

**OKLAHOMA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING MINUTES**

Location: Eddie Warrior Correctional Center  
400 South Oak  
Taft, Oklahoma

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 – 1:00 p.m.

**1. OPENING AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Logan of the Oklahoma Board of Corrections called the August 11, 2010, meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

The clerk was asked to call roll. Members present at roll call reflected a quorum was present.

David Henneke	Ted Logan	Matthew McBee	Linda Neal
Robert Rainey	Earnest Ware	Gerald Wright	

**2. WELCOME/REMARKS**

Chairman Logan recognized Lelia Davis, Taft City Mayor. Mayor Davis thanked the Board for the invitation to attend the meeting, praised Warden Mullin on his leadership, and offered to host the luncheon next time DOC held their BOC at EWCC.

Chairman Logan recognized State Representative Jerry McPeak. Representative McPeak welcomed the Board to his district. He appreciates the work DOC does and hopes the legislature listens better next year.

Acting Deputy Warden Leon Frost welcomed the Board to the facility. He also thanked Mayor Davis and Representative McPeak for their attendance showing support to their facility. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center opened 1988 and is a minimum security female facility. The current capacity is 783. The majority of the offenders at EWCC are serving time for non-violent drug offenses with an average sentence length of 8 years, and average stay of 394 days. He gave staff accolades for their professionalism and dedication. The chapel where this meeting is currently being held opened in January 2010. It was built by World Mission Builders and a lot of volunteers. Next week they will hold a chapel dedication ceremony.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF JUNE 18, 2010, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Logan sought a motion for approval of the June 18, 2010, Board meeting minutes. Mr. Henneke made the motion with a second by Mr. Rainey. Results of roll call: Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. McBee, yes; Ms. Neal, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; Mr. Ware, yes; and Mr. Wright, yes.

**5. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Director Jones provided the following update/comments:

- Director introduced Dr. Jim Meeks from CareerTech, who runs the CareerTech programs within DOC facilities. He was appreciative of his presence at the meeting.
- Warden Mullin oversees both Eddie Warrior and Jess Dunn Correctional Centers. They, like many other facilities have had a difficult time with the voluntary buyout, RIF's and furloughs. Staffing ratios get very low at large minimum security facilities, but they are running a successful operation under extremely difficult times.
- Furloughs were initiated during the month of July. Facilities did a good job in arranging schedules in order to provide adequate coverage, with the very little issues or problems encountered. Director appreciated Lynn Powell's assistance with Cure to get the message out to families and Senator Johnson and Chairman Logan for having a meeting at the capitol to address family concerns. Legislators received several phone calls regarding visitation being canceled two weekends a month. Visitation was cancelled not to save money but because DOC didn't have the staff to maintain order. After February if DOC continues to take furloughs and get no legislative relief, those furloughs would mean that employees are paying for net offender growth and unfunded mandates.
- Executive Communications is establishing Twitter on the DOC webpage. When DOC has an incident at a facility or if visitation is suddenly cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, etc. those on Twitter will see that information.
- Language was submitted and approved that allowed tobacco use by offenders and staff in designated areas in minimum security facilities. The procedure was effective August 2, 2010. This decision was made because activities and behaviors were being exhibited that is not normally seen at minimum security, i.e. offenders going into debt, violence, etc. When the VOBO's occurred and furloughs became effective DOC didn't have the staff to police it. Talks are ongoing with the Department of Health about support for classes on a stop smoking campaign.
- Lexington Assessment and Reception Center and Joseph Harp Correctional Center combined their food warehouses into the one located at the JHCC facility. The LARC warehouse will be utilized by the agency for various other storage purposes.
- During the month of June, Howard McLeod Correctional Center's garden crew harvested 19,150 pounds of squash, 1,630 pounds of cabbage, 1,260 pounds of greens, and 7,750 pounds of turnips, 22,150 pounds of onions, 165,800 pounds of potatoes, 155 pounds of peppers and 60 pounds of tomatoes. The majority of the produce was given to other facilities and the balance was used in the HMCC kitchen.
- On June 30, 2010, Mabel Bassett Correctional Center began a telemarketing operation employing 16 offenders. BOSS is a private industry which contracted with OCI to operate a Prison Industry Enhancement (PIE) enterprise at the facility. The PIE enterprise is in the former facility print shop.
- Private partnerships continue to grow at OCI in OSR, MBCC, JHCC, and JLCC. These programs currently employ 290 offenders, and will increase to 475 offender employees by the end of the calendar year.
- Both CCA and GEO agreed and signed the annual renewal amendment to continue the reduced per diem of 2010. The agency did not pass on our 3<sup>rd</sup> budget cut to our private collaborators in prison beds or HWH beds.
- Tulsa Community College hosted a second "Second Chance Scholarship Benefit" dinner to raise money for offenders at the Dick Conner Correctional Center. Proceeds from the dinner will go to the scholarship fund.
- Offenders at the Jess Dunn Correctional Center are completing their first college semester of work with the \$25,000 funding donated by Dr. Bill Cosby and Dr. Alvin Poussaint through the Carter Foundation.

