

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FOCUS GROUP MEETING
APRIL 1, 2013

PRESENT: Division Director Craig Burr, Regional Administrator James Hudspeth, Fortitude Treatment Center (FTC) Center Director Dan Blanchard, Treatment Resource Center (TRC) Supervisor Chris Kishiyama, Michelle Meinhart, Danny Meinhart, Nicole Sweat, Vicky Westmoreland, Debbie Stone, James Evans, Norma Bench, Roy Droddy, Colleen VanWagoner, Tanya Schaffer, Debbie Martin, Gary Martin, Gaylene Dawes, Molly Prince, Lacey Harris, Wayne Parker, Jodi Huyboom-Recorder.

Division Director Craig Burr welcomed those in attendance. Craig reported the Utah Department of Corrections has a new Executive Director as of April 2, 2013. His name is Rollin E. Cook. Executive Director Cook brings a wealth of experience to Corrections.

Craig thanked Acting Executive Director Mike Haddon for the great job he has done as the acting executive director. Corrections have been without a permanent executive director since the first of January 2013. Mr. Haddon has not let anything fall behind or left undone during this vacancy.

Craig will check with Executive Director Cook to see if in the future he can attend a Focus Group meeting.

Craig introduced the guest for tonight's meeting, Jim Hudspeth, Chris Kishiyama and Dan Blanchard. Dan is an administrator for the Treatment Resource Center (TRC) and Chris is the supervisor over the Fortitude Treatment Center (FTC).

Jim reported currently there are approximately 7000 offenders being supervised throughout Region 3, involving four halfway houses. Due to the size of Region 3, there are different teams handling different types of caseloads. We have agents that specialize in sex offenders and others that specialize in female offenders on parole.

It was asked if there is a specialized unit specifically for Native Americans. The answer is no, not one just for Native Americans, but Chris reported that there are peer mentoring programs to help the minority population. UTOPIA will be holding meetings in regards to the Native Americans population.

It was asked if an inmate in prison and is a minority, how do they find their "nitch" if minorities are branded with the titles of gang affiliations? Craig asked that this attendee contact him directly and he will provide her with information to help her family member.

Craig stated that it is up to the community to step up and get involved. Mentors are the best thing for an offender once they are released into the community.

An attendee has been on parole for four years and recently received a promotion at his job. Those in attendance congratulated him on his hard work. As a part of his promotion, his job requires him to travel out of state. He asked how to go about getting this approved. Jim Hudspeth suggested he first speak with his parole agent and let them know of his situation. If needed, he can contact Jim directly. Each state has an Interstate Compact Agreement that is very strict on offenders traveling from one state to the next. This request is not impossible, but will have to be reviewed by the parole agent and Interstate Compact.

This attendee, even though he has been out for four years, is still finding life on the outside of prison can be difficult. He is doing a great job and staying out of prison, but he does say there are times that it is difficult and would like somewhere to go and talk to someone that has been in his shoes to talk with. Sometimes, even the simplest tasks such as grocery shopping and paying bills can be overwhelming. Is there a support group in place that involves ex-offenders that knows what he is going through that can help him and others just like him? Craig and Jim reported Corrections is currently looking at a transition team again. Corrections once had a transition team, but it was disbanded sometime ago. At this time, offender's best resource is mentoring programs already established in the communities.

Another ex-offender would like to see a mentoring program lead by other ex-offenders created. Some offenders do not trust their parole agents. They can go to their agent with problems they are having before they do reoffend and they are not offered any guidance, just told "if you do that, you will go back to prison". That does not help them. They want to know how to handle their problems they are going through and just given some guidance. Not told you will go back to prison.

Molly Prince has offered her services to act as a leader for a mentor program ran by offenders. Craig said he would have to look into this possibility.

Vicky with Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health reported currently there is peer training taking place with mental health patients and soon will begin with substance abuse patients. Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health may be able to provide help with peer groups.

An attendee asked about inmates that are incarcerated in the Uinta facilities. When they are locked up in the Uinta's there is very little programming or guidance there. Craig reported that during the process to rebuild a transition team, the Uinta's will be included in that process. We do know that offenders are paroled from the Uinta's and provided little direction.

Craig reported the governor's office has created Governors Office of Management and Budget "GOMB" to take look at all state agencies to find and resolve constraints. This committee is dedicated to improving 25% efficiencies throughout the State of Utah. What this means is, Corrections and Utah agencies as a whole are finding out where the bottlenecks are and resolving them so there is a better flow of information throughout the entire state. We are hoping all information will flow from one division to another, one department to another, etc.

