



# Brown County Corrections Relations Board

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## **BROWN COUNTY CORRECTIONS RELATIONS BOARD MEETING**

**Sanger Powers Correctional Center - Friday, September 15, 2017**

Present: Scott Eckstein, GBCI  
Sam Schneider, WCCS Deputy Warden  
Capt. Ryan Baumann, GBCI  
Pat Melman, SPCC  
Jim Rafter, Village of Allouez  
Holli Fisher, Golden House  
Don Jauquet, Green Bay Catholic Diocese

Bobbi Christopherson, DCC  
Steve Schueler, GBCI  
Jed Neuman, DCC  
Mary Armbrust, Green Bay Catholic Diocese  
Kate Damp, Public Defender Office  
Alice & Clyde Pamperin, Prison Ministry  
Anne Strauch, Circles of Support

Absent: Tracy Verhagen, DCC  
Dannel Skalecki, BC Juvenile Justice Unit  
Jerad Preston, BC Emergency Mgmt  
Chief Derek Beiderwieden, De Pere  
Jim Golembeski, Bay Area Wkforce Development  
Ken Bukowski, Welcome Home  
Christie Eliason, Options Treatment Programs  
Rep. Eric Genrich

Senator Robert Cowles  
Senator Dave Hansen  
Representative David Steffen  
Chief Andrew Smith, Green Bay  
Brian Laurent, BC Jail Supt.  
Barb Kramer BCHS  
Nan Pahl, Salvation Army  
Katrina Nelson, ATTIC

1. Warden Eckstein welcomed everyone to the meeting. Several members toured the center before the meeting. Bobbi Christopherson, new Assistant Regional 4 Chief talked about her past work history with the Department.
2. Sanger Powers Correctional Center Overview. Pat Melman stated the Center is one of 14 correctional centers and houses 120 offenders and approximately half of them participate in work release. This allows them to prepare for their release by developing a work history, pay their expenses, pay community obligations such restitution to victims and child support, and accumulate savings for release. The center has provided work crews for various community service projects.
3. GBCI Status Report. Warden Eckstein discussed the recent positive media coverage of the institution regarding the inmate crew that does knitting at the institution and the items that are donated to local low income schools, local hospital, and veterans undergoing cancer treatment. Another story was done on inmates who grow and harvest produce in the institution garden, with a sizable amount being donated to a local food pantry. Quality food products are added to the menu which helps with the institution budget. Construction of the new Visiting Center will be finished in late November, which will better accommodate visitors as well as handicapped individuals.

The new implementation of the Unit Management System of managing housing units is going well. Update has been done to inmate TV reception with no additional cost.

4. Re-Entry Event. Steve Schueler discussed the event that will be held for 50 inmates on September 20. Inmates will participate in two educational workshops followed by a re-entry simulation. One workshop will be on financial literacy given by BMO Harris Bank and a second will be an employer panel consisting

of individuals from local businesses. Participating inmates will have the opportunity to acquire the necessary tools to assist them upon release. Anne Strauch commented that Goodwill Industries has a program called Financial Information and Service Center (FISC) that offers counseling on a variety of financial matters.

5. Vivitrol Pilot Update. Bobbi Christopherson stated 17 individuals have recently completed the program. She discussed the process of how the drug assists individuals in getting past their opioid addiction. The program will continue into the next fiscal year. She further discussed DCC is focusing on identifying offenders' criminogenic needs, which may be thoughts/beliefs, skill deficits, and anti-social peers or family. Jed Neuman spoke about the multi-dimensional approach that agents use in supporting these offenders on their caseloads with multiple resources.
6. Trauma Informed Care/Secondary Trauma. Bobbi Christopherson discussed how trauma may affect offenders and shape their lives. Additional training is forthcoming. DCC Region 4 held a conference in June that featured secondary trauma and vicarious trauma. DOC will be training more peer supporters to assist staff in dealing with the impact of trauma and to help focus on self-care. Mary Armbrust stated faith-based communities are reaching out to support victims of trauma.
7. SPCC Dog Program. Pat Melman stated that they are focusing on their Rebound Dog Program where they receive dogs from the Fox Valley Humane Society to assist with preparation of dogs for adoption. They are discontinuing the Leader Dog Program that raises puppies to assist with the blind, due to problems with providing enough resources for the program. Offenders are able to give back to the community by assisting the dog with basic obedience and socialization skills before adoption.
8. Roundtable

Holli Fisher. Golden House is partnering with all Brown County law enforcement agencies to utilize the Maryland Lethality Assessment Program. It provides an effective way for law enforcement to identify victims of domestic violence who would be at the highest risk for injury and connect them to the shelter. Golden House is also providing in service training on the study about Adverse Child Experiences (ACE) and how these issues affect people lives.

Don Jauquet participates in the GBCI book club that has started its seventh session. They have 5 self-development books that they discuss as a group.

Mary Armbrust. A partnership between the Samaritan Counseling Center and NAMI is offering information for faith-based leaders about assisting with trauma.

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