- On July 2, 2010, the announcement was made to close Muskogee Community Work Center. As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, all inmates had been transferred or discharged, and fourteen staff that left the district were relocated to other facilities. Renovations have begun to accommodate the NEDCC Probation and Parole Office in Muskogee by the end of August. Closing down the facility was a difficult decision to make. Every employee maintained employment with DOC. He appreciates Teresa McCain and staff who had to receive the news and relocate. It was chosen because of the high per diem rate and lack of funding to be able to expand it to increase the economy of scale; thereby reducing the per diem rate.
- Larry Bryant, PPO III of the Southeast District, was selected for the American Probation and Parole Association's highest recognition, the Scotia Knouff Line Officer of the Year Award, and will be traveling to the 35<sup>th</sup> annual training conference in Washington DC this month to accept the national recognition. He congratulated Officer Bryant and noted this was the second year in a row that Oklahoma has been honored with this recognition.
- District Supervisor C. Wayne Smith retired after 32 years of service with the department.
- On June 3, 2010, DOC submitted an application to US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Second Chance Act Reentry Demonstration Program: Targeting Offenders with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disorders. If funded the grant would support establishment of a program for treatment of offenders with co-occurring disorders at John Lilley Correctional Center. The agency received one demonstration grant for \$750,000, which is for the reentry exit facility at Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center. Oklahoma DOC was recently recognized at two national events. Fifteen demonstration grants were awarded nationally. Normally it takes 20-30 months to become operational. Oklahoma DOC was recognized because we were the only one of the 15 that had offenders in place and even graduated a couple before the others starting operations. They want to come look at our program now.
- On June 29, 2010, Oklahoma DOC submitted an application to US Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) under the COPS FY2010 Child Sexual Predator Program (CSPP). If funded, the grant will support improvements to the Oklahoma Sex and Violent Offender Registry.
- On July 2, 2010, Oklahoma DOC was notified of the award of \$381,845 under Workplace and Community Transition Training for Incarcerated Individuals. The funding will support continuation of qualified incarcerated individuals in post secondary education courses statewide. Interlocal government agreements have been finalized with current providers for delivery of this coursework.
- Joyce Jackson's unit completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Leadership Academy on June 24, 2010, with 25 graduating. It has been successful and there is now a waiting list to get into our academy.
- Paul Kirkpatrick passed away this week. He had recently taken the buyout and will be missed.
- The fugitive unit apprehended 11 fugitives from the DOC fugitive site.
- The Association of State Correctional Administrators Reentry Committee that director chairs recognized DOC for its reentry efforts in Chicago. The Council of State Governments Justice Center had a presentation on the Oklahoma DOC reentry efforts.
- In your packet is a lengthy document from SAMSUM which is a study of our mental health reentry collaboration with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. It is receiving national attention. He's been called from his peers across the country wanting to know how to replicate it.
- Ken Klingler after 27 years and 2 months has decided to retire. His last day is September 30 with his retirement date being around the first of the year. A resolution will be read at the next board meeting to recognize Mr. Klingler.
- Mangum Community Work Center has scheduled a grand opening August 26, 12:00-2:00.

## **6. BUDGET UPDATE**

Chief of Departmental Services Greg Sawyer provided the following budget update.

BOC packets contain the expenditure trending analysis as of the end of June 2010. The agency has a \$2.2M surplus for this fiscal year, which is a difference of \$1.9M compared to May. Since the report has been issued they are continuing to work on closing out accounts to make sure encumbrances are clear so carryover may be less than \$2.2M. DOC is showing a surplus of \$3.3M in payroll. Contract beds are running a deficit of \$1.9M, while Medical is showing a surplus of \$782,380.

Director said that encumbrances and bills are still coming in for FY 2010 and it is doubtful that we'll have \$2M. Whatever the agency has left over will be applied to 2011 deficits. He anticipates that the \$2M will go drastically down to cover bills from 2010.

## **7. POPULATION REPORT**

Chief of Operational Services Ken Klingler provided the Population update as of August 2, 2010. Total System Inmate Population = 25,991; Total Incarcerated Population = 24,963; DOC Facility Population = 18,326; Private Prison Population = 4,729; Total System Population = 53,303; County Jails with Contracts = 513; County Jail Backup = 1,367; Halfway House Population = 1,395; Probation = 23,814; and Parole = 3,498.

Mr. Henneke asked where the yearend FY 2011 projections came from and if we had ever been over 26,000. Mr. Klingler noted they came from the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center and that we were at 26,004 just last week. Director said we have been over 99% in the last 30 days more times than he's seen in our history. At 99% there is almost no movement in the system. Director explained we have back up plans in case of emergency such as utilizing the National Guard Armory or working with county jails that do have bed space. Based on the security level of the offenders we would manipulate level by level so we wouldn't have to sleep anyone on the floor.

Mr. Henneke asked if the lack of programs would hurt DOC since we will be taking them back in instead of having balance suspended upon completion. Director and Deputy Director Holloway have had discussions and are focusing on programming for minimum security offenders that are most likely to be discharged in a shorter amount of time. If they come in and are on medium security they will not get a program. They are going to have to wait till they get to minimum. Some judges are reissuing J&S's. Mr. Holloway and his staff are looking at offenders that need to be moved to the front of the line. If the offender qualifies and the stipulation is on the J&S then it is Mr. Holloway's responsibility to fit that offender into a program. If they are at higher security, those programs no longer exist. Our programming is less than 1% of our total budget. Mr. Henneke expressed his fear that courts will sentence offenders to more time if they aren't in a program; through no fault of DOC but rather the lack of funding. Director has had some recent discussions with judges about evidence based practices. We continue to educate the judiciary about research as it's applicable to sentencing length and treatment. Mr. Henneke indicated some judges in Garfield county are unaware of what programs DOC has and don't have. Any information that can be provided to the courts, judges, and bar would be helpful. Mr. Holloway and the director will have further discussion on how to get information through the court administrator's office to special judges, defense bar, DA's, etc.

