

CORRECTIONS COMMISSION MEETING
LRC Room #1 in Capitol Building
Pierre, SD 57501
May 8, 2006
1:30 PM

Members Present: Senator J.P. Duniphan, Commission Chairperson, Committee Members: Justice Steven Zinter, Judge Max Gors, Brad Drake (via telephone), Senator Garry Moore (via telephone), Representative, Casey Murschel (via telephone) and Paul Aylward (via telephone).

Members Absent: George Prest

Others Present: Secretary Tim Reisch (via telephone), Laurie Feiler, Deputy Secretary of Corrections, Dave Schiefen, Policy and Compliance Manager, Robin Erz, Division of Alcohol and Drug, Terry Wooster, media, Chet Brokow, media, and Tina LaRosh, Executive Assistant – DOC.

Agenda Item Number One: Approval of minutes from the 1/9/06 and 12/22/05 Meetings

Senator Duniphan stated a quorum was present and asked for one motion to approve both previous meetings' minutes.

Judge Max Gors made a motion to approve the minutes of December 22, 2005 and January 9, 2006.

Representative Casey Murschel seconded. The motion carried.

Agenda Item Number Two: Summary of Corrections-related 2006 legislation
(See attached handout)

Deputy Secretary Feiler briefed the commission on the pieces of legislation that the Department of Corrections sponsored. HB 1022 revised the disposition of funds received from room and board charges on work release inmates. SB 28 revised certain provisions regarding the criminal code revision of 2005.

Deputy Secretary Feiler stated that there were two new appointments to the Board of Pardons and Paroles, Sara Burnette and Deborah Flute, both of which have been confirmed by the Senate. Four re-appointments were made as well.

Deputy Secretary Feiler briefed the commission on the packet of sex offender bills that were passed during legislation (see attached handout).

Agenda Item Number Three: Population Report
(See Attached Handout)

Deputy Secretary Feiler reported that the prison population is continuing to grow, however, not quite as rapidly as before. The population growth rate from June 2005 to FY 06 to date (through April) is 2.4% for male inmates and 8.2% for females. The FY 06 adjusted projections were based on 3.9% growth for male inmates and 5.5% growth for female inmates.

Senator Duniphan asked if could attribute the growth rate to anything in particular. Deputy Secretary Feiler responded that alcohol and drug offenders account for 58% of the admissions to prison for women, men have not had very significant increases in alcohol and drug offenders.

Senator Moore asked if the criminal code revision update that had a delayed implementation on it would have a significant impact on an increase of male inmates. Deputy Secretary Feiler responded that she would like a little time to respond so that she has an accurate answer.

Deputy Secretary Feiler also reported that we are continuing to see an increase in parole violators. Male parole violators have actually seemed to decrease however there has been an increase of 19% in female parole violators.

Senator Duniphan asked if the increase in the number of women admitted to prison is a trend across the country or if we are just catching up to the national trend. Deputy Secretary Feiler responded that it is pretty consistent across the country, and we are also seeing that women seem to be impacted by Methamphetamine. We are not unique in what we seem to be experiencing with women offenders.

Agenda Item Number Four: Participation in PBMS on the Adult Side

Deputy Secretary Feiler reported that South Dakota has decided to participate in the Performance Based Measures System (PBMS) for the adult system. The PBMS program is sponsored by the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA). This program will help the DOC to track "trend information" and see how we are doing historically. There are also standards of performance to measure community safety standards, institutional safety standards, justice standards, chemical dependency standards, and mental health standards. Data collection will be done monthly.

Senator Duniphan asked if we anticipate an additional budgetary request or if additional staff members are needed to help meet these standards. Deputy Secretary Feiler responded that we are currently able to use our existing staff to track the standards, but it is too early to know if we will need additional resources on a long-term basis.

Senator Moore asked if we required additional staff on the juvenile side for PBMS. Secretary Reisch responded that we did the same thing we are going to try to do on the adult side. Our bigger challenge will be to see if our current data systems will be able to do what is necessary to stay compliant.

Agenda Item Number Five: Meth Treatment

Dave Schiefen introduced Robin Erz, the assistant director of the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Robin Erz stated the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse currently has three Meth treatment efforts: the Pilot Program, the Parolee Program, and the Earmark Program. With Meth clients, it has been found that they need a minimum of 18-24 months of treatment. The treatment model that has been found successful includes four phases of treatment: Detox, Inpatient, Intensive Outpatient, and Extended/Continued Care. A Mentor is added in Phase II and continues for the duration of treatment. Upon intake, substance abuse, mental health, family functioning, social support, and self-efficacy are assessed to determine the best treatment plan for each individual. Lessons learned from the Pilot Program have improved implementation of the Parolee and the Earmark Programs.

Brad Drake asked what the success rate for recovery from a Methamphetamine addiction is at this time. Robin Erz responded that if they are able to keep an individual in programming for 18-24 months successfully, their rate of success is over 60%.

Senator Moore asked if there any definitive numbers as it relates to recidivism in South Dakota. Robyn Erz responded that they are still in the process of evaluating the data they have.

Agenda Item Number Six: Time and Place of Next Meeting

Senator Duniphan proposed that we keep the date and time of the next meeting open at this time. If any commission member has a time that they would like to meet, or specific items they would like to meet about, to contact Senator Duniphan, Secretary Reisch, or Deputy Secretary Feiler and a meeting will be set up.

Agenda Item Number Seven: Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chair

Senator Duniphan asked for a motion to elect a chairperson of the commission.

Representative Haley made a motion for Senator Duniphan to continue as chairperson. Representative Murschel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Duniphan asked for a motion to elect a vice-chair of the commission.

Senator Duniphan nominated Judge Gors. Justice Zinter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Agenda Item Number Eight: Adjourn:

Senator Duniphan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Senator Moore made a motion to adjourn. Brad Drake seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.