

Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio

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STRYKER – Two veteran staff members were promoted to directors following Wednesday’s meeting of the Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio.

Craig Eiden was promoted to Director of Security and Toby Bostater was promoted to Director of Operations at the recommendation of CCNO Executive Director Dennis Sullivan. Both start their new duties on Aug. 26 with a salary of \$82,000. Both have been employed at CCNO since Aug. 15, 1994.

Board members approved the 2019 bed allocations. Defiance County stands at 60 beds, Fulton County at 55, Hendry County at 37, Williams County at 58 and Lucas County at 222 for a total of 432 beds. This is a reduction from 2018 bed allocations which totaled 485. The major reduction was from Lucas County which reduced its beds by 53.

Members approved billing rules for participating jurisdiction housing inmates at CCNO. Mr. Sullivan said the billing rules were never formally approved but recommended the adoption with changes that have occurred over the years. CCNO’s split billing practice was explained to the members.

Bids will be sought for medical services after board members were advised of a proposed increase in costs for 2019. Mental health services will be made part of the medical services proposal. Bids will also be sought for a substance abuse treatment program. Members also authorized informal proposals to be sought for telephone and visitation services for inmates. Mr. Sullivan said the informal proposals will include providing tablets for inmates to use for visitation as well as reading materials, legal research, and self-education services.

Members agreed to allow federal and state inmates housed at CCNO to participate in available programs. Mr. Sullivan said he has been receiving more requests from federal judges to allow such participation. In addition, Mr. Sullivan said the GED program will be expanded to include career development.

Serving the counties of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Williams and the City of Toledo.

A low bid of \$274,726 from Foti was accepted to build a control room allowing enhanced security in two housing areas. The proposal calls for the hiring of five additional officers at an estimated yearly cost of \$357,000.

In his operational update, Mr. Sullivan said Wednesday's population stood at 647 and averaged 650 in May, 635 in June and 642 in July. He noted that the body scanner is expected to be installed in September.

Members earlier met in executive session for about 80 minutes to discuss the investigation of a public employee. No action was taken.

Members also met for about three minutes in executive session to discuss security issues. In open session, members agreed to finance the cost of security upgrades at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.