In a rhetorical statement Mr. Rainey said that because of offender net growth and unfunded mandates by the legislature, he would consider funding an A&E study of both House and Senate and perhaps utilize space that is used only part of the year as a back up contingency plan to place inmates. Mr. Rainey asked how many A&E studies DOC had through in the last decade. Director said the MGT (\$1M) audit was the

most notable. We were in 100% compliance with those we had control over; even making the IA administrator report to the director. None of the legislative recommendations were successful. There was the \$400,000 A&E study that did not get a committee hearing and was never mentioned again. In the last five years there have been at least 10 interim studies on corrections. Going farther back that # would be compounded a great deal. DOC has two interim studies coming up in September and had a lengthy interim study last summer that Representative Randy Terrill chaired. No report has been generated. Mr. Henneke does not believe anyone reads the studies because they don't do anything about the issues they raise.

## **8. APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN CAPACITY**

- **Mangum Community Work Center**
- **Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center**

Mr. Klingler requested approval to change capacity as follows:

Increase capacity at Mangum CWC by 42, raising the count from 51 to 93 and decrease Kate Barnard by 4, from 164 to 160.

Mr. McBee asked where we got 42 beds at Mangum and asked what the transit detention beds were that were going to be eliminated at Kate Barnard. Reginald Hines advised Mangum moved from the hotel to the National Guard Armory and currently that is what the fire marshal has approved so far as the capacity. Later if future modifications are made, we would be able to modify that count. Director said transit detention beds are for restrictive housing/lock down. They are for offenders going to higher security or misbehaving. Offenders requiring that type of security are now transferred to Hillside. Those 4 beds required an officer to oversee those offenders and staff can be utilized more efficiently elsewhere.

Chairman Logan sought a motion to approve both capacity changes. Mr. McBee made the motion with a second by Mr. Ware. Results of roll call: Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. McBee, yes; Ms. Neal, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; Mr. Ware, yes; and Mr. Wright, yes.

## **9. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

- **Kyrstan Glasco (Daughter of Dyanna L. Price, Admin Tech III, MACC)**

Chairman Logan asked Ms. Kyrstan Glasco to come forward. The Association of State Correctional Administrators has a competition every year for \$1,000 scholarships to correctional employees' children enrolled in college. Ms. Glasco wrote a winning essay competing with over 800 essays. She is a chemistry major and this is the first time anyone in Oklahoma DOC has won. Ms. Glasco conveyed her thanks and that every little bit helps.

Chairman Ware was presented with a plaque for his two year service as chairman. He said it was an honor to serve and commented about the great staff employed by the department.

## **10. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR AGENCY PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AND 2010 AMERICAN PROBATION AND PAROLE ASSOCIATION NATIONAL SCOTIA KNOUFF LINE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

- **Larry J. Bryant, Probation & Parole Officer III, SEDCC**

Reginald Hines asked for approval of the following resolution for the Agency Probation and Parole Officer of the Year and National Scotia Knouff Line Officer of the Year, Larry Bryant. This is the second year Oklahoma has received the national award.

***WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections is privileged to have a group of men and women who are trained professionals and who serve valiantly to ensure supervision and accountability of probation and parole offenders in communities across the state of Oklahoma; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections is fortunate to have nearly 300 probation and parole officers who are dedicated and committed to carrying out the agency's mission in a professional manner; and*

***WHEREAS**, each year one probation and parole officer is selected as the outstanding officer for his or her district; and*

***WHEREAS**, the district officers are interviewed and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections selects an Agency Probation and Parole Officer of the Year who exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism in "Protecting the Public, the Employee, and the Offender"; and*

***WHEREAS**, the American Probation and Parole Association reviews nominations across the United States and Canada for the National Scotia Knouff Line Officer of the Year Award, which is given to a probation, parole or community corrections officer who has performed assigned duties in an outstanding manner and/or made significant contributions to the probation, parole or community corrections profession at the local, regional or national level; and*

***WHEREAS**, the National Scotia Knouff Line Officer of the Year Award is the most competitive and perhaps the most prestigious award presented by the American Probation and Parole Association:*

***BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Oklahoma Board of Corrections does hereby announce and proclaim to all its recognition of **LARRY J. BRYANT**, Probation and Parole Officer III, Southeast District Community Corrections, as the 2009 Agency Probation and Parole Officer of the Year and the 2010 American Probation and Parole Association National Scotia Knouff Line Officer of the Year.*

*ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2010.*

Chairman Logan sought a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Henneke made the motion with a second by Mr. Ware. Results of roll call: Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. McBee, yes; Ms. Neal, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; Mr. Ware, yes; and Mr. Wright, yes.

Larry Bryant addressed the Board. He was very humbled and felt undeserving. The professional demeanor, attitude, open mindedness of Director Jones, Reggie Hines, Dan Reynolds, Kenny Holloway, Michael Dunkle, and Anthony Rowell, set the tone for him to follow. He considers himself blessed. DOC has been good to him and he's glad to have a job.

