

Chief's Report to the Community Advisory Board May 24, 2007 – September 27, 2007

Highlights

- **Fiscal Year '07 Statistics:** PRRS received 622 and released 604 participants-- 83% who successfully completed the program -- from June 1, 2006 to July 30, 2007. During this period, the PRRS average daily population was 168 (141 and 27 for the Pre-Release Center and Home Confinement respectively). Collectively, the residents' gross income was over \$2 million and they paid \$367K in taxes and \$215K in family support. The program also collected over \$1.3 million from program fees and contract reimbursements (residents: \$354K; Federal Bureau of Prison: \$802K; and the state Division of Correction: \$165K).
- **Return of Remaining At-large Escapee:** Gerardo Leon Torres, who escaped from PRRS on December 2, 2005, was recently arrested in Tennessee under an alias. He was positively identified through fingerprint examination, and will be extradited to Maryland on October 2 by the Sheriff's Department.
- **County Council Recidivism Proposal:** PRRS staff presented the Public Safety Committee with a recidivism research proposal on July 16 which would report on recidivism rates from samples of released sentenced inmates from the DOCR in five cohorts spanning nearly 20 years – 1986, 1996, 1999, 2002, and 2005. If funded, the research will prove helpful in better understanding the flow of offenders into and out of the county's criminal justice system. It will address important research questions about when, why, and for what reasons do individuals re-offend. The estimated cost of the study is \$100K, and the DOCR is in discussions with several public and private entities that might fund and conduct the study.
- **Yellow Ribbon Project in Singapore:** Division Chief Stefan LoBuglio represented the DOCR to observe and participate in a prisoner reentry initiative held in Singapore from September 1-7. The Singapore Prison Service, in partnership with a network of community and government partners, sponsors the annual Yellow Prison Project which aims to garner public support and "forgiveness" for ex-offenders, and to assist them re-enter Singaporean society. He joined an international delegation of correctional officials from the countries of Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Hong Kong (city), Brunei, and Fiji.
- **American Jail Association Reentry Training:** On October 22 - 24, PRRS will host a national training on jail reentry sponsored by the AJA. The training will provide 25-30 correctional officials from around the country with both the theoretical understanding on prisoner reentry issues and their application in a jail and a community correctional setting. Tours and presentations of MCCF and PRRS are incorporated in the training, and the participants -- ranging from line officers to Wardens -- will have the opportunity to interact with DOCR staff. Each will leave the training with a proposed reentry project that they can implement in their respective jurisdictions.

Programmatic

- **Welcome Home Program:** The Archdiocese of Washington's program continues to recruit volunteers who serve as mentors and tutors to PRRS participants. Sister Mary Mulholland, the County Coordinator, and Father Michael Bryant, the program founder, have spoken at

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Saturday and Sunday services for twelve parishes, and have garnered solicitations of interest from 195 individuals. On August 8, they made a presentation to hundreds of individuals at a Catholic Business Network breakfast meeting. To date, over fifty individuals have participated in eight training sessions, and since April, they have contributed over 460 hours of volunteer service. More recently, the program has networked with other faith-based mentoring programs, and working with Parole and Probation, seeks to extend the mentoring support to individuals after they are released from PRRS.

- **Case Manager's Roundtable:** The Case Managers meet every other week to discuss Center wide issues, hear presentations from community resources, obtain training on various topics and hold case reviews. The following schedule details topics and presentations since May 2007:
 - June 6th: **Montgomery County Hospice** - Provided information on the services they provide which includes groups that help facilitate the grieving process
 - June 20th: **Consultant Psychiatrist, Dr. Aram Mokhtari and Chief of Mental Health Services, Patricia Sollock** - Provided training on Personality Disorders
 - July 11th: **Montgomery County Family Services** - Provided information on the services they provide to families.
 - July 25th: **Consultant Psychiatrist, Dr. Aram Mokhtari** - Discussion regarding appropriate referrals, expectation of services and appointment coordination process
 - Aug. 8th: **Oxford House** - Representatives from Oxford House outreach provided a training on the oxford house philosophy, guidelines for oxford house residents and information on how residents can obtain oxford housing
 - Aug. 22nd: **Consultant Psychiatrist, Dr. Aram Mokhtari** - Training on narcissistic and anti-social personality disorders and case reviews
 - Sept. 5th: **Identity** - Provided information on services they provide and the population they serve
 - Sept. 26th: **Consultant Psychiatrist, Dr. Aram Mokhtari** - Will provide training on bi-polar disorder and facilitate case reviews
- **Tools for Change:** Beginning the week of September 10, 2007, the Tools for Change class included women. Both men and women will participate in the initial one and one half weeks of Tools for Change Basics. Aftercare classes will remain single sex groups. Kendra Terry, Case Manager for Unit one, will facilitate the women's aftercare group. To date, we have facilitated sixteen Tools for Change groups with a total of approximately one hundred and twenty residents participating.
- **Seminars for Residents:** The Program Section regularly arranges seminars for residents that are relevant to their reentry needs. Over the past several months, the following seminars were held.
 - July 25th: Basic Financial Management presentation provided by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service
 - Aug. 22nd: Chasing a Better Score provided by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service through a grant from Chevy Chase Bank. This program focused

