

LANCASTER COUNTY CORRECTIONS BOARD

- AGENDA -

Thursday, November 3, 2005

8:30 a.m.

I. Approval of the August 11, 2005 Meeting

II. Population Statistics

- A. Population Comments
- B. Population Graphs
- C. Monthly Statistical Report

III. Department Activities

- A. Good News Jail & Prison Ministry
- B. Mental Health Jail Diversion Program
- C. In-House Projects
- D. New Business

V. Adjournment

Attachments

- 1 - August 11, 2005 Minutes
- 2 - Population Graphs
- 3- Monthly Status Report
- 4- LCF Community Service Program
- 5- Transport Stats

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I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- August 11, 2005

II. POPULATION STATISTICS	2005 Apr/May/June	2005 July/Aug/Sept.	Change
Average Daily Population	410.7	447.4	+ 9 %
JAIL	276.2	297.4	+ 8 %
LCF	134.5	150.0	+11%
 Total Bookings	 3,004	 2,605	 -16%
Average per month	1,001	868	
 Total Lodgings	 1,934	 1,725	 -13%
Average per month	645	575	
 Platte County Inmate Housing		 Sept. 2005	
Average per month		30.4	

Population Comments

A. During this quarter, the department is starting to see some changes in our population. Total bookings have dropped by 16% from the previous quarter of April-June, 2005. Consequently, total inmates lodged have also been reduced by 13%.

We've also seen an increase of 9% in our average daily population this quarter, with the largest increase at our LCF facility. The electronic security project has dictated some shifting of our population during the month of September.

Comparing the population from the same quarter of last year (July-Sept. 2004), we are holding 16% additional inmates and housing 72 more inmates per day.

During the month of September, Platte County Detention Facility held 47 inmates for a total of 969 days. This has allowed the Adult Detention Facility to see a small decline in our average daily population.

B. Population Graph (see attached)

The population graph shows the month to month populations for FY05 and FY06. This graph shows the facility's rated capacity as of 1991 when the Adult Detention Facility opened.

C. Monthly Statistical Report (see attached)

This is a statistical report giving the average daily population for both facilities, number of bookings, types of arrests and releases, as well as medical and mental health services provided.

III. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A. GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY

The past quarter has been busy for our Chaplaincy program. They have organized over 250 group Bible studies and inmates have completed over 2,100 Bible study lessons. Five inmates have completed the study program and have been awarded their Study Bible.

Rev. Morgan is currently in need of several male church leaders and is actively trying to recruit them from several area churches. He is also developing a new service for Native Americans. It has taken him approximately two months to organize volunteers, complete the application process, and provide training to complete this project.

During the last three months, an inter-pod service has been held. The average attendance was 17 per service. This has been a good experience for inmates as well as the local pastors involved. The approved clergy list has 77 names representing 75 local churches. Two of the pastors came from other counties.

B. MENTAL HEALTH JAIL DIVERSION PROJECT

As of the past quarter, the project has diverted 89 individuals total. They currently have 21 who remain active and 6 are in transition.

One individual who remains active, received 90 days instead of a year sentence due to complying with the program. They also had their first pre-trial felon who has done extremely well since being involved in the diversion project. He has complied with the guidelines by keeping up with a treatment program, has managed to get an apartment, and is hopeful in obtaining employment soon.

C. IN-HOUSE/ROAD CREW PROJECTS

1. Our LCF Community Service Program has been utilized the last quarter with County road clean-up. Attachments are provided showing hours worked and road distance coverages.
2. Installation of rural address signs is in progress. The program began on August 23 using our inmate crews. Currently, 1,673 signs have been installed in 44 days. Attachments are provided showing the locations of the installs.
3. During August and September, engineers have installed the new touch screen systems in four supervision units, the Intake booking area, and Central Control. By integrating the touch screen system in our two living units, we were able to install intercoms in each inmate cell.

For the past three weeks, contractors have been converting and installing a new digital camera and recording system. Contractors are finishing conduit runs and wire pulls for installation of new cameras and a card reader system. The project is scheduled for completion in December of 2005.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Lancaster County Corrections Department had 46 employees who contributed to the 2006 United Way Campaign. A total of \$5,495 was pledged. This was 14% of total County contributions.
2. Due to the overcrowding conditions and the installation of our new security system, the department has started housing detainees with the Platte County Detention Facility. We are currently maintaining a population here that ranges from 30-35 individuals. These consist of sentenced and pre-trial detainees who are likely to be in custody for at least several weeks. Many are not scheduled for release until next year.

This transition began on September 1, 2005. For this month, the average population at this location is at 30.4 inmates per day. Our relationship with Platte County has been positive. Platte County has on numerous occasions, provided transport to and from their facility, thus reducing our travel expenses.

3. Discussion regarding the November 2, 2005 RFP pre-architectural tour.