## **11. PROGRAM UPDATE**

Dr. Melanie Spector, Specialist for Health Education, Research, and Program Development presented info on DOC's health care programming. A handout was provided in the Board packets that shows the collaboration between EWCC and private grant money. Even though the programs are paid for mostly by

private grant dollars, Dr. Spector's team could not do the programs without the support of managers at Eddie Warrior. HIV / STD Peer Education has been in existence for 18 years. As a result of that program they have the lowest rate of HIV in the country in incarcerated women. Early Childhood Development is a two hour college credit course provided by Tulsa Community College professors and funded by the George Kaiser Family Foundation. It teaches women how to stay connected with their children while they are incarcerated. Helping Woman Recover is a gender specific four month certified alcohol and drug treatment program. It is also funded by the George Kaiser Family Foundation. Licensed therapists conduct individual and group therapy with a supportive and caring environment. Women are responsible for demonstrating pro-social change. We are hopeful this program will make a difference in the lives of the woman and their families. Woman to Woman is an interdisciplinary comprehensive health education program designed to innovate, educate and advocate excellent health for women. The program is funded by the Office of Women's Health, US Public Health Service, Department of Woman's Health. DOC is collaborating with the Department of Health and Human Services to facilitate a program called Living Longer Living Stronger. The curriculum is evidenced based practice and licensed from Stanford University. The program has been underway at EWCC for two months and has graduated 66. Other grants are used to purchase psychology and sociology textbooks and children's books for the Mother's Touch program. The textbooks are provided by Radcliff University and the children's books are funded by the George Kaiser Family Foundation.

Mr. Henneke thanked Dr. Spector for seeking private funds and donations. Money is tight and she has done an excellent job.

## **12. FEMALE OFFENDER UPDATE**

Dr. Laura Pitman, Deputy Director of Female Operations, provided the following update.

The Oklahoma Women's Coalition Advocacy Day at the Capitol was held March 2. Coalition members visited with House and Senate members in support of House Bill 2998 authored by Representative Kris Steel that allows the department to create diversion and reentry programs to reduce the high rate of female incarceration. House Bill 2998 was signed by the Governor this legislative session.

The Oklahoma Solutions Initiative Summit, co-sponsored by the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, the Oklahoma Women's Coalition and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections was held April 30 in Oklahoma City. In advance of the meeting a Blue Ribbon Panel, composed of faith-based organizations, community service providers, state universities, state agency representatives, private foundations, courts, adult and juvenile corrections, prosecution/defense attorneys, etc., reviewed strategies and recommendations developed by previous stakeholders with regard to decreasing the incarceration of women in Oklahoma.

The Blue Ribbon Evaluation Committee identified additional strategies and distilled all the strategies into broad public agenda goal statements in the areas of (1) Prevention, (2) Intervention and Diversion, and (3) Recidivism and Reentry. This public agenda action plan was then presented and unanimously adopted by those attending the April 30 Oklahoma Solutions Initiative Summit on the Incarceration of Women. What was unique about the Summit was the recognition and focus on prevention. We've done a lot of work in terms of reentry and diversion. But what we haven't focused on is the long term answer which is prevention.

A follow-up meeting with key summit participants has been scheduled for August 25, 2010. The purpose of this meeting will be to build and sustain upon the efforts of the summit as we approach the next legislative session.

As an outcome of the Complex Dialogues Summit held at Oklahoma Christian University in January 2010, and at the request of Sue Tate, Court Improvement Process and Judicial Education Coordinator, Dr. Pitman has presented information on female offenders at three of the Summer 2010 Judicial Regional Workshops entitled, "Children Are Why We Are Here." To date, the workshops have been held in Enid, Ada, and Tulsa. Remaining workshops will be held in Oklahoma City and Quartz Mountain. In that venue she is talking to individuals working with child placement, working with children from families often who have incarcerated parents and what can the courts do to facilitate recovery and healing and wellness within those families. Less than 7% of children with incarcerated parents go to the DHS custody. Sue Tate in advance of her presentation gave a presentation from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services on adverse childhood experiences study out of California. It looks at long term consequences of childhood trauma. In addition to that her presentation is tied into the OK DHS process. Their new model is working with the children and families of children who are engaged in services with DHS. All that leads into her presentation of incarcerated women which begins with the history of those women and things they experience in childhood which often sets them on the pathway to incarceration.

As an outcome of these educational sessions, Dr. Pitman has also been requested to speak to Oklahoma Defense Attorneys as a part of the Oklahoma Bar Association annual conference in November. What they are most interested in is opportunities for treatment.

Subsequent to a meeting with the United Way, Inasmuch Foundation and the George Kaiser Family Foundation met August 10 to establish a working group to address the rate of female offender incarceration in Oklahoma County. Groups represented included United Way, YWCA, Northcare, Inasmuch Foundation, Variety Care Family Health Care Organization, Sunbeam Family Services, The Education and Employment Ministry, Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries and Karen Vinyard Waddell & Associates. The group agreed they want to move forward to address the issue of incarceration of women in Oklahoma County. They identified additional stakeholders they want at the table and plan to meet twice per month to move forward on this issue. The initial goal is to develop a plan for intervention, identify and recruit existing resource/service providers and seek private funding once a plan has been developed.

In February, at the agency's request, the National Institute of Corrections provided training to 41 staff members representing a cross section of disciplines from all female facilities. The training, entitled, "Operational Practices in the Management of Women's Prisons" addressed gender-responsive key principles, standards, and practices with an understanding of cultural implications.

