



## IOWA CITIZENS UNITED FOR THE REHABILITATION OF ERRANTS

*An Effort to Reduce Crime Through Criminal Justice Reform - Winter 2014*

### MOVING DAY DEFERRED

"I can tell you this is undoubtedly from my prospective, the most irritating and frustrating thing I've ever experienced in corrections. It is in my judgement, incompetence. We gave a lot of money, our tax dollars, to some firms who did not live up to their value. The good news is that the Attorney General has put together a team of attorneys and will bring in outside experts as well, so that once the contractors leave the prison it will be a race to the courthouse."

This was the response of Director of Corrections, John Baldwin, at a meeting of the Board of Corrections on October 3, when Board member Larry Kudej asked the question, "Where do we stand on Fort Madison opening?"

He went on to say that the commissioning agent was supposed to come and verify that the geothermal system works; however at the meeting of the board in November it did not appear that that had occurred. There are also other problems related to smoke removal.

Some members of the press have reported that the staff and prisoners are anxious to move, but it is our understanding that this is not necessarily true. There is the on going concern regarding double-bunking of prisoners. Fort Madison prisoners are used to living in single cells and are not happy that those requesting single cells will be eligible for less time out of their cells, more limited work opportunities and cuts in other opportunities. Prisoners willing to share cells are considered "pro-social" and will receive more privileges.

It has been reported that the new library will be smaller than the old one, and some quality books will have to be left packed away in boxes. The Hobby Craft area has always been a favorite and, although the new area is fairly large, wood working and leather craft have been eliminated so few prisoners are interested in using it. We understand that the administration is also changing the contract for the cable TV and no Iowa based local stations will be available. Since prisoners pay for the cost of the cable and most are from Iowa, this is not making the population happy.

Minimum-security prisoners at ISP have been on the move. The original plan was to spend \$500,00 to renovate or replace the bunk house at Farm One to house the men from the John Bennett Center. The plans were changed and \$450,000 was used to renovate the Critical Care Unit and move the men from the JBC there. The CCU is now called the JBC. This is quite a change for the men as the JBC was dormitory style housing and the CCU was built in the style of a supermax. We understand that the locks have been taken off the locks on the

cell doors, however the men really miss the large exercise yard they had at the JBC.

Staff and prisoners have settled in at the new Iowa Correctional Facility for Women. We understand that there was a problem with mobility last winter due to the fact that the prison is built on a slope making the sidewalks hazardous when wet or icy and difficult for physically challenged.

In the November 2005 issue of American Corrections Association magazine, Director Baldwin's article regarding the building of the new prisons in Iowa. The article "A Catalyst for Change" explained how the escape of two ISP inmates became the springboard for approval for the building of new prisons in Iowa. I am sure that he felt that this would be a very positive way to finish up his many years of service to the Iowa Department of Corrections. Let's hope that the huge investment that has been made can be salvaged and Iowa can put this chapter behind us.

### ADVANCED CARE PLANNING BEHIND BARS

A new program which gives prisoners the opportunity to make end of life decisions has been developed due to a relationship between the School of Social Work, Oakdale, prison hospice program and the director of Honoring Your Wishes. It took nearly a year to get it running due to the need for approval of multiple levels throughout the IDOC. Those who are eligible to be in the program have approximately one year of life left.

According to those directing the program, the purpose of the project is "to engage offenders with decision-making capacity who are frail/elderly and /or suffering from advanced health conditions to consider advanced care planning and documenting the types of wishes they have for their end of life care."

Those who participated have expressed feeling very grateful for having the opportunity to make these decisions. The proper documents are signed and the ways are found to make it possible for the family to visit. Plans are made regarding where the body will go. Prisoners want to be known as more than just prisoners so they don't want body or cremains to be buried on prison grounds. The information regarding ACP will go with the prisoner if transferred and will be reviewed during weekly nursing meetings.

Questions remaining: how can this program be moved out to other institutions? How can it be implemented statewide? Those involved are to be congratulated for creating this very needed and meaningful program.

