

**Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility
Community Relations Board Meeting
March 23, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Minutes

Attendees: Greg Hoffman, Tom Thornton, Claire Nelson, Bob Selzler, Jamie Tester, Christine Suter, Jeff Pugh, Marci Wittek, and Patty DeRouin

1. **Meeting called to order - 6:04 p.m.**

2. **Department of Corrections Website – Interactive Recidivism Dashboards**
 - The DOC is pleased to announce several new interactive recidivism data dashboards, which are now available on the DOC's website. The interactive dashboards include updated recidivism rates, and allow users to examine recidivism rates for various combinations of demographic categories, not currently available in the most recent DOC recidivism report. The dashboards can be found here:
<http://doc.wi.gov/About/Data-and-Research/Interactive-Dashboards/Release-from-Prison-Recidivism-Dashboard/>

 - Also, the current Division of Adult Institutions inmate population data dashboards that are on the DOC website have been updated with 2016 data, and can be found here:
<http://doc.wi.gov/About/Data-and-Research/Interactive-Dashboards/>

3. **Employee Positions**

Vacant/anticipated vacancies

 - Social Worker Vacancy, transferred into General Population /Alcohol Other Drug Abuse (AODA) position
 - Social Worker Vacancy, left state service to finish school
 - Treatment Specialist 1 Vacancy, left state service
 - Financial Specialist Vacancy, promoted to Financial Specialist-Senior
 - Offender Records Supervisor, converted from Offender Records Associate position vacated due to a transfer to DHS
 - Corrections Food Service Leader 2 (50%) Vacancy, transferred into a full time position vacated from a Food Service Leader who promoted to a Correctional Officer

Various Updates

 - 1 Correctional Officer out on Military Leave for 3 years; should return in May
 - Hired two Social Workers (AODA), both new to state service
 - Hired Treatment Specialist 1, new to state service
 - Hired Facilities Maintenance Specialist-Advanced, promoting from Stanley Correctional Institution (SCI) - starts 4/2/17
 - Hired Nurse Clinician 2, new to state service
 - Hired Corrections Food Service Leader 2, transferred from SCI
 - Hired Supervising Officer 1 (Lieutenant), transferred from SCI

A question was asked about the number of anticipated retirements this year. It is hard to know how many people will retire because it is not official until the paperwork is turned in, but there are a few people who have been talking about retiring this year.

4. **Building & Grounds Information**

- Work on the elevator project continues and is anticipated to be completed before the end of the year. R.J. Jurowski Construction from Whitehall is the general contractor for the project.
- A Food Service storage room is being remodeled by CVCTF maintenance to become the Food Service Administrator's office. Contractors will be installing the window frames and windows.
- A new project was approved by Department of Administration for a chiller overhaul with a budget of \$50,000. Overhaul was based on the number of hours on the chiller which was approximately 27,000. This was completed. There was some discussion about the cost of the overhaul versus the replacement cost. The CVCTF chiller is eight or nine years old.
- Mayor Hoffman mentioned potential camera projects for the city and asked about CVCTF camera projects. CVCTF has a current project to increase the number of cameras in coordination with the Bureau of Technology Management.
- The Electronics Technician Senior is out on medical leave.

5. **Health Services Unit**

- All positions in the Health Services Unit are currently filled.
- One Nurse Clinician II (RN) position was vacated on 01/01/2017 as a result of a retirement and a new Nurse Clinician II started on 03/06/2017.
- The Agency LPN position was vacated on 10/31/2016. The LPN was hired into a full-time position at Stanley Correctional Institution. A new Agency LPN started at CVCTF on 01/23/2017.
- The former Nursing Supervisor requested to return to her position at CVCTF and returned as of 01/08/2017.
- HSU is in the process of completing the medical work-up for an inmate interested in the Vivitrol Pilot Program. This will be the third referral at CVCTF since the pilot was implemented.
- As of December 2016, a new imaging company is coming on-site once a month to conduct a specialized ultrasound of the liver, called a Fibroscan. This ultrasound is used on Hepatitis C positive patients to identify how advanced the Hepatitis C is and helps determine if the inmate is eligible for Hepatitis C treatment. Since the implementation of the new treatment protocol, 7 inmates have completed treatment and 6 are currently receiving treatment. Out of 8 inmates who have received treatment or are in process, the 4 week follow-up lab after starting treatment, has demonstrated a 100% eradication rate. The two types of medication being used are Harvoni and Epsclusa.
- To date, CVCTF has not had any confirmed Influenza cases during this Influenza season.

