

Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting
March 6, 2014
7:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chris Baker due to the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. Roll call was taken with a quorum being present.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Mr. Baker presented the minutes from the November 7, 2013 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dir. Dennis took the members on a tour of B Unit to show them the floor and recently painted cells and dayroom. He also showed them the finished M Building Corridor.

III. CCNO POPULATION STATISTICS/OPERATIONAL UPDATE:

Dir. Dennis distributed the population statistics. The day's population was 529 or 83 percent of capacity. The average daily population for January was 507 or 79 percent of capacity and February was 497 or 78 percent of capacity. The population has been low since the holidays. Dir. Dennis believes that it due to the extreme cold weather and snow that has been received.

The population by court was reviewed. Dir. Dennis noted that most of the offenders received from juvenile court are adults not paying their financial obligations. There has not been a juvenile housed at CCNO for approximately five years. Dir. Dennis noted that Senate Bill 337 practically prohibited juveniles from coming to jail.

The average daily population in 2013 was 571 which was the highest average since 2008. The average daily population of females has steadily risen over the years. The average daily population for males has remained steady.

There were 150 administrative releases granted in 2013. There were five overcrowding emergencies declared during 2013.

The average monthly electronic monitoring population was 99 during 2013. The program has a capacity of 120. The work release and HITT program numbers hit all time lows during 2013. The Bryan Municipal Court is one of the big users of the program. The Community Public Works program numbers decrease during the winter months but will increase again when the weather warms.

Dir. Dennis has been involved in the review of the Ohio Jail Standards. The review of the standards is to be done every ten years. There were revisions made and they are currently going through the review process of the state legislature. Dir. Dennis has been attending the public hearings on the jail standards. In addition, the same committee is in the process of creating a Jail

Administrators Resource Manual. This manual will include the jail standards along with a discussion section on each to describe how to comply with the standards. The Resource Manual will also have a section on developing policy and procedure, how to prepare for an inspection and if you are not compliant on a standard give strategies on how to address the finding of non compliance. The Director of the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections has asked Dir. Dennis and Ryan Kidwell, the Jail Administrator from Hancock County to do the training for jail inspectors and jail administrators across the state. There will be four regional training sessions.

One of the things being reviewed is the viability of the work release program due to the low program numbers. The program numbers for work release have steadily dropped through the years to correspond with the increase in the program numbers for electronic monitoring, GPS and TAD. Discussions are being had at each local Community Corrections Planning Board to gain the Judge's input on the viability of the work release program. With only seven work release beds, staff are spending a lot of time on schedules, driving privileges, medications, health issues, urine testing, etc. for just seven offenders.

The Lucas County Mental Health Board has provided funding to allow inmates from Lucas County that are participating in CCNO programs and compliant with their medications to receive a 30 day prescription from the CCNO psychiatrist to be filled upon their release at the central pharmacy. They will also receive case management services through TASC. The TASC case managers will provide them with assistance getting to psychiatrist appointments, filling prescriptions, etc. One of the things realized regarding programming for the mentally ill is that while they are compliant at CCNO with taking their medications, once released they do not take their medications. The case management services should have an impact in keeping these people compliant with their medications. In addition, the Lucas County Re-entry Coalition received a Second Chance Grant. These grant funds will assist an offender with TASC case management, employment assistance and training, emergency housing for chronic homelessness and if needed, free legal services from Lucas County ABLE to dispense of any holders the person may have prior to their release from CCNO. Dir. Dennis is hopeful that these extra services upon release will reduce recidivism.

With the Affordable Care Act and changes in Medicaid, one of the new changes being discussed is that released inmates from prison and jail will be immediately eligible for Medicaid. Dir. Dennis attended a meeting on March 3 at the Medicaid offices in Columbus with their Deputy Director and several other representatives from the Department of Corrections and local jails to discuss eligibility for inmates. Another change is that for those inmates who are admitted to the hospital, the medical expenses incurred after 24 hours would be paid by Medicaid versus the county commissioners. Dir. Dennis will be attending another meeting tomorrow at the Department of Corrections to discuss Medicaid.

CCNO is currently in the process of hiring ten new Corrections Officers.

In December the annual employee potluck and fundraiser was held. This year staff raised \$3,086 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Beginning in January some changes were made to Recovery Services programming. Two new programs were added. A men's trauma program was begun similar to the women's trauma program. Thinking for a Change is the second new program. Thinking for a Change is a program that has gotten some of the best reviews from research. The Choices program was discontinued. The Choices program was for mentally ill offenders who also had a substance abuse program. This program did not have good recidivism data.

IV. CURRENT ISSUES:

Dr. Knueve announced his retirement effective in May.

A comment was made that the refurbishing of the facility looks good. Dir. Dennis commended staff for the team effort that it takes to not only do the painting and maintenance work, but also the extra time and effort to move inmates throughout the facility when a unit is being closed down for cleaning. Dir. Dennis also thanked the Committee for making the recommendation to have a fenced corridor between the two buildings. That corridor opened up the discussion of housing the females in M Building which has worked out very well.

Dir. Dennis announced that Jim Schrock recently passed away. Not only was Jim an active member of the Committee, but he had been an active volunteer at CCNO since it opened. Jim was also a Reach Up Board member that coordinated the religious services at CCNO for the inmates.

There being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.