## **PAROLE BOARD CHANGES**

There have been a number of changes in the make-up of the Iowa Board of Parole, as well as, in their way of operating. In May, Governor Branstad appointed John Hodges to be the Chairperson of the Board and Board Administrator. Hodges, a graduate of Drake Law School, has his own law practice, was head of the Iowa Senate Caucus Staff for one year and is a NCAA football official.

The newest member of the Board is Norm Granger, a former NFL player who has worked in the correctional system in Iowa. He has a degree from the University of Iowa in recreation and counselling. Branstad appointed him to be Vice Chair of the Board at a salary of \$65,000. Sue Lerdal was also appointed as the lay member of the board. These appointments must be approved by the Iowa Senate.

The Parole Board has streamlined their operations, by transferring all their paper records to the ICON system. They are able to operate much more efficiently and have access to all the information on the ICON to aid them in making informed decisions.

Another change is that the old system of requiring a certain number of affirmative votes to grant release has been changed making the process more efficient. Governor Branstad has expressed his desire to have more prisoners paroled directly back into the community rather than to community based corrections.

Gordie Allen, former Deputy Attorney General has filed a lawsuit against the Board for failing to have a procedure in place to give those juveniles who received Life Without Parole and, due to the decisions of the US Supreme Court are now eligible for re-sentencing, a meaningful opportunity for parole. At a recent meeting the Board set up a schedule to interview these prisoners and they went into the closed session with their attorney to discuss this process. The interviews will take place on Dec. 17th.

## **THE UNEXPECTED LETTER**

Several years ago I learned that the son of one of the members of our church had been sentenced to prison. I didn't know this young man, but I felt it would be good if we let him know that he was in the thoughts and prayers of members of our church. So I sent him a letter and several cards at holiday time. Several months ago his mother told me that he was coming before the parole board and it would be good if they knew that he would have support if he was released. I wrote a letter describing the kind of support that our church could offer if he was released.

Not long ago this young man came to church and he came to me. He said, "I want to meet the writer of the "unexpected letter." He went on to say that when you are in prison in is a wonderful surprise to receive an "unexpected letter" of concern from someone that you have never met. I was very touched by his words. Often people tell me that they would like to be involved in the criminal justice system, but don't know what to do. perhaps it could begin with something as simple as writing that "unexpected letter."

Several years ago our church decided, as a part of a "Week of Faith and Healing" they would send letters to all of the prisoners in the Iowa system who had received sentences of life without parole.( Now ruled illegal by the US Supreme Court.) In some cases the prisoners who received these "unexpected letters" responded and friendships have developed.

I have found that the concept of the "unexpected letter" works both ways. Many of you know that my husband Bill died very suddenly in May. I have received many words of sympathy and support in the days since his death. Some of the most touching have come from prisoners, some I have known for a number of years, some whom I have never met. These "unexpected letters" have meant so much to me and have helped me at this difficult time. Some have come from prisoners whom I have known for a long time while others have come from persons I have never known. One person sent me a well-worn booklet on dealing with grief which he said had helped him when his brother died. I was very moved by his sharing.

Who is waiting to receive that "unexpected letter" from you?

## **BEST CHOICES FOR PRISONER BANKING**

Remember when giving money to a prisoner was just a matter of turning cash or a money order in at the window of the prison or mailing a money order to the prisoner. Now banking has become very complicated and it can be very costly if the sender doesn't take time to think about what the prisoner's needs really are.

A sender can still choose to use the IDOC Offender Fiduciary Account. You can pull up the instructions under banking on the Iowa DOC website, and all you need to do is buy a money order for a very small fee at the post office, or grocery store, Be sure to fill it out carefully as any error, no matter how small, will mean that it will be sent back to you.

I would highly recommend that you use this system unless there is some very special reason that your prisoner needs money quickly.