The Helping Women Recover program offered at EWCC successfully completed the Evidence-Based Correctional Program Checklist evaluation process. As a result, offenders completing this program will be awarded 70 achievement credits. The program was created by Dr. Stephanie Covington, a nationally recognized expert in developing innovative, gender-responsive, and trauma-informed approaches to the treatment needs of women and girls. Based on discussions with Dr. Covington, this is the first gender-specific program nationally to go through the evidence-based evaluation process. The Mabel Bassett Helping Women Recover program is scheduled to undergo evaluation later this year. The program in Oklahoma at EWCC is the first program of Helping Women Recover to go through that correctional program check list evaluation.

In June, BOSS, Inc., (Back Office Support Systems) began a private sector contract operation with OCI at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center with 16 female offender workers. BOSS is a business to business telemarketer marketing long distance (toll) packages. Today they are working 45 female offenders with plans to increase to 150 by December, 2011. BOSS has expressed an interest in implementing a second ½ shift to address the west coast time zone. This would add approximately 24 offenders to the payroll at

MBCC. To date, BOSS executives are very pleased with the results these operations have generated for their company. The female offenders although they been employed a shorter length of time, are outperforming the male offenders at OSR.

July 1 marked the start-up of the Women Reentry Support Service Program, provided by Resonance Center for Women, which includes six months pre and post release case management services with an emphasis on job development and employment placement for female offenders released to Tulsa and the surrounding area. We submitted what she believes to be a very strong application for the Second Chance Act Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Demonstration Project Competitive Grant was submitted and a grant has been awarded to fund the program. If awarded, the grant will provide \$250,000 in funding with a match of \$250,000 provided by the George Kaiser Family Foundation.

Ms. Neal was very impressed and asked Dr. Pitman the date of her speaking engagement at Quartz Mountain.

Mr. Henneke asked what the Resonance Center was and what our chances were of obtaining the \$250,000 grant. Dr. Pitman responded that it's been around for over 20 years. It is a non-profit group and focuses on working with women coming out of the criminal justice system in the Tulsa area. Dr. Pitman felt that we have a strong application because of the matching dollars from the Kaiser Foundation plus the number of stakeholders that have written letters of support.

Chairman Logan asked if our incarceration rate has gone down any. Dr. Pitman explained they are working on their next annual report and at that time they will ask the Evaluation and Analysis Unit to look at the surrounding state rates. Her guess is Oklahoma is still #1.

### **13. APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES**

- **P-050100, Emergency Plans for the ODOC**
- **P-160100, Purpose and Function of Probation and Parole**

Director Jones advised the above listed Board policies were up for annual review due to American Correctional Association Accreditation requirements. These policies were reviewed during a conference call with the Board's Executive Committee and recommended the following changes. Names were changed to reflect the new chair and vice chair. The word "and" was added at the end of section F on P-050100. "Risk factors" was added after criminogenic on the second page of P-160100.

Chairman Logan sought a motion to approve P-050100 and P-160100. Mr. Henneke made the motion with a second by Ms. Neal. Results of roll call: Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. McBee, yes; Ms. Neal, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; Mr. Ware, yes; and Mr. Wright, yes.

### **14. EVIDENCED BASED CRIMINAL JUSTICE PRESENTATION**

Mr. Wright reviewed the following PowerPoint presentation, noting that it was a work in progress. It is meant to be used at civic clubs such as Rotary, Lions, etc. to inform citizens of DOC's problems. The Board was encouraged to offer suggestions to improve the presentation. The presentation identifies where we are, how we got there, possible alternatives and what citizens can do to help us out.



