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Jail Standards Committee
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June 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Sun Valley, ID

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilde at 8:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were: Chair Paul Wilde, Cindy Malm, Vaughn Killeen, Chris Johnson, Bart Quayle, Ron Katko, Nora Ortega, Steve Anderson, Eric Snarr, Brian Covert, Tony Riffel, David Hale, Tad Bybee, Scott Ames, Kathleen Ballard, Jim Dalley, John Biddinger, Cody Strong, Kelly Erickson, Bruce Bowler, Cameron Stanford, Ryan Kaufman, Casey Burns, Jeff Brown, Steve Ogden, Andy Kiehl, Dan Mattos, Kim Edmondson, James Vincent, J. Lynn Bowman, Kelly Wells, Rick Henry, Michael Wiggins, Jim Lynd, Ken Fisher, Penny Denne, Russ Moorhead, Doug Giddings, Clarence Costner, Tina Nelson, Mike Haderlie, Tami Shurtleff, Chase Hendricks, Russell B. Card, Mark Cowley, Aaron Shepherd, Richard Eckert, Lynn A. Bowerman, Bart May, Brent Bunn, David Fryer, Alvin Winegar, Dean Klingler, Chris Goetz, Ben Wolfinger, Jil Nichols, Douglas Hughes, Darwin Johnson, Jay Davis, Doug McFall, Gene Ramsey, Mitch Alexander, Daryl Wheeler, David Hale, Daren Ward, Kieran Donahue, Mike Kane, Patti Bolen, Craig Rowland, Shaun Gough, Jim Jeffries, Richard Sammons, Roy Klingler, Doug Giddings, Lorin Nielsen, Tom Carter, Craig Hanson, Daryl Glasson, Dave Resser, Sandra Anxo, Tyler Morris, Anthony J. Eells, Marisela Ibarra, Stu Lumpkin, Linda Dubiel, and Marv Dashieu.

Shaun Gough moved to accept the February 2015 minutes and Lorin Nielsen seconded. The minutes were approved.

Chris Johnson reported that he will now be the contact when you are housing female inmates for IDOC. He stated that the billings are working well. IDOC has a higher number of inmates in jails due to having to eliminate some beds but the number should be coming down soon as the beds are coming back. Currently, there are approximately 235 inmates being housed in Colorado.

Vaughn Killeen asked Chris if they could do the informational newsletter that they used to provide and Chris stated that he will take a look at it and try to provide it again. Chris also reported that IDOC is full with females and the only ones that are being housed at IDOC are the high risk or are in programs. All of the rest are being housed in the jails.

There was a discussion on probationers in jail not being paid for and Chris is going to check on what is happening in that area.

Daren Ward reported on what the Jail Administrator's Association has been doing. He said that they have been really looking at what training is beneficial to the jail administrators that can be brought to the meetings. He said that Cindy Malm will be presenting on the IPREA standards at this meeting and Joe Mallet will be presenting on Legal Issues.

Daren also stated that they have been working on the operational procedures for the Idaho Jail Administrator's Association and planned to present it to the sheriffs at the meeting on Tuesday.

Vaughn Killeen reported that he has cleaned up the Jail Standards Committee Operating Procedures and they are available on the website only to sheriffs and staff by using a password. He asked everyone to review them and prepare to adopt them in December. He told everyone to send him any recommendations for changes or additions to the Operating Procedures.

Cindy Malm reported on the jail inspections and explained that she still had seven to do and then has the follow-up on others. She explained that there have been some issues this year with the 30 minutes security checks in some agencies. She is finding quite a few that are in excess of the 30 minutes and often over 40 minutes.

Cindy also reported that she has found several agencies where the 14 day health appraisals are not being done on time. And, several nurses have told her that if the inmate has had a health appraisal in the last year, or within a set amount of months, they do not have to have another one. Cindy has explained to the nurses that the standard states "each admission" and doesn't have exceptions.

Vaughn Killeen explained that we are actively working on developing the IPREA audit program. He said that Director Kempf with IDOC has agreed to working with us on IPREA but their goal for the future is to become PREA compliant.

Lorin Nielsen brought up the conflict between state law and IPREA law when it comes to housing juveniles. There was a discussion about the problems with housing juveniles according to IPREA and Lorin stated that we may need to look at new legislation. Vaughn recommended that we educate the judges rather than create legislation. Paul Wilde stated that he will talk to the Supreme Court to explain the issues.

Paul Wilde advised everyone to read the Idaho Jail standards and become familiar with them so that they can be compliant with standards such as the 14 day health appraisals. He stated that we can't allow doctors and nurses to overwrite our standards without approval of the committee.

Paul Wilde appointed Doug McFall to the position of Vice Chair of the Jail Standards Committee.

Commissioner Craig Hanson and Russ Moorhead with LCA presented a plan for a Canyon County Jail Expansion project. They stated that there are currently 477 beds in the Canyon County Jail and a needs assessment done in 2006 showed that over 1000 more beds were needed. During that time Canyon County has created lots of alternatives to incarceration. The proposed new addition would house male inmates and would have four pods each with 26 hard beds and four open dormitory units which would have 50 beds each. The proposal included three new outdoor recreation yards that would be 750 sq. feet each. They explained that the new addition would require 30 plus new staff.

Kieran Donahue and Daren Ward oppose the expansion and explained that Canyon County needs hard beds and doesn't need dormitory space. They also need female beds and the proposal does not address females. They explained that they are currently down several staff members and are having a difficult time filling the positions. They are concerned about the amount of new staff that would be needed to run the expansion and if they can fill that many positions. Canyon County also needs special management cells. They also stated that the expansion will not solve their problems with the ACLU and doesn't provide the beds that are needed.

There was lengthy discussion back and forth on the proposed expansion. Cindy Malm questioned the fact that in the 26 man units there was only one toilet and standards stated that there must be one for each 15 inmates. Russ stated there is a urinal but that could be replaced with a toilet. The plan did not show square footage so Russ stated he would get if for the corner cells which are proposed to have three bunks. The standards require an outdoor recreation yard of 1500 sq. ft. when the facility has more than 100 inmates. So, the committee would have to decide if they will accept three outdoor recreation yards at 750 sq. ft each.

After a lengthy discussion, Daryl Wheeler asked the committee what the purpose was for discussing this expansion. Are we verifying it meets standards or are we expected to approve the project? Paul Wilde read the Operating Procedures and said that all we are is an advisory for the project to verify it will meet Idaho Jail Standards.

Paul Wilde recommended to Canyon County that they come together in a more collaborative effort and we can look at any future plan and give advice. He stated that he didn't believe we should give a recommendation at this time. He said that good points have been brought forward but we need a more definitive plan to be able to give advice on.

Daryl Wheeler moved that the meeting be adjourned and Roy Klingler seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Paul Wilde advised the Committee that Commissioner Lawrence Schoen from Blaine County will be a new Commissioner on the Jail Standards Committee.

Minutes Written by Cindy Malm