Chris Kishiyama discussed the Treatment Resource Center and the Women's Treatment Resource Center. When offenders are on the centers caseloads, staff does ask for the offender's feedback. Staff cannot know what they need help with in their lives to remain out of custody if we do not listen to what will help them. Chris was surprised to learn some of the simple things that offenders need help with once they are released from prison, such as cooking. The TRC offers many different life skills classes. Tutors and mentors are available. Individual and group therapy is offered along with intensive therapy if needed.

In recent past, the courts have allowed the centers more leeway on how to treat offenders. For instance, if an offender does something that violates their parole, if the violation is minor and simple guidance can help the offender back on track they are not automatically sent back to prison.

Chris also reported that his staff is 100% treatment minded. We are here for the offenders to make sure they stay clean and succeed on parole. Thinking and actions are changing. The TRC offers offenders substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, psycho-education classes, and out-patient treatment. All classes offered are free of charge. There is currently a wait list for the TRC. There has been a 1200% increase since January 2013.

Chris was asked if there is any cultural follow-up when an offender is released on parole. Chris reported they are referred to their community for support. The TRC and other state facilities cannot take care of everything for the offenders as much as we would like to. Not enough funding or staff. The community support is the best for offenders to obtain long term success.

Dan Blanchard discussed the Fortitude Treatment Center (FTC). The FTC is located at 1747 South 900 West, Salt Lake City. The facility opened in December 2012. This facility is a 300 bed facility, but currently 53 offenders are housed there. The FTC is a short term, 90 day facility to help the offenders get back on their feet after being released from prison. The main focus is on helping the offenders find work, psycho-education classes and life skills classes. The Board of Pardons dictates who is placed in the FTC. Offenders Case Action Plans (CAP) is reviewed by both the offender and the FTC therapist and staff. We work with the offenders to make sure they are meeting their CAP. Offenders CAP's are specific to each person.

Both Dan and Chris wanted those in attendance to know that if a person is out on parole and they are having a hard time, they need to speak with their parole agent about what's going on with them. If you don't trust your agent, you need to reach out to another agent or supervisor.

Craig thanked Dan and Chris for coming to this meeting and providing valuable information.

Craig discussed the Department's budget. This fiscal year, which starts on July 1, 2013, the Division of Programming, will receive \$2.219 million of on-going funds to provide treatment for offenders. These treatment funds will be used for substance abuse. Sex offender treatment was not provided additional funding this year.

It was suggested that if not every sex offender was required to get into treatment this would that save the department money? Sex offender treatment is Board of Pardons ordered. The Utah Department of Corrections has no say in who gets into sex offender treatment. We get the offenders into treatment at the order of the Board. If a sex offender does not get into treatment during their incarceration, the Board can order them into treatment upon parole.

Currently, the Sex Offender Treatment unit can treat 200 inmates at one time. The length of the program is around 18 months. We received one time funding for an additional 200 treatment spots. ISAT was awarded this contract. The new ISAT contract will begin on April 15, 2013.

Prison relocation was discussed. The legislature has decided to create a Prison Relocation Board to look at all possibilities. The legislation will review the Board's recommendations during next year's session. Molly said this is the time to contact your legislatures and let your feeling on the prison relocation be known.

House Bill 320 regarding temporary ID's has not been signed by the governor yet, but should be signed in the near future. The offender will need to submit a GRAMA request to the prison medical department. The medical department will release the information to the offender and the offender will take this information to the Social Security Administration, obtain a social security card and then to the drivers license division. A temporary ID card will be issued at that time. This HB will affect everyone in a positive way from homeless people to offenders.

Molly asked if the quarterly Focus Group meeting could be held once every other month instead of quarterly, Craig said he would check into this.

Craig has invited administrators from the Northern Utah Region to our next meeting on July 8, 2013.

Next Focus Group Meetings are scheduled for:

July 8, 2013

October 7, 2013

Meeting adjourned.

FOCUS: UDC News

Guest Speakers:

- ✓ Jim Hudspeth, Regional Administrator, Salt Lake
- ✓ Dan Blanchard, Fortitude Treatment Center, Salt Lake
- ✓ Chris Kishiyama, Treatment and Resource Centers in SL

Date:

- ✓ 1 April 2013 @ 6 PM
Utah Department of Corrections

Thank **YOU** for Supporting Offender Education, Life Skills and Treatment Opportunities

It Takes OUR Community To Have A Successful Transition



OUR VISION – We envision a culture where honor, accountability, and integrity are reflected in our conduct. In so doing, we foster an environment rich in professionalism, compassion, collaboration, and dedication. Together, we are a fair, focused, innovative, and energized team.

