

ALLEN COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
March 22, 2007
Noon

PRESENT: 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
Charles Leonard, Attorney at Law
David Sprague, President, Old Fort Specialties
Mark Keen, Chancellor, Ivy Tech Community College
Steve Kever, Northern Regional Director of Indiana Parole Services
Darren Vogt, Allen County Council
Beth Beams, Center for Non-Violence
Neil Moore, Indiana Tech College
Judge Frances Gull, Allen Superior Court, Criminal Division
Nelson Peters, Allen County Commissioner
Eric Zimmerman, Chief, Adult Probation
Ruth Anne Sprunger, Mental Health Association

ABSENT: Michelle Savieo, Department of Child Services/Family Resources
Paul Wilson, CEO, Park Center
Judge Charles Pratt, Allen Superior Court, Juvenile Jurisdiction
Kenneth Fries, Allen County Sheriff
Graham Richard, Mayor of Fort Wayne

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: 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 Thomas Felts. Carried unanimously.

CHAIRS REPORT:

Chair John Surbeck welcomed back board member Ruth Anne Sprunger, who is recovering from a recent illness.

1) Community Corrections / Parole Project

Chair Surbeck announced that the Department of Correction is close to approval of developing a joint Community Corrections and Parole pilot. This project will be based on the ReEntry model and contain 10 counties located in Parole District 2.

2) Transitional Housing.

Chair Surbeck stated that the Department of Correction would still like to engage in discussions regarding transitional housing with Community Corrections. Care must be taken to not allow a work release type of residence be recreated and that housing standards are not reduced for the sake of speed in development.

3) Problem Solving Courts Sub-Committee.

Chair Surbeck announced that a sub-committee on Problem Solving Courts has been created and in coordination by the Indiana Judicial Center to create a certification process and rules for Indiana ReEntry Courts.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

1) Community Forum Possibility.

Sheila Hudson discussed possibility of a Community Forum to discuss educating and informing the community at large, along with making a better effort of responding to concerns and complaints. She will be working with Rev. Mike Nickleson to put together the first faith summit sometime in late Spring. She will keep the Board informed of when and where this will be held and all members are welcome to attend. Commissioner Bill Brown stated he would be willing to help in any way he can to assist.

2) County Officer Lawsuit

Director Hudson explained that an Allen County Attorney is handling this pending Officer wage and hour lawsuit against the Memorial Coliseum. This is still in the discovery phase, as two more Officers have signed on. Community Corrections, though not a party to the lawsuit, is aware that the outcome could adversely affect the status of its part time Officer staff.

3) GPS Electronic Monitoring Update

Director Hudson stated that the current BI, Incorp. software is not compatible with ACCC monitoring software. Companion software is now being developed by ACCC and should be available in the next two weeks. Therefore, GPS supervision has not yet actively begun, although there is currently one test parolee on the system, who is being supervised.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Hudson provided a handout of the present Community Corrections agency staff structure and its diversity of programs for board information.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Keever, seconded by Karen Richards. Carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

The next meeting will be May 24, 2007 at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Wilson,
Board Secretary