There are other alternatives, but they are all costly. You can send money via Western Union using the internet, phone or cash payments at any Western Union site. Fees are based on the amount you send. JPay allows you to send money to loved ones in a variety of convenient (and costly) ways. Online: the fees vary from \$3.95 to \$11.95 based on the deposit amount. Toll Free Telephone number for a fee of \$8.95.

Then there is CORR-Links. Just go to your website for you CORR-Links O-mail account and push the button, "send money." You can also call a toll free number and make a deposit with a credit or debit card.

In addition to the fees charged, the usual charges for restitution, savings, child support, etc will also be taken out.

We can't stress enough, that, unless there is an emergency, we recommend that you use the IDOC offender banking system.

#### **46,000 FEDERAL PRISONERS ELIGIBLE FOR FAIRER DRUG SENTENCES**

Word has been received from Julie Stewart of Families Against Mandatory Minimums that the U.S. Sentencing Commission voted in favor of making new federal drug guideline sentence reductions RETROACTIVE with no limitations!

These federal drug offenders sentenced before November 1, 2014 will now be eligible to file a motion in federal court asking for a shorter sentence. The average sentence reduction will be two years.

So what happens next? According to Julie, not all federal drug offenders sentenced before November 1 will be eligible for a sentence reductions and these reductions are not automatic. Actual releases will not begin until Nov. 2015 because of the huge increase in the work load of the courts and probation officers.

To find out if they are eligible for a retroactive sentence reduction, your incarcerated loved ones should contact their lawyers or the federal public defenders IN THE DISTRICTS WHERE THEY WERE CONVICTED. Check the Famm website [www.famm.org](http://www.famm.org) for updates from time to time..

#### **DISABILITY RIGHTS - IOWA LAW CENTER FOR PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY**

You probably had not heard about the work of Disability Rights Iowa until their staff made public the excessive use of isolation and the lack of education for the residents at the Iowa Juvenile Home. The mission of Disability Rights IOWA is to defend and promote the human and legal rights of Iowans who have disabilities including mental illnesses. It is a private, non-profit organization, independent of the state government. They are funded mainly with federal funds.

They seek to assist individuals with disabilities who have legal issues related to their disabilities. They also seek to remedy systemic problems. They do have a limited amount of funding and staff so they have to set areas of focus.

Their goal is work to be sure that individuals with disabilities are free from abuse and neglect. This includes monitoring facilities and services, judicial review of civil commitment, and abuse and neglect of individuals with mental illness in county jails. DRI is beginning to provide legally-based advocacy to prisoners at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women and the Anamosa State Penitentiary who are allegedly being abused or neglected. If you are aware of anyone who might benefit from their work, please make them aware of the services of DRI. DRI, 400 East Court Ave. Suite 300, Des Moines, IA 50309, Tel. [515-278-0502](tel:515-278-0502)

#### **HIGH COST OF INCARCERATION**

These days there has been a lot of news related to the high cost of incarceration. This includes inmate phone calls and the cost of banking cards that are issued to prisoners as they leave the prison. We should not forget that there are also the basic mandatory deductions for inmate commissary account which are taken from all credits to the account. They are as follows: child support: 50% from all allowances and wages only, restitution-20% from all credits to the account, mandatory savings-10% from all credits to the account until amount reaches \$100. This is for the prisoners' "gate money." Purposed legislation would eliminate this deduction for lifers and long-termers. Medical co-pay- \$3 for every self initiated visit to health services. Cost of incarceration (Pay for Stay) 6% surcharge added to with drawls from account or purchased from commissary. Disciplinary Sanctions- institutions may deduct ANY amount or percent necessary for assessed damages for resulting misconduct.

There is also a Supervisory Fee for prisoners on parole of \$300. This is to pay their parole officer for supervising them. The IDOC attempted to get the legislature to approve raising it to \$350 several years ago, but the Victims Rights group opposed this raise as they felt any increased fees should go for restitution.

A daily allowance of \$.28 per day may be granted to those prisoners in orientation, those assigned to jobs, and those unable to work for a valid reason. In lieu of this allowance the institution may simply provide hygiene and postal items.

