

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING

Oklahoma Department of Corrections
3400 N Martin Luther King Ave
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

1. Opening and Roll Call

Linda Neal, Chair

Chair Neal called the regular meeting of the Oklahoma Board of Corrections (BOC) to order at 1:00 p.m. at Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) on Thursday, March 28, 2013. Chair Neal asked the clerk to call the roll:

Steve Burrage, Member	Present	Michael Roach, Member	Present
Kevin Gross, Secretary	Present	Hastings Siegfried, Member	Absent
Gene Haynes, Member	Present	Earnest Ware, Vice Chair	Present
Linda Neal, Chair	Present		

A quorum was present and the meeting continued. Chair Neal thanked all the guests present and introduced Mr. Haynes as the new BOC member. She also mentioned the appointment of Mr. Siegfried, although absent from the meeting, and welcomed them both to the BOC.

2. Old Business

Linda Neal, Chair

Chair Neal opened the floor for old business. No comments were noted and the item was closed.

3. Approval of February 28, 2013, Board Meeting Minutes

Linda Neal, Chair

Chair Neal opened the floor for approval of the minutes from the February 28, 2013, meeting of the Oklahoma Board of Corrections. No comments or questions were raised by the Board regarding the minutes.

Motion: Mr. Ware made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Roach seconded the motion. The results of the roll call were: Mr. Burrage – yes; Mr. Gross – yes; Mr. Haynes – abstain; Ms. Neal – yes; Mr. Roach – yes; Mr. Siegfried – absent; Mr. Ware – yes.

The meeting minutes were approved; no other comments or questions were made and the item was closed.

4. Director's Comments

Justin Jones, Director

Chair Neal opened the floor to Director Jones for his comments.

- During the month of February, four (4) new programs began for the Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center offender population: Living Longer, Living Stronger; Victims Impact; HIV/AIDS; and Inside-Out.
- The Mexican Consulate visited the Hispanic population at Joseph Harp Correctional Center, which currently has 91 Mexican National offenders.
- The Oklahoma Correctional Industries Metal Fabrication Operation at Dick Conner Correctional Center (DCCC) recently completed a contract with Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant on the installation of a custom-designed lecture hall.
- The new work at Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP) continues with the architect and engineer working on drawings of the new administration building. The bid on the security fencing is complete and deliveries are being received. The stun fence review is complete with the electrical consultants.
- DCCC doors and locks replacement contract is beginning site deployment. The facility has submitted purchase orders for bed space conversion to allow for movement out of the work sites then back in as work progresses.
- The Office of Women's Health, through John Snow International, awarded \$10,000 for the Helping Women Recover re-entry program housed at Resonance Tulsa.
- ODOC Education Unit, Lakeside School, based at Oklahoma State Reformatory (OSR), underwent an annual accreditation audit with no deficiencies.

- Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (MBCC) had 53 participants in the Faith and Character Community Program, all in the character track. OSR had 105 participants; 52 in the faith track and 53 in the character track. DCCC had 57 participants; 26 in the faith track and 31 in the character track.
- On Sunday, February 24, 2013, ODOC registered the inaugural class at Redlands. On Monday, February 25, 2013, a class of 22 cadets was primed for initial instructions and expectations.
- Dr. Don Suttmiller met with an orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Greisman, at Lindsay Municipal Hospital (LMH). LMH has recently been without an orthopedic surgeon. An agreement was reached for Dr. Greisman to provide orthopedic care at LMH for ODOC offenders beginning on March 5, 2013. The orthopedic clinic at LMH has greatly improved access and quality of orthopedic care for ODOC offenders.
- The Southeast District Community Corrections reconstruction project is making progress. The Idabel Community Work Center, which will also house the Idabel Probation and Parole Office, will be able to move in sometime in late spring/early summer. The architects met on February 7, 2013, and made some changes to the blueprints. The vendor has to complete sprinkler overlay.
- Lawton Community Corrections Center successfully completed their American Correctional Association audit with scores of 100% on both mandatory and non-mandatory standards on March 12-13, 2013. This is their fourth consecutive audit receiving 100% on both standards.
- One (1) offender from Mangum Community Work Center and his supervisor rescued an elderly man from his burning house in Mangum.
- On February 8, 2013, a meeting was held to coordinate planning of the Chapel Creation Coalitions' construction project at MBCC. This will be the fifth new chapel built at ODOC facilities without the expenditure of state funds
- On February 11, 2013, the Oklahoma Breast Center mammogram bus provided mammograms for approximately forty (40) offenders at MBCC. It also served approximately forty (40) offenders at Eddie Warrior Correctional Center on February 14, 2013.
- Director Jones and Deputy Director Laura Pitman attended an event at the Governor's Mansion for Stand in the Gap Ministries on February 13, 2013. Stand in the Gap is a non-profit organization who will be expanding into Oklahoma City to work with small groups within a church to assist an individual in need e.g. a youth who will or has "aged out" of the foster care system, a widow, a person just released from prison or someone recovering from addiction.
- On February 15, 2013, Jeannie McDaniel, Assistant Minority Floor Leader, State House of Representatives, District 78, and former representative Ryan Kiesel, Executive Director of ACLU Oklahoma, met with Warden Rickey Moham to tour MBCC medical and mental health units.
- Interviews were conducted over the last month for probation and parole officer of the year, correctional officer supervisor of the year, and correctional officer of the year. They will be recognized on the House and Senate floors on May 8, 2013, which will be preceded by a lunch. ODOC staff will be sending out invites to their families and the BOC to attend both events.
- "Invisible Eve" is a project by world-renowned photographer Yousef Khanfar and will be exhibited starting May 30, 2013, at the Oklahoma Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Additional information can be found at www.invisibleeve.com.
- Several ODOC staff attended a standing-room-only premier of the *Dogs of Lexington* documentary at the Oklahoma City Art Center.
- ODOC Citizens Leadership Academy started a new six-week class on March 7.
- ODOC held a Black History Program with emphasis on Oklahoma Black Townships and several guest speakers from them including their mayors and historians.
- ODOC had its first execution of the year on March 12, 2013. This was Warden Anita Trammel's first execution as warden at OSP.
- ReMerge Graduation was held on March 25, 2013. Director expressed his gratitude to Deputy Director Pitman and the many staff involved in the project. After the graduates crossed the stage, receiving their completion certificates, they were met by Oklahoma County District Attorney (DA) David Prater, who presented them with

documentation dismissing all charges, costs and fees. Director Jones extended his thanks to DA Prater for his part in the graduation ceremonies.

- Offender Willis Nixon was found hanging in his cell at OSP on March 15. There is currently an investigation ongoing into the suicide and the results will be reported at the BOC meeting in April 2013.
- Director thanked the ODOC Honor Guard for attending the memorial service of Director Tom Clements, Colorado Department of Corrections, who was killed at his home on March 19. Director recognized Director Clements for his work in corrections and stated over the last twenty-five years, Director Clements had been a very good friend to him.

Chair Neal then opened the floor for questions or comments. No comments or questions were raised and the item was closed.

5. Program Update

- *"The Dogs of Lexington"* documentary

John Otto, Jr., Ph.D.
Veterinarian Volunteer

Lee Fairchild, Correctional Case Manager
Friends for Folks Program Coordinator
Lexington Assessment & Reception Center

Chair Neal stated the BOC and the audience would view a portion of the documentary, *The Dogs of Lexington*, which is about the Friends for Folks program at Lexington Assessment and Reception Center (LARC). After the video, Chair Neal stated she had visited the facility and viewed the program in action, which she believed to be an impressive program. Chair Neal then opened the floor to Dr. Otto.

Dr. Otto agreed with Chair Neal's perception of the program, stating it was the reason he had been volunteering with the program for seventeen years. Dr. Otto stated he wanted the documentary to show people what the program gives to the offenders, the animals and also to the citizens that receive the animals as pets. He stated the program is a win-win-win situation: the animals are removed from shelters and sanctuaries; the offenders now have purpose, gain self-esteem and receive unconditional love from the dogs; and finally, the animals are placed in homes or retirement centers as companions. Dr. Otto named various ways the animals are beneficial to those who receive them, such as a calming influence on children with special needs or a companion for the elderly who may be living alone.

Dr. Otto noted the power of the program could be seen in the friendship which developed between his father, a career law-enforcement professional and convicted murderer Marvin Perry, to whom the film was dedicated and who was one of the participants in the program. Dr. Otto stated after the work Mr. Perry did with the dogs while incarcerated and participating in the program, he submitted a letter of recommendation for parole to the governor, which was later approved. Once released on parole, Mr. Perry became a friend of the family, often spending time with Dr. Otto's father while at the family's home.

Dr. Otto stated the power of change evident in the offenders after they participate in the program is another reason he wanted to make the documentary. He expressed gratitude to Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) and Director Greg Mellott for the filming and editing of the movie. He also thanked the Kirkpatrick Foundation for helping finance the project. Dr. Otto stated he hopes to take the program to Mabel Bassett Correctional Center in the future.

