

**SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: April 12, 2019

Location: 951 29th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Board members present: Shelly Kramer, Lisa Green-Douglass, Jan Kazimour, Joe Oswald, Shelby Humbles, Fred Mims, Keith Rippy, Ben Rogers

Staff members present: Bruce Vander Sanden, Kevin Posekany, Greg Fitzpatrick, Angela Brecht, Gabe Schaapveld, Dale Slaymaker, Todd Roberts

Guests: Josh Lederman, Lederman Bail Bonds

INTRODUCTIONS/WELCOME GUESTS

PRESENTATION – Dale Slaymaker – Rural Offices

Dale Slaymaker talked about his credentials and gave a PowerPoint presentation on working in a rural office.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Lisa noted she appreciated participating via phone at the last meeting.

Joe Oswald made a motion to approve the February 8th, 2019 minutes. Lisa Green-Douglass seconded. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Bruce Vander Sanden reported:

- He attended the Adam Foss presentation at Coe College on Criminal Justice reform. Attended a roundtable discussion that was held afterwards.
- Auditors are here doing their annual review. Everything is going well.
- Every 2 years the 6JD gets accredited and this is the second time in the last 15 years they have done this. We have submitted our information and waiting for feedback.
- Got permission from the Feds to move the remaining female clients to the ANCHOR Center.
- Recruitment strategies-Greg did a presentation at Iowa City West to high school students and got fantastic accolades. Jefferson High School brought students to the complex for a panel discussion.
- He noted the water seeped in on the east side of the Faches building. A permanent solution was developed by our new maintenance staff, Brad Schumacher.
- The diversity appreciation event took place on April 3rd, 2019, Professor Motier Haskins, with the University of Iowa Sociology Program, presented on Cultural humility – great presentation. His delivery allowed people to have conversations they might have been uncomfortable otherwise.
- He noted the last page of the Board packet pertaining to the Second Chance Job Fair. Ramping up activities around employment and getting clients a living wage.
- The CRPD reached out to the 6JD HRU to assist with the increase in shootings last weekend.
- Working to prepare for his Poland trip, it is less than a month away. A board member of ICA will be attending also. The Polish is bringing a delegation in the fall and ICA will be hosting them at Riverside.

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FISCAL REPORT – Kevin Posekany reported:

- FY19 January and February

Kevin Posekany noted the highlights in the FY19 February document.

Shelby Humbles made a motion to approve the FY19 January and February fiscal reports. Ben Rogers Seconded. Motion carried.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Southern (4/9/19) This committee does a great job sharing resources and project updates. We discussed employment and voting rights information.

Northern (3/19/19) Myrna Loehrlein with the League of Women Voters was a guest. She spoke about their work with restoring voter rights.

Client Services (next meeting 4/18/19)

Law Enforcement (next meeting 5/1/19)

Cultural Competency (3/7/19) Shelby Humbles reported that we had a very interesting and productive meeting. Ken Morris and Janet Park-Abejo brought a lot of energy and were great. Reggie Ward is another member he would like to consider bringing on to the committee from Iowa County. “What is diversity” was discussed. It was interesting how many directions this went. He noted that we are fortunate to have the members involved that we do. Bruce Vander Sanden noted that that Ken Morris was impressed with the 6JD staff demographics.

OLD BUSINESS

- Other

NEW BUSINESS

- Ben Rogers noted that the Linn County assessor’s office sent a letter to everyone identified as a felon, from the governor, explaining how to restore their voting rights with a self-addressed envelope and application. Prior to this, they did a focus group at Willis Dady to make sure that the information was understandable.
- Ben Rogers noted that Supervisor Walker tried to pass banning the box on applications. It did not get approved. They are convening a CEO roundtable to facilitate banning the box.
- Ben Rogers also said that Linn and Johnson Counties are creating mental health access centers, helping divert these clients away from jails and hospitals. This will hopefully assist clients with mental health concerns. Treatment and detox resources will be accessible to clients. Keith Rippy noted that he has worked with a center similar to this in the past, and it was very helpful. He is excited to be a part of this project.
- Keith Rippy read the letter from Allan Thoms:
“Bruce Vander Sanden, Director
6th Judicial District community Corrections
Bruce,
It is with regret that I hereby submit my resignation as a judicial appointee to the 6th Judicial District, Community Corrections Board of Directors. It has been an honor to serve you and the District.
I ask that you extend my appreciation to the Board, especially those members who served during the difficult audit year and, most of all, to the staff of the Sixth who work daily to make this the most innovative and effective district in the State of Iowa.
Sincerely, Allan T. Thoms”

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He proposed to invite Allan Thoms to the next board meeting to present a plaque to him for his support and years of service.

Keith Rippy proposed to go to quarterly meetings. He noted that we cancel a few meetings each year. Lisa Green-Douglass said being respectful of time it's a good idea; but on the negative, we're in a position to keep up to date on the issues and that would be hard to do. She noted the groups that are doing bi-monthly meetings, have way longer meetings also. Shelly Kramer proposed doing bi-monthly meetings. Ben Rogers noted he would like to try bi-monthly. Keith Rippy stated we will try going to bi-monthly meetings. The next 6JD Board meeting will be in May and then July.

Fred Mims made a motion to go to bi-monthly meetings starting in July 2019. Shelby Humbles seconded. Motion carried.

- Other

POLICY REVIEW – n/a

CONTRACT REVIEW – n/a

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL/TRAINING –

Ryan Cizmada, Brant Beauregard, Tiffany Miller; 5/12/19-5/17/19; Springfield, MO for the annual National Gang Conference. Requesting work time, all other costs are covered by a MGIA Scholarship.

Ben Rogers made a motion to approve the out of state travel listed above. Jan Kazimour seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – n/a

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OTHER –

Fred Mims made a motion to adjourn. Shelby Humbles seconded. Motion carried Board meeting ended at 2:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on May 10th, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. at the Correctional Services Complex, 951 29th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Submitted by Angela Brecht, Board Secretary

Approved by _____