## Putting Oklahoma's Prison Policies in Context

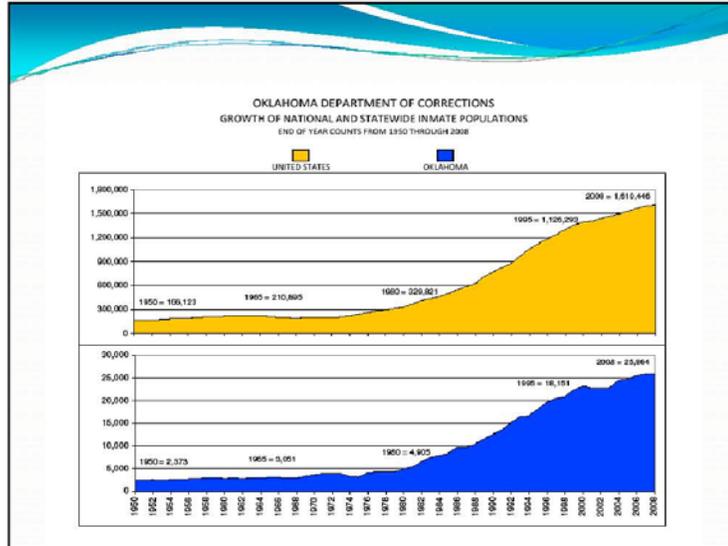


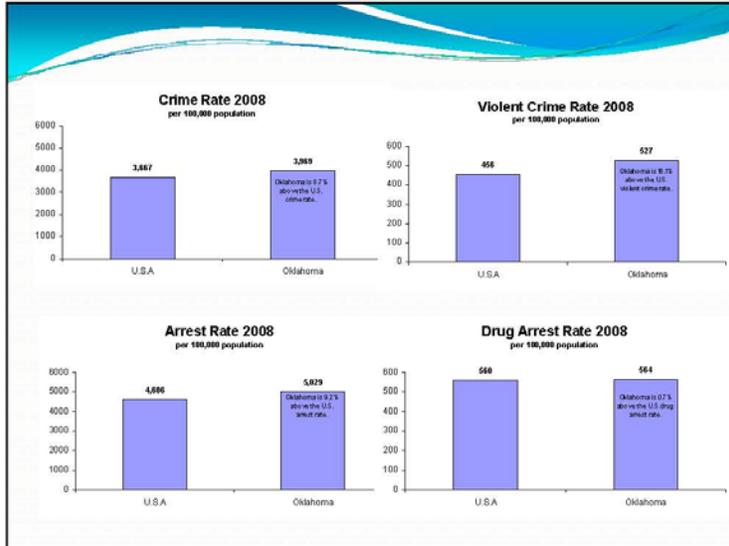
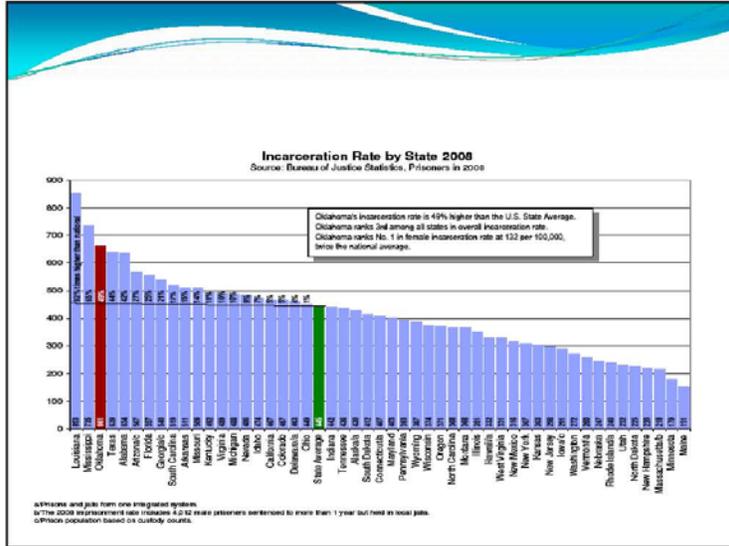
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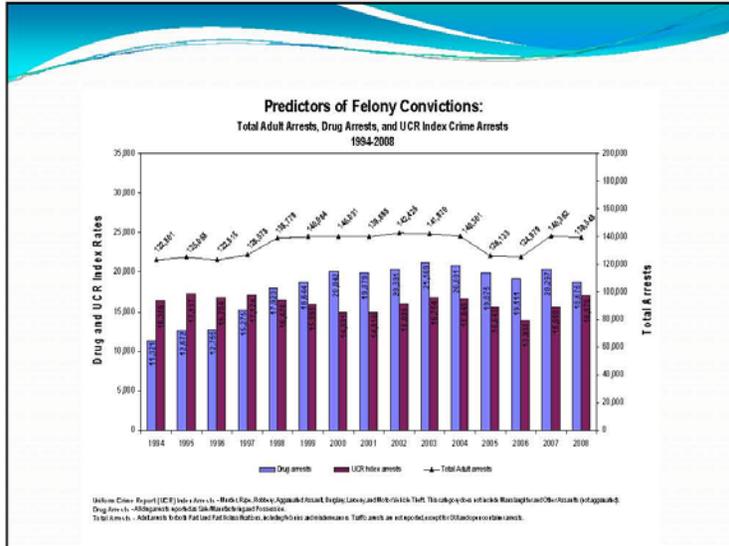
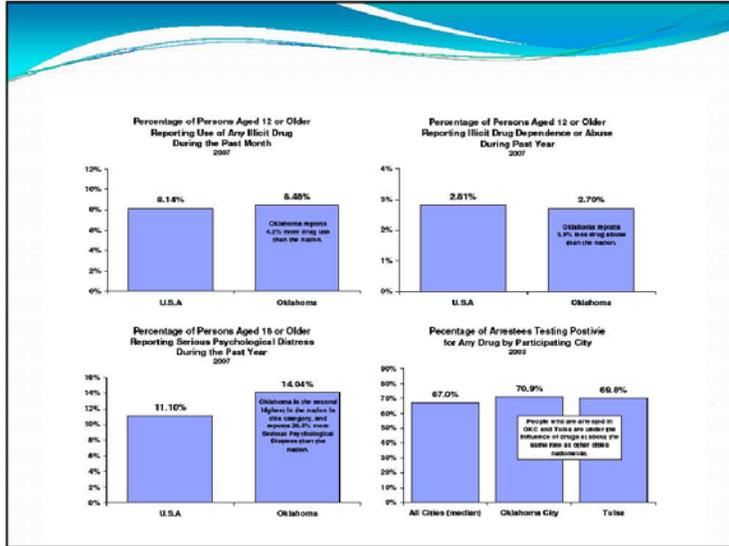
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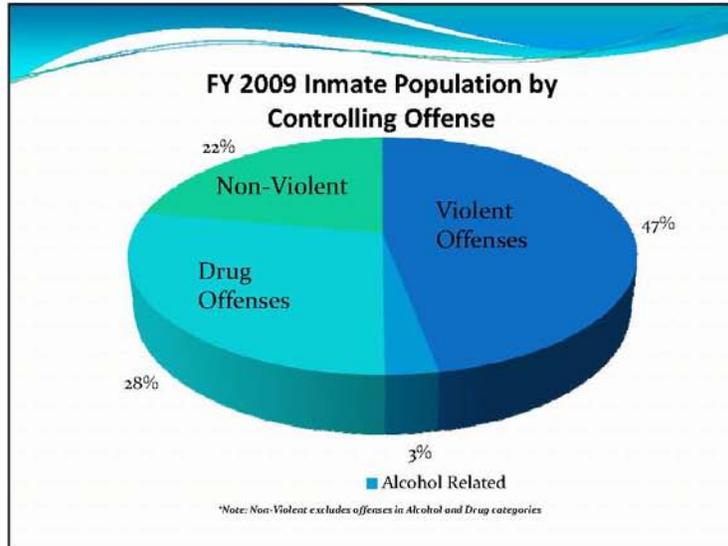
## Crime and Incarceration Rates