Dr. Otto stated the next screening for the documentation will be at OCCC on Friday, April 12, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend and view the documentary in its entirety. Director Jones then noted the documentary continues to tell the story of Mr. Perry's daughter and the effect the program had on her relationship with her father. Director Jones and Dr. Otto then opened the floor to Mr. Fairchild, coordinator for the program at LARC. Mr. Fairchild said he had been coordinator of the program since 2007 and could see changes in the offenders who participate in the program. He stated one offender who was very withdrawn and quiet, after participation in the program, discharged from incarceration. The offender's training with the program and the dogs gave him the skills necessary to interview for jobs after his release by increasing his self-esteem and ability to communicate with others.

Mr. Gross queried the number of animals currently in the program at any one time. Mr. Fairchild stated there are normally 10-12 dogs enrolled in the program at any given time with 10-12 offenders also participating. He stated there are approximately 75 dogs a year rescued through the program. Director then queried Dr. Otto and Mr. Fairchild about the size of the program at MBCC. Dr. Otto stated it would begin small, with only four (4) offenders beginning the program. Once the initial four offenders have been successfully trained, they will then train other offenders who later enroll in the program. With the blueprints from the LARC program area and the funding available, the project at MBCC will soon be initiated. Mr. Roach asked for clarification on receipt of the funding, to which Dr. Otto replied an anonymous

donation was made in the name of a friend's deceased wife to initiate a dog program at MBCC. She had enjoyed working with women in trouble and the friend believed she would have liked the program.

Ms. Neal queried about the High Intensity Training (HIT) program. Dr. Otto stated civilians may contact the facility to train their problem dog for approximately thirty days and the offenders, through the training, send a more amenable dog back to its owner. No further comments or questions were made and the item was closed.

6. Budget Report

**Greg Sawyer, Chief
Departmental Services**

Chair Neal opened the floor to Mr. Sawyer for the ODOC Budget Report as of February 28, 2013. Mr. Sawyer provided the following information:

- Expenditure Summary – Based on eight months of expenditure data, a deficit of \$13.4 million exists for fiscal year 2013. This deficit is \$1.3 million larger than the deficit reported the previous month. The report does not take into account changes in staffing or offender population that may occur through the course of the fiscal year.
- Payroll – The overall funded payroll is 68.9%; this totals 4,059.1 out of 5,894.6 authorized FTE. At the end of February, 3,935.3 positions were filled for a rate of 66.8% with 123.9 FTE under the funded rate. A surplus of \$2.2 million currently exists.
- Contract Beds – Expenditure trends are based on current offender levels as of the end of February. A \$9.4 million deficit exists at this time. Any offender growth during the course of the fiscal year that would require additional contract bed space will increase this deficit.
- Medical and Mental Health Services – Medical and mental health expenditure trends for February reflect a deficit of \$6.2 million exists should current expenditure trends continue.

Mr. Burrage was called away from the meeting before Mr. Sawyer opened the floor for questions or comments. On Mr. Burrage's behalf, Director Jones noted the Budget Committee met on this date to discuss the report prior to presentation. No further questions or comments were noted and the item was closed.

7. Population Report

**Laura Pitman, Ph.D., Deputy Director
Institutions, Division I**

Chair Neal opened the floor to Dr. Pitman for the ODOC Population Update as of February 28, 2013. As Mr. Burrage returned to the meeting, Dr. Pitman provided the following information:

Total System Offender Population = 26,272	EMP = 13
DOC Facilities = 17, 967	PPCS = 1
Private Prisons = 5,105	Probation Supervision = 20,941
County Jails with Contracts = 638	Parole Supervision Offenders = 2,992
Halfway Houses = 1,176	Total System Population = 50,205
Out Count (jails, hospitals, etc.) = 710	County Jail Backup = 1,799
GPS = 662	

Dr. Pitman stated the total system offender population increased by 664 offenders since last month's report with the majority going to private prison and county jail contract beds. No further questions or comments were made and the item was closed.

8. Legislative Update

Neville Massie, Executive Assistant

Chair Neal opened the floor to Ms. Massie for an update on legislative issues. Ms. Massie stated after the March 14, 2013, deadline for hearing bills in the house of origin, 180 bills fell by the wayside leaving approximately 800 bills moving forward in the session. She provided an update on the agency's initiatives:

- HB 1069, relating to substance abuse treatment and requirements, received a "do pass" in Senate Public Safety on March 21 and has a second dual assignment to Senate Appropriations, as well.
- SB 162, relating to badge and clothing allowance, passed in House Public Safety on March 27, 2013.