If you are sending money to a prisoner be sure that you are aware of all the deductions that will be taken out of the total amount that you send. Note: these deductions are not taken out of deposits to the phone accounts.

**November 26, 2014**

#### **Dear CURE Board members and CURE members:**

Those of us who attended the recent Fall Program meeting of Iowa CURE heard the report of Angela McBride of the Iowa Ombudsman's office regarding the work they are doing to encourage the IDOC to provide fair and just phone rates for Iowa prisoners. Because the Iowa Board of Corrections is going to revisit the rates recommended by the IDOC in 4 to 6 months she suggested we contact the Board and urge them to consider a per minute rate that is consistent with the rules of the FCC. It was suggested that I compose a sample letter and petition for that purpose. They are included in this newsletter. Please feel free to personalize them to make them more effective.

**INMATE PHONE CHARGES SAMPLE LETTER TO CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE IOWA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS**

Rev Michael Coleman, Chairperson,  
Members of the Iowa Board of Corrections,  
510 East 12<sup>th</sup> St.  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Rev. Coleman and Members of the Iowa Board of Corrections,

We are writing to express our appreciation for your thoughtful consideration of the rates for inmate phone calls. We understand that you have approved the proposed flat rate of \$3.15 per call for local, intrastate and interstate calls of one to twenty minutes with the understanding that you will revisit that decision in 4 to 6 months. It is good to know that you are open to receiving feedback and reconsidering this rate in the near future.

It is our understanding that about 58% of inmate, minutes are local. The new charges represent an increase from \$2.00 to \$3.15 per call. This is a sizable increase and will have a significant impact on prisoners and their families. We are also concerned that about the flat rate for calls regardless of length which makes short calls very costly and does not appear to be in compliance with the FCC ruling of so much per minute.

We understand that the money left after expenditures is being used for things that benefit the prisoners. We do not feel that it is fair for those families who spend money for phone calls to their loved ones to be expected to pay for the education of all prisoners. We are also concerned that the high profits being made by the large companies that provide the phone services is not being addressed by either the FCC or the IDOC.

We know that the Board and the staff of the IDOC is very concerned about reducing recidivism and we often hear strengthening family connections play a role in that goal. It is also important that prisoners are able to make contact with employers, landlords, etc as they plan for their re-entry.

Prisoners who make intrastate and interstate calls do appreciate the reduction in the rates that the new charges represent, but many continue to be concerned about the high charge for local calls and we are also very concerned about the high cost of international calls and hope that the Board will also ask that the staff seek ways to lower the rates charged for those calls.

(please add any personal experiences that you have)

Please feel free to use any parts of this letter that express your concerns or to write your own letter. Letters may be signed by individuals or by organizations.

**A WORD FROM IOWA CURE**

Iowa CURE has close to 500 names on our mailing letter. This list has grown over the years and we feel that there are probably some of you who receive it who read it and find it helpful. There are probably some of you who would be happy

to simply read it on our website: (outside members) and some really don't want to receive it at all. We would really like to hear from you if you would like to be taken off the list, will just read it on the website, or have had a change of address.

Our only source of income is the membership fees that we receive and we continue to exist because of the gifts in kind of the members of our board. Anne Bickell takes care of the printing of the newsletter and Jean Basinger covers the cost of the website. If you want the newsletter and could send in a donation it would be much appreciated. If you can't, that's ok, we want everyone who wants the newsletter to receive it.

**UPDATE ON INTERNATIONAL CURE**

This past year International CURE has been working hard to update and streamline the operation of International CURE at all levels. This began with a rewriting on the BYLAWS of INTERNATIONAL CURE to bring them into compliance with the rules for non-profits in Washington D.C. where our organization is registered. These Bylaws have now been written and approved. We will share some of the points that impact those of us in state chapters.