- Oklahoma's incarceration rate is much higher than the national average and than most of those states.
- Crime rates in Oklahoma are virtually the same as the national average and as those of other states adjacent or similar in size.

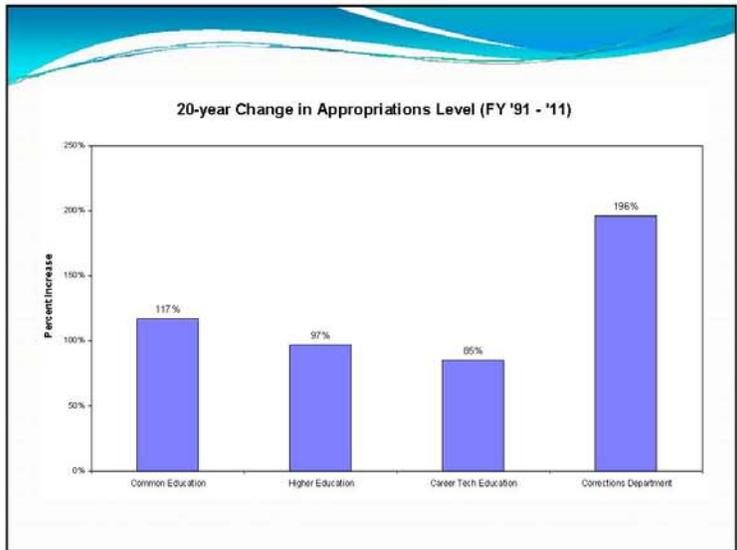
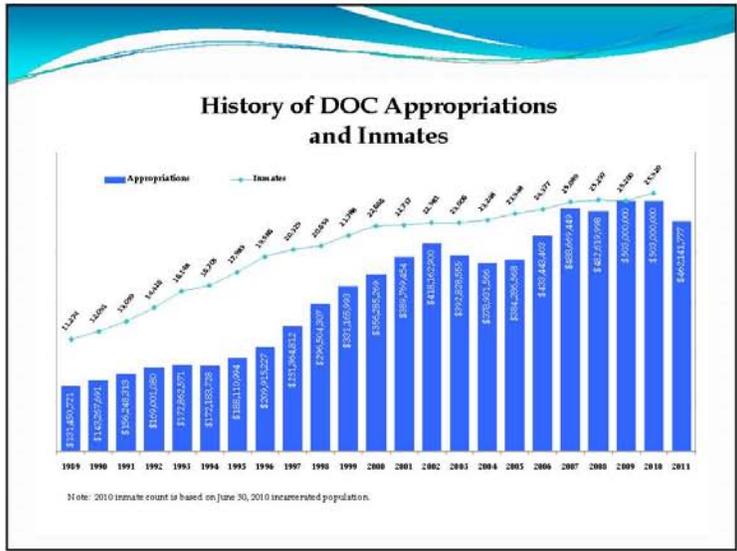








## Incarceration Costs



### Costs of Incarceration\*

Maximum Security	\$23,488	per year
Medium Security	\$16,399	per year
Minimum Security	\$16,297	per year
Community Corrections	\$17,516	per year
Community Work Centers	\$13,848	per year

\* amounts based upon Board adopted FY2009 actual daily rates

### Alternatives and Their Effectiveness

- California Drug and Alcohol Treatment Assessment—150,000 addicts studied in 1994. Treatment reduced illegal drug use 40%, drug-related illnesses (measured by hospitalization rates) 33%, and overall criminal activity 67%.
- Conclusion: More time spent in treatment, more reduction in criminal activity.

**2006 Washington State Institute for Public Policy study:**

- In-prison drug treatment yielded **\$1.91-\$2.69** in benefits for every dollar spent.
- Therapeutic community yielded **\$8.87**.
- Community-based substance abuse treatment yielded **\$3.30**.
- Treatment-oriented intensive supervision yielded **\$2.45**.

Early RAND Corporation study found **\$7.50** in reduced crime and regained productivity for every dollar spent on drug treatment.

- No Longer Need “One Size Fits All” Analysis
- Risk/Need Assessment Allows Tailoring of Best Treatment and Most Effective Sentences
  - Assessment tools allow DOC to identify offender treatment needs and risks for reoffending.
  - Through assessment, we can categorize offenders by low, moderate, and high risk/need.
  - Some offenders may be higher or lower in risk than need.

