

**OKLAHOMA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING**

Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center
3300 N Martin Luther King Ave
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 6, 2014

1. Opening and Roll Call

Kevin Gross, Chair

Chair Gross called the regular meeting of the Oklahoma Board of Corrections (BOC) to order at 1:01 p.m. at the Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center on Thursday, March 6, 2014. Chair Gross asked the clerk to call the roll:

Steve Burrage, Secretary	Present	Linda Neal, Member	Present
Kevin Gross, Chair	Present	Michael Roach, Vice Chair	Present
Gene Haynes, Member	Present	Earnest Ware, Member	Present
Frazier Henke, Member	Present		

Calling of the roll reflected a quorum was present.

2. Welcome/Remarks

**Sharon Harrison, District Supervisor
Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center**

District Supervisor Harrison welcomed the Board and guests to the facility. She stated the facility was originally the site for Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (MBCC) which was relocated in 2003 to McLoud, Oklahoma. When MBCC was relocated, the facility was renamed Hillside Community Corrections Center. In 2013, it was again renamed and is currently known as Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center (KBCCC). Kate Barnard was a key figure in the history of Oklahoma Department of Corrections and the facility was named in her honor. She was the first commissioner of the Department of Charities and Corrections during a time when women were not allowed to vote in Oklahoma.

KBCCC currently provides several programs for the female offenders such as GED and Adult Basic Education classes, Girl Scouts Beyond Bars which works with the offenders and their children, and parenting classes. The capacity for the facility is 260 and the count as of this date is 230. There are also work release programs and the Prisoners Public Works Programs with other state agencies such as the Governor's mansion, Fleet Management, and the Department of Central Services.

There are three halfway houses currently under District Supervisor Harrison's supervision. Turley Residential Center, in Tulsa, is a 180-bed facility; Center Point, Inc., also in Tulsa, is a 32-bed facility and drug treatment program; and Catalyst, in Enid, which houses 90 offenders.

Chair Gross thanked District Supervisor Harrison for the hospitality shown to the Board. No further comments or questions were made.

3. Old Business

Kevin Gross, Chair

No old business was brought before the Board.

4. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Kevin Gross, Chair

- Special Meeting on February 13, 2014

Chair Gross stated the minutes were provided to the Board prior to the meeting for review. He requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on February 13, 2014.

Motion: Mr. Burrage made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Haynes seconded the motion. The results of the roll call were: Mr. Burrage – yes; Mr. Gross – yes; Mr. Haynes – yes; Mr. Henke – yes; Ms. Neal – yes; Mr. Roach – yes; Mr. Ware – yes.

Appropriated	\$(263,299,764)
200 Fund FY 14	\$(2,639,85274)
205 Fund FY 14	\$(727,646)
Encumbrances	\$(100,147,685)
Committed	\$(1,919,752)
Remaining Payroll	\$(105,510,329)
Available Balance	\$18,956,294

Appropriated Operating Funds	
Budgeted	\$471,443,633
Expenditures Y-T-D	\$(263,299,764)
Encumbrance Y-T-D	\$(92,560,735)
Total Committed Y-T-D	<u>\$(398,907)</u>
Available Balance	\$115,184,227
Less:	
Payroll	\$(105,510,329)
Available Balance	\$9,673,898

200 Revolving Fund	
Beginning Cash Balance 7/1/2013	\$8,847,121
Revenue Received Y-T-D	\$9,255,049
Expenditures Y-T-D	\$(17,371,490)
Adjustments Y-T-D	<u>\$(500)</u>
Ending Balance	\$730,180

205 Revolving Fund	
Beginning Cash Balance 7/1/2013	\$1,100,947
Revenue Received Y-T-D	\$3,863,766
Expenditures Y-T-D	\$(4,087,826)
Adjustments Y-T-D	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$867,887

280 Revolving Fund	
Beginning Cash Balance 7/1/2013	\$4,307,972
Revenue Received Y-T-D	\$14,418,617
Expenditures Y-T-D	\$(13,019,334)
Adjustments Y-T-D	<u>\$(4,751)</u>
Ending Balance	\$5,702,504

Mr. Burrage made a motion to approve the budget as provided; however, this item was an update only and did not require approval by the Board.

7. Population Update

**Laura Pitman, Ph.D., Deputy Director
Institutions, Division I**

Dr. Pitman provided the population update as of December 31, 2013:

Total System Offender Population = 26,742	EMP = 12
DOC Facilities = 18,072	PPCS = 1
Private Prisons = 5,818	Probation Supervision = 21,259
County Jails with Contracts = 539	Parole Supervision Offenders = 3,192
Halfway Houses = 1,087	Total System Population = 51,193
Out Count (jails, hospitals, etc.) = 663	County Jail Backup = 1,831
GPS = 550	

No further questions or comments were made.

8. Update on RFP for Private Prison Contract Beds

**Greg Williams, Administrator
Private Prisons and Jails**

Mr. Williams stated the Request for Proposal (RFP) for additional private prison beds was submitted and has now closed. Proposals were received from Corrections Corporation of America and GEO Group, Inc. Their proposals were submitted to the Population/Private Prisons Committee on this date and the committee will review them. No further questions or comments were made.

9. Legislative Update

Neville Massie, Legislative Liaison

Ms. Massie stated the Public Policy/Public Affairs Committee met this date to discuss the information being provided to the Board. She stated the week prior was the deadline for hearing bills in committee in the chamber of origin. After this deadline, there are 1,287 bills still alive for future consideration. This week and the next will be spent hearing bills on the floor of each chamber, with the deadline for bills to be heard in the chamber of origin on Thursday, March 13, 2014. The committee process will then begin for bills of the opposing house.