We have 3 classes of members. Director Members: those persons actively serving in the capacity of leadership of an International CURE State or Issue Chapter. They are members of the corporation and are designated by their state chapter or issue chapter. In the case of Iowa, that person is currently Jean Basinger. General Members : those persons who are up-to-date on their membership dues. Those persons can vote on International CURE's initiatives for the upcoming year with ballots posted in the International CURE newsletter.They are not members of the corporation. The last class is Honorary Members as designated by the Board of Directors.

There are minimum criteria for a chapter to qualify as a chapter in "Good Standing" with voting privileges. Chapters which do not meet this criteria are called Provisional chapters and will be assisted by the Chapter Support Committee to achieve the minimum standards. Iowa has met the criteria and is a Chapter in "Good Standing."

There are now three committees of the Board of International CURE. They are the Executive Committee which carries out the goals established by the Board of Directors for the year and also serves as advisor to the the President of the Corporation, and a liaison to the full board. The Finance Committee prepares a budget to present to the Board of Directors and oversees the financial operations of the corporation. The Chapter Support Committee oversees the operations of the Chapters and has authority over them. They monitor the Chapters progress toward becoming chapters in "Good Standing." Minutes of the meetings are distributed to each member of the Board of Directors.

These are only the high points of the documents. The Board has been meeting via conference call in recent months, but a regular meeting will be held in 2015. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Jean Basinger, President of Iowa CURE.

## **UPDATE ON CIVIL COMMITMENT OF SEX OFFENDERS IN IOWA**

At a meeting of the Iowa Board of Corrections Director of Corrections John Baldwin reported on the CCUSO (Civil Commitment Unit for Sex Offenders) which is located at the Mental Health Unit in Cherokee, IA. He referred to it as a "housing" program and mentioned that it was originally located at the Iowa Medical Classification Center. Once a sex offender has completed their sentence they almost always go before the Director of Corrections Review Panel and this Panel decides whether the prisoner should be prosecuted. The prisoner is then referred to the Attorney General's Panel for review. The Panel decides whether they are to be prosecuted as a violent sexual predator. According to Mr. Baldwin, there is a multi-level process before a person is sent to the CCUSO Unit. They are then under the Department of Human Services until such time as they are considered to be rehabilitated and are released, then they go back under the supervision of the IDOC. Supervised treatment is required as a part of their release, but it is hard to find in these remote rural areas.

According to Mr. Baldwin the current issue is that they are now going to be releasing more and more people from the CCUSO program (perhaps up to nine) and they will often be going to small rural communities because that is the only place that they can find any place to live where there are no schools, day care centers, etc. It is also difficult to find CBC staff to supervise them in these remote areas. They also can't be put on a case load as they have "served their time."

We hope that the many years of additional treatment that these men have received, at a very high cost to Iowa tax payers, will be followed up with support and opportunities for success that will help these folks move on with their lives and keep our

communities safe. According to the Director, there have not been any problems so far, but it is the increase in the number coming back into society that is of concern.

## **BAN THE BOX**

"Have you ever been convicted of a felony?" If you have filled out an application for a job in recent years, you probably have had to answer this question. If the answer is "YES" that usually means that you will automatically be eliminated as a candidate for the job even though you might be highly qualified.

In April 2012 the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission recommended as a best practice that employers eliminate the criminal history question from job applications. Since that time there has been a growing movement across the country by cities and companies to do just that.

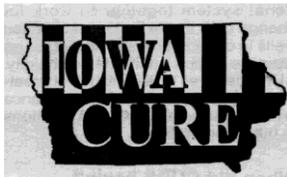
The Ban the Box policy is designed to remove obstacles that might prevent qualified returning citizens from getting and keeping quality jobs. This gives an applicant the opportunity to be considered based on their qualifications and skills and give them an opportunity to personally explain any criminal history that they might have, and also tell the future employer about the rehabilitation programs, pre-release programs, etc. which they have completed.

Let's hope that the "BOX" will soon be banned all across the country and new opportunities for employment will be opened up as a result.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**Annual Membership Fees**

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| Individual | \$10  |
| Family     | \$20  |
| Sustaining | \$50  |
| Life       | \$100 |

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