6. **Records Department**

AODA ERP releases – Statutes use “Wisconsin Substance Abuse Program” terminology instead of “Earned Release Program” (ERP)

- The sentencing court is notified when an inmate completes ERP, at which time the sentence is modified to allow release on extended supervision. Bed days are saved by calculating the number of days that are converted from incarceration time to extended supervision.
 - November 2016 ~ 48 released (average bed days saved 10 months 17 days)
 - December 2016 ~ 25 released (average bed days saved 10 months 15 days)
 - January 2017 ~ 38 released (average bed days saved 11 months 6 days)
 - February 2017 ~ 71 released (average bed days saved 10 months 24 days)
- From 11/01/16 to 2/28/17, 2017, CVCTF released 182 inmates. The total ERP bed days saved was 58,902 days. The average bed days saved for this time period was 10 months 24 days. The highest amount an inmate saved was 881 days (2 years 5 months 1 day) and the lowest was 23 days.

7. Treatment Program

- CVCTF currently has 438 inmates. Some of the board members asked about the low population number. There were a lot of releases in February, so it can take time to get the population numbers back up. Additionally, the DOC is focused on filling up the minimum centers so that inmates can have opportunities to work and earn money before coming to CVCTF for programming. While they are in program, they earn program pay, which is currently 15 cents an hour.
- Between the months of November-February, CVCTF had 202 inmates complete program.
- CVCTF continues to implement Evidence Based Practices.
- CVCTF currently has:
 - 8 inmates attending Pre-treatment Group. This group introduces some of the concepts and group structure that are used throughout the Earned Release Program.
 - 23 ERP groups serving 225 inmates.
 - 16 ancillary groups in progress, serving 109 inmates. The ancillary groups include: Anger Management, Social Skills, Employability and Epictetus.
 - 1 Domestic Violence group. This group uses cognitive based materials with a focus on Domestic Violence situations.
- There is an outside volunteer providing yoga instruction every Wednesday. The number of participants at each session is limited, and it has been well received and attended.

8. Community Projects

- City of Eau Claire – The men assisted Phoenix Park with taking down holiday lights.
- Irvine Park – The men assisted with the putting up the Holiday light displays and then assisted with the take down of the lights.
- City of Chippewa Falls – A group assisted with painting offices at the city hall.
- Chippewa Valley Youth Hockey – Two groups assisted with general cleaning of the bathrooms, locker rooms, observation areas and bleachers.
- Chippewa Falls Library – A group assisted with painting.
- Bloomer Chamber of Commerce – A group of men assisted with putting up the Holiday light display.
- Chippewa County Housing Authority – Three different groups assisted 4 days with painting the interior of a house.
- Building Hope - A group of men spent a day at Building Hope to assist with general cleaning and sorting donations.

9. Community Input/Concerns

- Mayor Hoffman praised the community service work done by the inmates at city hall and the library.
- The Chippewa Falls Fire Department will be moving into the new building on March 30th. Warden Pugh asked if any help would be needed.
- Mr. Thornton commented on the recent article in the Chippewa Herald. The article was positive, and it is good to have positive press coverage.
- Mr. Selzler asked if inmates in program are still housed on specific floors. Previously when CVCTF had the both Earned Release and the Residential programs, inmates in each program were housed by program. Now the inmates in participating in ERP are housed throughout the institution.
- There was some interest in seeing the garden area at an upcoming meeting.

10. Next Meeting – July 20, 2017 @ 6 p.m.

11. Adjourn – 6:50 p.m.