Ms. Massie provided information on the following bills:

- The only ODOC initiative to not survive the first deadline was SB 1751, the hospital Medicaid bill. The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Appropriations Sub-committee but did not receive a hearing in the full Appropriations Committee.
- HB 2876, abolishing the Board of Corrections and moving supervision of the Director of Corrections to the Cabinet Secretary, is on the House floor agenda and has been for over a week but has not been called up as yet. If the bill does not get called up before March 13, 2014, it will also be dead.
- HB 2391, permitting any person to bring civil suit for violation of the Open Meeting Act and if successful, to be entitled to recuperate attorney fees, is on general order but has not been placed on the floor agenda as of this date.
- HB 2394, requiring all state government boards to create a video recording of all public meetings and making the videos available to the public, is currently on the floor agenda but has not yet been heard.
- HB 2732, allowing offenders convicted of 85% crimes to accumulate earned credits and applying them when the offender reaches the 85% date, has been placed on the agenda for March 17, 2014.
- HB 2804, modifying jail reimbursement procedures and rates, has been amended to include transferring of offenders within forty-five (45) days of sentencing in addition to negotiating with each county for reimbursement rates.
- HB 2913, exempting from tax levied sales of tangible personal property or services for use on chapel construction projects within ODOC institutions, is moving forward but has not been placed on the floor agenda yet.

Ms. Massie reminded the Board that this is an election year which can impact how quickly bills move through the process as well as how the legislators vote on the issues. No further questions or comments were made.

Mr. Ware was called away from the meeting at approximately 1:20 p.m.

10. Program Update

**Apryl Owens, Transition Coordinator
Tulsa Reentry One-Stop**

- Tulsa Reentry One-Stop

Ms. Owens stated the purpose of the Tulsa Reentry One-Stop is to use programs targeted at promoting effective reintegration of offenders back into the community after release from prison with an emphasis on training or training for employment. In October 2012, the One-Stop opened its doors with the expectation of serving 342 offenders by the middle of 2014. With the collaboration of multiple agencies, including the Department of Labor, George Kaiser Family Foundation, Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Community Service Council of Tulsa, and others the One-Stop has come very close to meeting their outcome in successful reentry services.

Ms. Owens stated criteria used for screening potential candidates includes the offender must be returning or moving to Tulsa, must be within three (3) months of release from prison or no longer than six (6) months since discharged from prison, no sex offense history and must be seeking employment or training for employment. With these criteria

in mind, Ms. Owens conducted initial site visits at all facilities – federal, state and private - to inform case managers and staff of the services One-Stop provides. One-Stop then utilized the ODOC Offender Management System to compile a list and target those offenders who had the greatest probability of returning to Tulsa as it was their county of conviction.

Since its inception, 311 offenders have participated in the program as of February 24, 2014. One-Stop has sixty-four percent (64%) participation rate; forty percent (40%) enrollment in certification tracks; fifty-six percent (56%) have completed a certification track; fifty-one percent (51%) have been employed for the last three months; sixty-one percent (61%) have been working for the last year, earning an average of \$9 per hour; and seventy-four percent (74%) are still participating in mentoring. Ms. Owens stated all of this creates a recidivism rate of fourteen percent (14%) and only using approximately \$3,000 per participant for reentry services.

No further questions or comments were made.

11. Committee Reports

Committee Chairs

Chair Gross asked the committee chairs for their reports.

- **Budget Committee**

Mr. Burrage stated there was not a report.

- **Female Offender Committee**

Ms. Neal stated there was no report.

- **Public Policy/Public Affairs Committee**

Mr. Ware was no longer at the meeting so a report was not provided.

- **Population/Private Prisons Committee**

Ms. Neal stated the committee had met this date and asked Dr. Laura Pitman to provide a summary of the meeting. Dr. Pitman stated the committee discussed the population management team established by Director Patton to address the population issues. Dr. Pitman stated the team is diligently looking at release processes to determine if offenders can be moved through the system quicker and return to their communities. This would allow the county jail backup to be decreased as more beds are made available to move them into the system. Dr. Pitman stated the team is reviewing policies and procedures already in place and how to streamline the processes to decrease the time between sentencing and reception.

Chair Gross queried when their study will be completed in terms of projecting additional capacity. Dr. Pitman stated although they already have preliminary numbers, it is too soon to provide concrete data to the Board; however, by the meeting in April, they should have data to share. Ms. Neal stated the meeting was very lengthy and in-depth but she expressed her excitement to hear the different ideas and options for tackling the population growth. She stated the committee felt good about the progress.

- **Executive Committee**

Chair Gross stated the committee met on February 28, 2014, to review the agenda for the meeting this date.

12. Announcements

Kevin Gross, Chair

The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, April 3, at the Union City Community Corrections Center in Union City, Oklahoma, at 1:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Kevin Gross, Chair

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Gross requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Henke made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Roach seconded the motion. The results of the roll call were: Mr. Burrage – yes; Mr. Gross – yes; Mr. Haynes – yes; Mr. Henke – yes; Ms. Neal – yes; Mr. Roach – yes; Mr. Ware – absent.

The adjournment was approved by majority vote and the meeting ended at 1:27 p.m.

Submitted to the Board of Corrections by:

[signature on file]

Kimberley Owen, Minutes Clerk

Date

I hereby certify that these minutes were duly approved by the Board on the third day of April 2014 in which a quorum was present and voting.

Approved by:

[signature on file]

B. Steve Burrage, Secretary of the Board

Date