

**ALLEN COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS  
ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
January 25, 2007  
Noon**

**PRESENT:** Judge Charles Pratt, Allen Superior Court, Juvenile Jurisdiction  
Bill Brown, Allen County Commissioner  
Karen Richards, Allen County Prosecutor  
Elisha Harris, Allen County Jail Ministry  
Judge John Surbeck, Allen Superior Court, Criminal Division  
Judge Thomas Felts, Allen Circuit Court  
Randy Hammond, Proxy for, Charles Leonard, Attorney at Law  
David Sprague, President, Old Fort Specialties  
Mark Keen, Chancellor, Ivy Tech Community College  
Kenneth Fries, Allen County Sheriff  
Steve Keever, Northern Regional Director of Indiana Parole Services  
Darren Vogt, Allen County Council  
Beth Beams, Center for Non-Violence  
Neil Moore, Indiana Tech College  
Rusty York, Proxy for, Graham Richard, Mayor of Fort Wayne  
Kim Churchward, Proxy for, Judge Frances Gull, Allen Superior Court,  
Criminal Division  
Nelson Peters, Allen County Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Eric Zimmerman, Chief, Adult Probation  
Michelle Savieo, Department of Child Services/Family Resources  
Paul Wilson, CEO, Park Center  
Ruth Anne Sprunger, Mental Health Association

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Julie Von Arx, Deputy Commissioner, Indiana  
Department of Correction  
David Gladieux, Chief Deputy, Allen County  
Sheriff  
Allen County Community Corrections Staff  
Journal Gazette reporter

## **ROLL CALL AND QUORUM**

Chair Judge John Surbeck, called the meeting to order. Sheila Hudson called the roll and it was determined there was a quorum.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting made by Mark Keen, seconded by Ken Fries. Carried unanimously.

## **CHAIRS REPORT:**

Chair John Surbeck introduced new board member appointments, Allen Superior Court Juvenile Judge Charles Pratt, Sheriff Ken Fries, Neil Moore from Indiana Tech College, Steven Keever, Parole Services, and Allen County Commissioner Bill Brown. He extended a welcome to all new members.

Chair Surbeck announced that Board Member Ruth Anne Sprunger has been very ill, she was in the hospital and is now at home recovering.

Chair Surbeck oversaw the election of Advisory Board Officers.

Secretary – Motion was made by Ken Fries to nominate incumbent Paul Wilson, seconded by David Sprague. Motion to close nominations by Randy Hammond, seconded by David Sprague.

Vice Chair – Motion was made by Ken Fries to nominate incumbent Thomas Felts, seconded by Darren Vogt. Motion to close nominations by Ken Fries, seconded by Karen Richards.

Chair – Motion was made by Mark Keen to nominate incumbent John Surbeck, seconded by David Sprague. Motion to close nominations by Ken Fries, seconded by Thomas Felts.

Motion was made by Steve Keever to elect all nominated candidates by acclimation, seconded by David Sprague, carried unanimously.

Chair Surbeck introduced Deputy Commissioner, Julie Von Arx, from the Indiana Department of Correction and thanked her for coming.

### 1) ReEntry Evaluation Overview.

Chair Surbeck announced that the Criminal Justice Institute will be in receipt of an application for an Allen County Community Corrections grant effective July, 2007, to continue the evaluation of the ReEntry Program for a second two year period. In June, 2005, an initial 2 year evaluation was completed and is now nearing publication. A two page executive summary was handed out. Stan Pflueger, Public Relations Director, gave a brief presentation of the highlights of the evaluation study. The complete document is available to board members in print format and also on disk.

2) Transitional Housing.

Chair Surbeck explained that the Department of Correction has proposed to earmark funds for Community Corrections to investigate the possibility of a Transitional Housing facility in Allen County, if the community and the Board are interested in pursuing the project. Housing continues to be the one issue that most influences the ReEntry population.

**A motion was made by Nelson Peters to authorize the Executive Director to look into the possibility of obtaining, renovating and operating a Transitional Housing Facility and negotiate with the Department of Correction for funding, seconded by David Sprague.**

Discussion followed. Karen Richards asked what the procedure to determine eligibility for the housing will be? Will they be found not eligible for Work Release? Would this be a post conviction facility? Would there be the minimum control of electronic monitoring? Would gender be an issue? Mark Keen stated that facility would address a real need in the community, and that it fits in with the Board's mission; will use State resources, and possibly free up staff to be used elsewhere.

**Call for the vote, motion carried unanimously.**

3) Strategic Community Plan.

Chair Surbeck introduced Commissioner Nelson Peters who gave an overview of the topic. All community corrections boards are responsible for creating a strategic community plan and submitting it to the Department of Correction when requesting grant funding. Commissioner Peters explained that this subject was first addressed in 1999, when long term planning for the local justice system as a whole was looked at. This project looked at historical activities in the city and county, and discussed programs that were currently in place. Officials in this community need to move forward and make a community plan happen. Board members will be meeting with CJI Director, Mike Cunegin to prepare a formal request for funding to bring in a professional to assist with the data analysis and to format where to go from here. Nelson requested input from the Board to prepare a professional product addressing corrections and criminal justice overall in Allen County. While this is a statutory requirement, is it also important for accountability and accurate planning.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

### 1) Annual Report.

Sheila Hudson discussed that an Annual Report is required of all community corrections programs by the Indiana Department of Correction. A report of the past year's activities was handed out to the board members. Public Relations Director, Stan Pflueger gave a brief overview, stating that an accurate summary of activities is affective in the evaluation of program goals. The report also contains a summary of data; projected budgets, and the future direction of the programs.

### 2) GSP Discussion.

Director Hudson explained that the contract with Allen County Community Corrections and the Indiana Department of Correction concerning the active Global Positioning System is ready to be implemented. The DOC will pay for the equipment directly to the vendor, BI, Incorporated, and a per diem to Allen County Community Corrections for each sex offender parolee under supervision.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Motion to adjourn by Karen Richards, seconded by Mark Keen. Carried unanimously.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

The next meeting will be March 22, 2007 at noon. NOTE: The November, 2007 meeting has been changed to November 15, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Wilson,  
Board Secretary