Ms. Massie then highlighted some of the other bills ODOC is monitoring which will affect the agency. She stated there are several retirement bills which will affect new hires, but will not affect current employees.

- HB 1325 changes the calculation of the final average compensation to your highest five of the last ten years for new hires after July 1, 2013. Currently, an employee's retirement is based on the highest three of the last ten years and this is an effort to expand the number of years.
- HB 1328, the DA's request bill, will authorize a \$48 monthly fee to the DAs in addition to any other supervision fees they may be paying to ODOC. It has been amended to state the fee can only be assessed for two years, whereas previously it had been assessed for the entire probationary sentence.
- HB 1464, relating to OMES purchasing director's authority, was heard in committee yesterday and was amended to add new language which will be helpful to ODOC. The state purchasing director has been working with ODOC's purchasing unit to allow ODOC to do large-item spot buys of food items and he has indicated the cost savings for two purchases was approximately \$21,000. OMES forecasts ODOC could save as much as \$50,000-\$80,000 annually if legislation passes as amended. It will now go to Senate Appropriations for review.
- HB 1717 and HB 1794, authorizing \$1,000 one-time payment to employees, both passed the House and have been assigned to Senate Appropriations. HB 1717 requires each agency pay half of the one-time payment which would be a hit to the agency. HB 1794 does not have any specific direction as to how it would be funded.
- HB 2042 recreates the reentry policy council to oversee the Justice Reinvestment Initiative implementation. It amends the membership requirements and gives oversight of criminal justice reforms.
- HB 2077, directing OPERS to offer an optional defined contribution plan for new hires after July 1, 2014, is moving in the direction from defined-benefit plans to defined-contributions. Again, this change will not affect current employees.

Ms. Massie stated the next deadline is April 4, 2013, for single-assigned House bills to be heard in the Senate committees and then April 11, 2013, for dually-assigned House bills to be heard in the second Senate committee. April 11, 2013, is also the House deadline for Senate bills. After these deadlines, it will be April 25, 2013, for final passage for bills from the opposite house and then the end of the session will focus on appropriations and conference committee work.

The two (2) income tax bills have each passed; the House version reduces the top tax rate from 5.25% to 5% with an effective date of January 2014 and the Senate version reduces the tax from 5.25% to 4.75% with an effective date of January 2015. The Senate version has some limitations on credits and exemptions; even though it takes some deeper cuts, it takes less from general revenue. The two bills have to be reconciled and decision made which bill will carry. The Chamber of Commerce has come out in support of the House version, but it remains to be seen until decisions are made.

No further comments or questions were made and the item closed.

9. Approval of Board Policy

Justin Jones, Director

- P-010700, Oklahoma Department of Corrections Victim Justice Advisory Council

Chair Neal opened the floor to Director Jones for discussion on P-010700. Director Jones stated this policy is under annual review and noted the only changes to the policy is the addition of Section III.B.3, Victim Notification and Information, the renumbering of the items Section III.B.4 through 7 and finally, the signatures of the current chair and vice-chair.

Motion: Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the policy. Mr. Roach seconded the motion. The results of the roll call were: Mr. Burrage – yes; Mr. Gross – yes; Mr. Haynes – yes; Ms. Neal – yes; Mr. Roach – yes; Mr. Siegfried – absent; Mr. Ware – yes.

No other comments were made and the item was closed.

10. Approval of Resolution

**Leo Brown, Coordinator
Religious and Volunteer Services**

- National Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 21-27, 2013)

Chair Neal opened the floor to Mr. Brown for approval of the resolution for National Volunteer Appreciation Week. Mr. Brown stated it was an honor to speak with the BOC and recognize the volunteers in conjunction with National Volunteer Appreciation Week. Mr. Brown stated ODOC is committed to a positive partnership between the agency and its volunteers. This partnership is an essential part of achieving the department's mission. The contributions of the agency volunteers have a significant impact in many areas of the agency, especially in the areas of rehabilitation. National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Every president since 1974 has signed a proclamation promoting National

Volunteer Appreciation Week. National Volunteer Week is a time set aside to show appreciation for volunteers across the country and to call the public's attention to all they do to improve our communities.

Mr. Brown stated while ODOC considers volunteer recognition a year-round event, many of the facilities schedule events around National Volunteer Week to honor their volunteers. This year, April 21-27, 2013, has been designated as National Volunteer Week.

