to San Antonio, TX to a Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and the Board of Supervisors is all going to the presentation this summer. The community is supportive of this and a new way of de-escalating and treating people, and possibly not arresting as many people. Lonny Pulkrabek said they are trying to take information to the community more. Local training will be the end of next March and there will be observer seats. CIT is 40 hour training. Observers are there usually for one day, and usually the first day. Jessica Peckover said that CIT is a five legged tool. Jessica is working on a condensed version of this training for informational purposes. She will present this at the June Board meeting.

### POLICY REVIEW – n/a

### CONTRACTS – n/a

### OUT OF STATE TRAVEL –

Michelle Reese, 4/12-15/16 to Brooklyn Park, MN for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual MNATSA Conference. All costs are covered by IA Board for Treatment of Sexual Abusers; Michelle received a scholarship to attend this conference. This is a request for work time. (Ratify)

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Bruce Vander Sanden & Greg Fitzpatrick, 5/13-22/16 to Poland for the Polish Probation & Judiciary System Conference; all costs are covered by the Polish delegation except airfare. (Ratify)

Kelly Schultz & Tiffany Miller, 5/3-5/16 to Nashville, TN for the Regional Pretrial Justice Conferences – Pretrial Reform: Challenges and Solutions. Approximate cost for both: \$1158.70 plus gas for company vehicle + work time.

Janelle Rettig moved to approve the out of state travel noted above as presented. Shelby Humbles seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – n/a

**OTHER**

Bruce Vander Sanden talked about Drug Treatment Courts (DTC) and recent discussion around the cost of the program and availability for the courts to still provide resources for the program.

Shelby Humbles made motion to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. Jan Kazimour seconded. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 1:00 p.m. at the Correctional Services Complex, 951 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The presentation will be the DTC.

Submitted by Angela Brubaker, Board Secretary

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