

## **Chief's Report to Community Advisory Board**

**April through June 2005**

### **Major Program Developments and Activities**

1. Program and Service Review Committees
  - a. Assessment/screening changes
  - b. Psychology/mental health service review
  - c. Re-entry program review
2. Re-entry boards
3. GED program
4. CART/PRC Integration
5. Upgrading Food Services
6. Renovations for Career and Education Centers
7. Psychiatric Contract
8. New Drug Testing Protocol – HATS system
9. Pre-Trial and Pre-Release joint RFP process for electronic monitoring equipment

### **Policy and Research**

1. Proposed amendments to authorizing legislation (Sec.1,Ch.13,Article II, Work and Release/Pre-Release Programs, Sections 13-11 through 13-23.)
  - a. Home confinement authorization
  - b. Restitution to victims and community
  - c. Fee authority for programs
  - d. Single accounting system for PRC and home confinement programs
  - e. Increase maximum length of community incarceration from six to twelve months.
2. Medical co-payment charge of \$4 beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>
3. Banning smoking and possession of tobacco products on PRC grounds
4. Changes in property policy – securing property sooner after a suspension
5. DOCR's Major MIS Project (CRIMS) project kick-off – May 13, 2005
6. Research Projects:
  - f. Scott Frye: Interviews with soon-to-be-released residents concerning reentry plans
  - g. Rita Shaw: Geographical analysis of the home addresses of residents
  - h. Shawn Flowers: Dissertation proposal to include recidivism and wage study or released PRC residents

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**Meetings and Presentations**

1. MD Department of Motor Vehicle meeting concerning IDs
2. Silver Spring Interfaith Housing Coalition Annual Meeting 5/18/05
3. Judge David Cahoun concerning Archdiocese of Washington's Faith Based Initiatives
4. Transitional Jobs and Reentry National Conference, Washington, D.C, May 6, 2005
5. Maryland State Training Division's Reentry Meeting on June 10, 2005
6. DOCR Co-Sponsoring a National Jail Reentry Forum with Urban Institute and John Jay College of Criminal Justice, NYC tentatively scheduled for March 2006
7. Host tours of PRC
  - a. Hampden County Sheriff's Department, June 5, 2005
  - b. Arlington County Sheriff's Department, June 6, 2005.
  - c. Prince George's County Department of Correction, June 9, 2005
8. Chief's interviews with all staff

**FY'06 Budget**

1. Update on process
2. DOCR Priorities
3. Front Desk Residential Supervisor position

**Security**

1. June 5, 2005 – Disorderly Resident criminally charged with assault and malicious destruction of property; police assisted in maintaining order and transporting resident to MCDC
2. Escapes
  - a. Joseph Rico (Unit II) charged with escape April 24, 2005 and subsequently indicted. He turned himself in the next day. At his adjustment hearing, 59 days of Good Conduct Time was taken away and he is awaiting a court date for the escape charge
  - b. At Large
    - i. Ana Meade – escape from PRC 4/5/05
    - ii. Michelle Thornton – escape (from DC Halfway House) 11/2/2004
    - iii. Lawrence Sakkestad sentenced for 18 months on April 26, 2005 for escape in 6/2004
  - c. In Custody awaiting adjudication
    - i. Remoan Simpson, Turner – escape from PRC 4/4/2005
    - ii. Mark Turner – escape from CART 2/23/05
  - d. Information on Escapes and Creating an Escape File notebook created and distributed to all Units and to the Director's Office by Andre Stepp (Escape Officer)
  - e. A total of five residents have been charged with escape since January 1, 2005. Four were PRC residents and one was a CART client
3. DOCR Expert Security Review Team Report – May, 2005
4. New Telephone System: 240 exchange planned for the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>

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**CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS  
January thru April 2005**

**Escapes/Dispositions:**

- Sterling Better received a nine month sentence on February 11, 2005. He escaped on June 18, 2004. He never returned from work after being fired. He turned himself in three days later.
- Anthony Gardner received a one year sentence on January 6, 2005. He escaped from CART on November 3, 2004. He was apprehended the same night he escaped in a crack house raid. He had one day left on the program.
- Mark Turner escaped from the CART program on February 23, 2005. He turned himself in after the escape warrant was filed. Adjudication process pending.
- William Shaw escaped from PRC in 1997. He left for work and never returned. He was apprehended in December 2004. He received a nine month sentence on March 11, 2005.
- Remoan Simpson escaped from PRC on April 4, 2005. He fled from work. He turned himself in hours later after the escape warrant was filed. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 29, 2005.
- Michelle Thornton escaped from a DC halfway house on November 2, 2004 (under our custody). She is still a fugitive.
- Ana Meade escaped from PRC on April 5, 2005. She is still a fugitive.

**Events:**

- **Fraud** – In January 2005, Counterfeit checks in the amounts of \$28,700 and \$9,200 from the PRC Escrow account were presented to our bank. Fortunately, the bank discovered the fraud before any monies were deducted from the account. Because no real loss occurred, we have not yet been able to successfully launch a criminal investigation. We are currently migrating our bank account to a corporate account which has many security features.
- **Threat to the Center** - January 31, 2005, the Montgomery County Police called indicating that an armed individual was possibly on the way to threaten the safety and security of PRC. Staff immediately ushered all visitors out of the Center, imposed a curfew in all the units, and secured all entry ways. It was later learned that the individual was seen heading towards Poolesville. Working together PRRS staff protected the Center, our community and residents, and I am very proud of our staff.
- **Train Accident** – On March 1, 2005 two residents in the custody of PRRS were involved in an Amtrak train accident at approximately 6:00 P.M. The residents were on their way to an approved AA. They chose an unauthorized route to travel and were walking along the railroad tracks about ½ miles north of Randolph Road. One resident was confirmed dead at the scene of the accident and the other resident passed away about one week later. Both of these residents were males in their early twenties. MCCF Warden Robert Green and Reverend Isler, Good News Chaplain, joined PRRS staff and arrangements were made for Crisis Center staff to be at PRC to assist residents.

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### **Meetings with Stakeholders:**

- January 12, 2005 – Mental Health
- January 19, 2005 – MCGEO
- January 25, 2005 – Prison Fellowship Visitors
- February 3, 2005 – Susan Wiant
- February 3, 2005 – MCGEO
- February 4, 2005 – MCDC Detention Policy
- February 7, 2005 – Congressional Aides
- February 9, 2005 – Kent Mason
- February 16, 2005 – Paul DeWolfe, Public Defender
- February 22, 2005 – Amy Soloman and Urban League
- February 24, 2005 – Bruce Romer, CAO
- March 3, 2005 – Reentry Resource Guide
- March 3, 2005 – Norma Jennings, Reentry Housing
- March 8, 2005 – Federal Bureau of Prisons Meeting
- March 9, 2005 – CSAFE Oversight Committee
- March 9, 2005 – CJBHI
- March 10, 2005 – Bill Campbell
- March 11, 2005 – Maryland Division of Corrections – Tomi Hiers
- March 15, 2005 – St. James Aftercare Group
- March 21, 2005 – Montgomery Works – Eric Seleznow
- March 24, 2005 – Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
- March 30, 2005 – DMV
- March 30, 2005 – National Committee on Community Corrections
- April 5, 2005 – Prisoners' Rights of the PJC – Video Conference
- April 6, 2005 – Soros Reentry
- April 7, 2005 – One-Stop
- April 7, 2005 – State Police & Training Commission Meeting
- April 11, 2005 – MCDC Diversion Meeting
- April 13, 2005 Montgomery County Drug Court