Mr. Brown stated that volunteerism is vital to ODOC and is even exemplified by the members of the Board of Corrections. ODOC currently has over 3,500 active volunteers within the agency. Last year, volunteers donated in excess of 110,000 hours of service. Mr. Brown stated the monetary value of their services, using figures provided from Independent Sector, a well-recognized leadership forum for charities, foundations, and corporations, would be worth more than \$1.9 million. However, the monetary value of their contributions only begins to tell the story.

The largest category of volunteers is those providing religious services. Whether they drive hundreds of miles to lead a worship service or pick up offenders at a community corrections center and take them to their religious meetings, volunteers are filling an important need. Many success stories of offenders have traced their transformation to a faith decision made while incarcerated. Obviously, preaching and religious teaching is something that cannot be provided by staff and therefore must be provided by our volunteers, which they do in amazing ways.

According to Mr. Brown, an increasing number of our volunteers are providing faith-based programs which address criminogenic needs from a faith perspective, such as substance abuse, anger management, and family relationships. Programs, such as AA and NA, and have hundreds of volunteers that help offenders deal with addictive behaviors. Other programs like New Life Behavior, Character First, and I Can address thinking and behavioral patterns that need to be changed for the offender to be successful. The Oklahoma Marriage Initiative, Girl Scouts Beyond Bars, Long Distance Dads, the Messages Project and other family relationship programs can help offenders restore and maintain family and marriage relationships. This can improve their chances to be successful when they reenter the community as well as create healthier families and fewer generational incarcerations.

Mr. Brown stated ODOC has volunteers facilitating programs like Thinking for a Change and Cage Your Rage. These programs were, at one time, provided almost exclusively by ODOC staff. Organizations like Genesis One, Oxford House, Hand Up, Living Faith, etc., are providing housing, mentoring, job skill training and placement, and other programs needed to help offenders successfully reenter our communities. Many of these same volunteers are now partners in the female offender diversion programs underway in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

Mr. Brown stated these are just a very few of the services and programs offered through our volunteers. Services, programs, and faith groups are far too numerous to name individually; but individually, each one is making a contribution to our agency. Mr. Brown then introduced and thanked several volunteers in attendance: Bob Rubin, Shalom Oklahoma; Rev. Stan Basler, Director Emeritus of Criminal Justice & Mercy Ministries of the United Methodist Church; and Anne Holloway, who serves offenders in Wiccan, Neo-Pagan, & Unitarian Universal.

Mr. Brown then named the Volunteer of the Year as Dr. John Otto, who provides veterinarian services to the Friends for Folks program at LARC. The Volunteer Organization of the Year was recognized as Redeeming the Family which provides the Messages Project to ODOC offenders. The Messages Project is a nationally-recognized program that addresses the needs of incarcerated parents and their children. This program provides the offenders with an opportunity to record positive messages to their child on a DVD. The messages allow offenders to reassure their children that their mom or dad are okay, the children are loved by their parents, as well as giving the offenders the opportunity to share with their children their hopes and dreams. They may also choose to read a story to their children with the book being sent along with the DVD so the child can read it together with their parent. In 2012, Redeeming the Family provided the Messages Project at LARC, Jess Dunn Correctional Center, Davis Correctional Facility, and twice at John Lilley Correctional Center, James Crabtree Correctional Center, Mabel Bassett Correctional Center, Eddie Warrior Correctional Center, Cimarron Correctional Facility, and Hillside Community Corrections Center. Among these various facilities, 580 offenders participated in the program and 1,362 children received DVD messages with their books. Since the Messages Project began in May 2011, it has reached 2,536 children. Mr. Brown then introduced Cheri Fuller, founder and executive director of Redeeming the Family; Barry Davis, Board Chairman, Redeeming the Family; Sheron Davis, Redeeming the Family Vice-President; and Holmes Fuller, Videographer for Redeeming the Family-Oklahoma Messages Project.

Mr. Brown stated these are examples of the kind of contributions ODOCs volunteers make to the agency and also to the state. He then read the following resolution, requesting approval by the Board:

WHEREAS, millions of volunteers work in their communities across our nation and throughout our state utilizing their time and their talents daily to make a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections is privileged to have thousands of men and women, many of whom serve as part of a faith community, who tirelessly give of themselves to provide much needed programmatic and occupational services in facilities, districts and units across the great state of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are dedicated to serving as positive role models for the offender population, leading offenders toward pro-social behavior while incarcerated, supporting offenders in reentry, and providing much needed resources that assist the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in fulfilling its mission in a professional manner; and

WHEREAS, April 21-27, 2013, is National Volunteer Week and provides a most appropriate time to recognize these volunteers for demonstrating, on a daily basis, the true spirit of giving;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Board of Corrections does hereby announce and proclaim to all its recognition and sincere appreciation of Oklahoma Department of Corrections volunteers and the invaluable services they provide.