OUR MISSION – Our dedicated team of professionals ensures public safety by effectively managing offenders while maintaining close collaboration with partner agencies and the community. Our team is devoted to providing maximum opportunities for offenders to make lasting changes through accountability, treatment, education and positive reinforcement within a safe environment.

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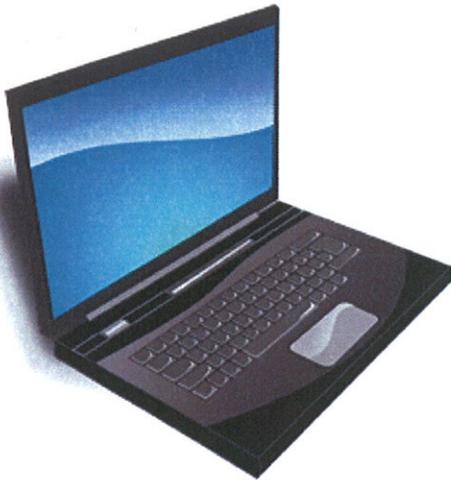
July 8 6PM
October 7 6PM

Executive Office Changes:

Rollin E Cook, is our new UDC Executive Director, effective April 2, 2013.

Programming Division Changes:

Administrator **John Irons** replaced **Shane Nelson** on March 16th. He is your contact for statewide substance abuse treatment issues; and CUCF education, life skills and other programs.



Craig Burr, Director

Programming Division

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Governor Herbert's Corrections Budget Proposal can be viewed online at http://governor.utah.gov/budget/Budget/Budget%20Recommendations/FY2014_RecBk.pdf
See Table 23

Sex Offender Task Force (SOTF) Quarterly Training for Clinicians will be held 12 April 2013 from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Horizonte School lecture hall in Room 540 at 1234 S Main St in SLC. ICAC Team will present on Child Pornographers and Exploitation of Children. Future sessions:

July 12 Sexual Addiction and Sex Offender Treatment with Lewis Galway, CMHC
October 11 Detection of Deception on Treatment of Sex Offenders with Harold Blakelock, PhD.

FOCUS members, THANK YOU for your support, suggestions and participation in this quarterly event. Our next two meetings will also **FOCUS** on Adult Probation & Parole.

FOCUS members: How can YOU help make a difference?

FOCUS members: Save the date ~ 8 July 2013 ~ at 6 PM for the next **FOCUS** meeting. Regional Administrator Karl Kennington, who is responsible for the Northern Counties of the State, and his staff will be our guest

speakers for that meeting.

Look for the following **Applications & Features** on the UDC Public Website (continued from January) <http://www.corrections.utah.gov/index.html>

Click on **"Services" Tab FORMS (2)**

View and download visiting forms and Presentence Investigation (PSI) packet.

RECORDS REQUEST

Instructions on accessing information via the Government Records Access and Management Act (**GRAMA**).

CORRECTIONS PUBLICATION
Friends and Family Orientation Handbook

OFFENDER SEARCH

Search for offender by name or UDC number.

Past **FOCUS** meeting minutes are available at: http://www.corrections.utah.gov/programs/focus_groups.html

PRISON RELOCATION

Take your hand off that panic button! This year's legislative session included language allowing the establishment of a board to review the potential of prison relocation.

SB 72 PRISON RELOCATION AND AMENDMENTS

Creates the Prison Land Management Authority to facilitate and direct the relocation of the Draper, UT-site state prison, the private interest development of the old prison property and master development; establishes the powers and duties of the authority; provides for an 11-member board to exercise the powers of the authority, and provides for board membership, appointment, duties, compensation and powers; repeals provisions relating to the Prison Relocation and Development Authority; provides a process for issuing a request for proposals on a project to build a new prison, to redevelop the old prison property, or both, and for authority evaluation of bids and its recommendation of a bid to the Legislature and governor; provides a process for the authority to manage the development of the old prison property; provides for a property tax increment to be paid to the authority to be applied to specific costs; modifies the distribution of some local option sales tax revenues; provides that debt issued under the Prison Land Management Authority Act is not included as part of the total state indebtedness for purposes of a debt limitation provision; and provides a repeal date for the Prison Land Management Act.

Enactment of this bill may cost about **\$7,000** from the General Fund one-time in FY 2013 for costs of authority members; about **\$680,000** from the General Fund one-time in FY 2014 for project preparation, environmental impact studies, and design; about **\$430,000** ongoing from the General Fund beginning in FY 2014 for board and staffing costs; and about **\$225,000** from the General Fund one-time in FY 2015 for design and construction consulting.

Board members will include one member from the legislative body of Salt Lake County, two members of the Senate, two members of the House of Representatives and six member appointed by the Governor.

Contact your legislator/Governor's Office if you want to offer input, suggest Board members or share your point of view about relocation.