



COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD MEETING

DATE: WED. APRIL 10, 2019

TIME: 2:00 PM

LOCATION: SCI ADMINISTRATIVE
CONFERENCE ROOM

Meeting Called By: Warden Reed Richardson

PRESENT:

- Reed Richardson
- Mario Canziani
- Sandi Maguire-Petke
- Nicole Hager
- Lori Patrouille
- Jason Achterberg
- Sharon Hauser
- Wendy Katzmark
- Heather Wilhelm-Copas
- Heidi Mellenberger

- Kathleen Bernier
- Norm Christianson
- Dawn Gapko
- Dr. Scott Harris
- Mike Henke
- James Isaacson
- David Jankoski
- Tyler Kopplin
- James Kowalczyk
- Jeff Ryba

- Henry Shakal
- Paul Smith
- Tom Thornton
- Lance Weiland
- Diane Zais
- Ron Zais
- Dave Zien

Topic: Staffing Presented By: Reed Richardson

Discussion: There are 23 Officer vacancies with seven who are currently in the Officer Academy. Other current vacancies at SCI include Social Worker, Food Service Manager, Nurses, Teacher and Inventory Control Coordinator.

The Department of Corrections as a whole continues to see vacancies continue for a variety of reasons. For some, the work hours just aren't appealing and the pay is just not where it needs to be to attract employees. SCI continues with our local recruitment efforts and recently held an employment Open House. Our Human Resources staff have also attended the Chippewa Falls Job Center and career fairs at CVTC, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout.

Topic: Community Involvement Presented By: Reed Richardson

Discussion: A list of items donated to various community organizations was shared with those attending. The sales of the Clark pizzas continue to go well with proceeds from those sales going towards a different organization each month. There was also a Veteran's Expo taking place today for both inmates and staff that included veteran-affiliated vendors from various organizations. The Cadott Lion's club will be visiting SCI for an overview of the Lion's Club Eyeglass Program and the PAWS service dog training program. On Saturday, April 13th there will be a group of staff and donors from Can Do Canines who will receive a tour of the PAWS program unit and then participating in a luncheon and demonstration.

SCI will start using minimum out inmates for use on community crews once the policy has been finalized. Community organizations requesting use of an inmate work crew will need to contact Sandi Maguire-Petke, SCI Correctional Management Services Director.

Topic: Institution Updates Presented By: Reed Richardson

- Discussion:**
- Beekeeping efforts at the institution continue and are going well. There is a beekeeping class for inmates that starts today.
 - SCI will have a garden again this year. Last year SCI produced 24,000 pounds of produce.
 - Camera upgrades continue. We are adding cameras to various areas of the institution. We may be about 12 cameras short of our goal but overall the camera project has been going very well. Our SCI Electronics Technicians are installing all of them which saves us substantial money on installation fees.
 - Redwing Cabinets is installing new cabinets in the institution Control Center which was redesigned. So far the installation is going well.
 - Housing Unit 5B has been designated as an inmate Veterans Wing. We are currently working on recruiting and screening inmates for this wing. County Veterans Service Officers, along with

Social Workers and Unit Supervisor Brandon Drost will be facilitating veteran's services for inmates on this wing.

- There is an education graduation ceremony scheduled for April 26th which will include inmate graduates from the vocational program as well as GED/HSED programs.
- The institution held an inmate job fair for inmates and it went very well with various businesses in attendance. SCI inmates continue to learn valuable employment skills through the various vocational programs available (Welding, Computer Aided Drafted, Microsoft Office, Custodial Services) and through the BSI Sign Shop.
- The Health Services Unit has a respite care program and inmates are trained to work as personal care workers. Some of these inmates have worked well with inmates with dementia.
- All institutions in the state will be replacing our old rifles with new automatic rifles.
- The Department of Corrections has been focusing on Trauma Informed Care (TIC) initiatives for staff and inmates. TIC helps us recognize how we respond to people and situations based on past traumas people have experienced in their lives.
- There is a trend nationwide to reduce the amount of time inmates spend in Restrictive Housing (RH) due to research about mental health issues. At SCI, we offer programming from the Restrictive Housing Unit so inmates no longer get removed from programs if they have to go to RH for disciplinary reasons.
- Inmate tablets have been rolled out at SCI and are going well. Inmates also have the option of sending emails through a secured system which is monitored via a kiosk.

Topic: Roundtable

Discussion: Dave Zien: Governor Evers is looking at a pardon review board and Dave made some recommendations. Warden Richardson added that while it's relatively unheard of he processed two compassionate release requests within the last month.

--- OTHER INFORMATION ---

- Meeting adjourned: 3:12 pm
- Next meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 2:15 pm
- Respectfully submitted by Lori Patrouille, Warden's Secretary-Confidential