ADOPTED this 28th day of March, 2013.

Motion: Mr. Ware made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Roach seconded the motion. The results of the roll call were: Mr. Burrage – yes; Mr. Gross – yes; Mr. Haynes – yes; Ms. Neal – yes; Mr. Roach – yes; Mr. Siegfried – absent; Mr. Ware – yes.

Ms. Neal stated the Board is grateful for the volunteers who provide programs within ODOC facilities. No further comments or questions were made and the item was closed.

11. Committee Reports

Committee Chairs

Chair Neal then opened the floor for comments from the Committee Chairs.

- Budget Committee – Mr. Burrage stated there was nothing to report.
- Female Offender Committee – Ms. Neal stated the committee met earlier in the day and she asked Dr. Pitman to provide an update from the meeting. Dr. Pitman stated the committee looked at the ODOC female offender population in 2008 as compared to 2013. Oklahoma remains number one in the nation for incarceration of women. In 2007, the national average female incarceration rate was 69 per 100,000; Oklahoma incarcerated 131 per 100,000. In 2011, the national average female incarceration rate was 65 per 100,000; Oklahoma's average was 121 per 100,000. Overall, between Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 and the projected end of FY 2013, female receptions have decreased by approximately 200 from a high in FY 2010 of 1,393. Dr. Pitman stated during the same period, however, the releases have decreased and it is projected there will be 100 less at the end of FY 2013.

Dr. Pitman stated from FY 2008 - FY 2013, Oklahoma County has demonstrated a decrease in receptions. Oklahoma County and Tulsa County contribute the largest number of females into ODOC. Oklahoma County had a high of 336 female offenders received in FY 2008 and is projected to have 170 female receptions this year. At the same time, Tulsa County has a very mixed picture with receptions decreasing and then increasing again.

Over the past five years, three diversion programs were implemented which is attributed to the decrease in female offender receptions. The Female Offender Intervention and Diversion Program, funded by Justice Assistance Grants (JAG), is currently in Oklahoma County and Tulsa County. Dr. Pitman's office works with staff in the ODOC probation and parole offices as well as within the counties to collaborate on these programs. The programs have resulted in over 400 women being diverted into this program instead of incarceration since its inception over three years ago. This program, however, is in jeopardy of losing its JAG funding as they have been decreasing the amount of funding each year.

The Women in Recovery Program, in Tulsa County, provides numerous services to female offenders in that county. Approximately 180 women who would normally be incarcerated have instead entered the program. ReMerge of Oklahoma County also provides services to female offenders and the first graduation ceremony from this program was held on March 25, 2013. Dr. Pitman stated she believes the combination of these three programs is directly responsible for the decrease in female offender receptions. The unfortunate part is the programs are not keeping up with the demands for female incarceration.

No further questions or comments were made.

- Public Policy/Public Affairs Committee – Mr. Ware stated there was nothing to report from the committee.

- Population/Private Prisons Committee – Ms. Neal stated there was nothing to report from the committee.
- Executive Committee – Ms. Neal stated the Executive Committee met earlier in the month, but there nothing else to report from the committee.

12. New Business (Any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting.” 25 O.S. § 311) **Linda Neal, Chair**

Chair Neal opened the floor for any new business. No new business was brought before the Board and the item closed.

13. Announcements **Linda Neal, Chair**

Chair Neal opened the floor for announcements, but nothing was brought before the Board and the item closed.

14. Adjournment **Linda Neal, Chair**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chair Neal requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Roach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ware seconded the motion. The results of the roll call were as follows: Mr. Burrage – yes; Mr. Gross – yes; Mr. Haynes – yes; Ms. Neal – yes; Mr. Roach – yes; Mr. Siegfried – absent; Mr. Ware – yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Submitted to the Board of Corrections by:

[signature on file]
 Kimberley Owen, Minutes Clerk

4/25/2013
 Date

I hereby certify that these minutes were duly approved by the Board on the 25th day of April, 2013, in which a quorum was present and voting.

Approved by:

[signature on file]
 Kevin J. Gross , Secretary of the Board

4/25/2013
 Date