- Low risk/need inmates’ recidivism rates after release essentially the same regardless of sentence length or time served
- Moderate risk/need inmates’ recidivism rates after release increased with longer sentences and time served
- Lowest recidivism rates for high risk/need releasees—“prison only” sentences
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- No major difference in recidivism rates for the other sentence types for the releasees

## Pathways to Incarceration for Women Offenders



## Female Offender Needs on Entry and Re-Entry

- **Transitional Income**
- **Employment**
- **Safe and Affordable Housing**
- **Childcare**
- **Transportation**
- **Medical Care**
- **Mental Health Care**
- **Substance Abuse Treatment**
- **Community Support**

## Possible Policy Options

### **TRADITIONAL SOLUTIONS PROPOSED FOR PRISON OVERCROWDING**

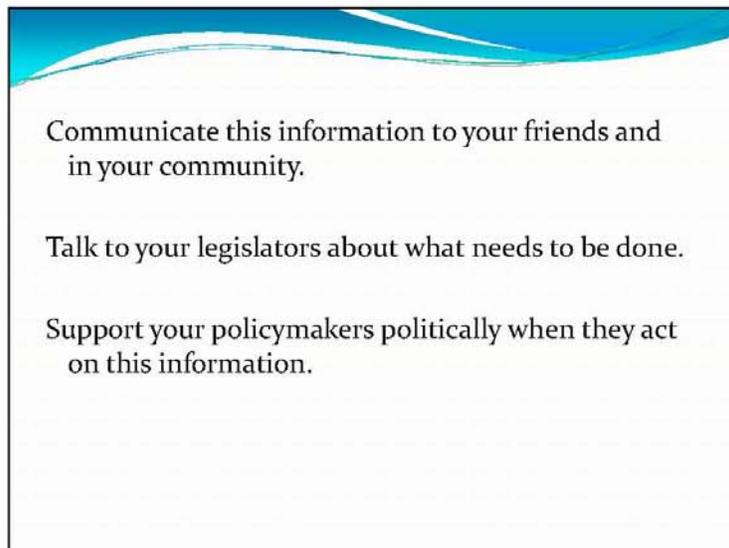
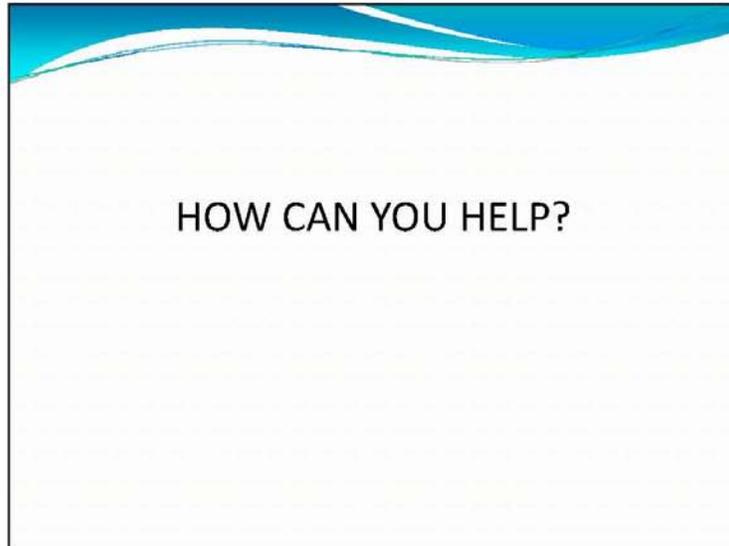
- Reduce “85%” crimes to lower percentages of time served
- Reduce number of crimes eligible for Life Without Parole
- Remove Governor from parole decision-making
- Expand treatment options as done in Kansas and Texas
- Reduce penalties for drug laws as done with Rockefeller Laws in New York
- Require thorough fiscal impact statements based on evidence-based practice

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OKLAHOMA ACADEMY**

- Creation of “legislature-sanctioned workgroup” to reproduce updated HB 1213 (1996)
- Reduction of state female incarceration rate below national average within 10 years
- Increase of raising, spending, and allocating state funds for corrections spending
- Reduction of inmate populations with substance abuse and/or mental health issues

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LEGISLATIVE-MANDATED MGT AUDIT (2007)**

- Improvement of prison population forecasting models and their use in corrections policymaking
- Placement of caps on prison sentences for revoked drug court sanctions
- Requirement of at least one prior felony conviction before participating in drug court
- Removal of Governor from parole process except for “heinous cases”
- Planning and prioritization of DOC long-term capital repairs



Ms. Neal suggested the slide on recidivism rates be reworded/revisited. Mr. Henneke suggested we add a slide identifying specific recommendations and tell the citizens to talk to their legislator about them. Board members are to contact Mr. Wright if they have any other suggestions.

**15. NEW BUSINESS (“ANY MATTER NOT KNOWN ABOUT OR WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN REASONABLY FORSEEN PRIOR TO THE TIME OF POSTING.” 25 O.S. § 311)**

None

**16. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director announced the dedication of the chapel at EWCC will be held August 18.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Logan sought a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rainey made the motion with a second by Mr. Ware. Results of roll call: Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. McBee, yes; Ms. Neal, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; Mr. Ware, yes; and Mr. Wright, yes.

Meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.

I hereby certify that these minutes were duly approved by the Board on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010, in which a quorum was present and voting.

Approved by:

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Secretary of the Board

Date: September 15, 2010

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes Clerk