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- specifically on credit and how to increase your credit score. Residents were able to receive a free copy of their credit report along with helpful hints on how to repair their credit and increase their credit score.
- Aug. 23rd: Oxford House Outreach provided a presentation on living in an Oxford House community and information about obtaining Oxford Housing.
 - **Family/Sponsor Support Group:** The Saturday afternoon sponsor group held its last meeting on August 11, 2007. On August 20, 2007, PRRS began offering a group on Monday nights. Currently sponsor support groups are held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening. A new easy-to-read pamphlet has been developed for family/sponsor members that provide clear and useful information describing our program.
 - **Children's Book Meeting - What Happens to Mommy and Daddy when they are incarcerated?:** DOCR Director Art Wallenstein, Volunteer Coordinator MCCF Mary Saxon-Clipper, and PRRS Program Coordinator Patricia Braun met with two community members who are in the process of writing a book for children about what happens to "mommy and daddy" when they are incarcerated. Both women were teachers and grew concerned about the number of children they encountered who had parents that were incarcerated. They have been unable to find a book that would address some of the children's fears and questions and decided to write one themselves. As a way to provide them with feedback on the current draft of the book, Pat is organizing a feedback session of residents who are currently parents. The session is Monday, October 1, 2007 at 7:00 PM. Pat will be posting flyers for those residents who are interested and will provide community service hours as incentive.
 - **Restricted Donation Special Revenue Fund (\$25,750.21):** PRRS received authorization from the Montgomery County Department of Finance that it has authority to spend this fund in services and materials that would directly benefit our client population. This money derives from past donations and uncollected funds from residents' bank accounts that have accumulated over the decades. The Support Services manager and the onsite accounting supervisor are convening a committee of staff and residents to develop a plan for the use of the funds.

Policies

- **Security Committee:** PRRS reconstituted and rejuvenated a long-standing committee to focus on security issues in the program. Following the PRRS Labor Management Relations Committee meeting held on 5/18, the committee has met several times and spawned several subcommittees to review PRRS policies on keep-on person restraint equipment, use-of-force, emergency procedures, and transport protocol. Through the work of the committee, the Use of Force policy was recently rewritten and re-issued. In concert with a review with the Montgomery County Police, PRRS is developing new emergency procedures to address how the program could both best safeguard residents, visitors, and staff and assist first responders should an armed and dangerous person appear within the Pre-Release Center. The program recently purchased metal detector wands for each unit, and purchased an additional restraint – called "the black box," that reduces the allowable movement of hands when in restraints.

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- **Disciplinary Review Meeting:** PRRS implemented a new disciplinary policy in March 2007 to improve procedural fairness -- answering the question is the process fair and impartial -- and substantive fairness -- answering the question is the outcome proportional to the offense and consistent with past sanctions -- and to ensure compliance with recent appellate and Supreme Court decisions governing constitutional-based correctional disciplinary policies. To oversee its implementation and to refine the policy, Assessment and Standards Manager Teresa Still has convened weekly meetings to review a sampling of cases. In September, the committee completed a full review and rewrite of the disciplinary codes used in the policy and will shortly re-issue a new policy and a new resident guidebook. The next phase is to review more cases to ensure that the disciplinary policy is properly adhered to by staff and that the sanctions provided are within the policies' guidelines.
- **Federal Bureau of Prison Annual Monitoring Visit:** The FBOP conducted its annual monitoring visit to PRRS on July 11 to ensure that the program continued to meet contractual requirements. As part of the audit, the monitors reviewed case files, interviewed federal residents, inspected rooms, and assesses the food quality. On July 19th, PRRS received the Federal Monitoring report which stated that the auditor did not find any major deficiencies in the program or facility. Three concerns were mentioned in the report: first, only one federal resident was on Home Confinement; two, on three occasions PRRS did not adequately follow the federal disciplinary procedural guidelines, and three, inspections of several rooms on one unit revealed broken furniture, sanitation problems, excessive property, and unkempt rooms. The report did highlight the positive finding that 20 of the 21 federal residents at PRRS were employed. PRRS strives not only to pass these inspections without deficiencies but to immediately address any issue that arises from the audits.

Building, Grounds, and Equipment

- **General Maintenance:** The pre-release center is almost 30 years old, and is kept clean and beautiful by staff and residents. However, general maintenance is provided by the County's Department of Public Works and Transportation, and they continue to provide stellar support and timely response to a range of issues including the replacement of a \$50K water heater to fixing locks and plugged toilets. In FY'07, DPWT incurred over \$355K in maintenance costs at PRRS.
- **PRC Kitchen Expansion Plans:** DOCR and the County's Department of Public Works and Transportation finalized a Program of Requirements (POR) to expand and modernize the kitchen and cafeteria area of the Pre-Release Center. The POR, which was developed by a private architectural firm under contract, represents the first planning phase in the FY'09 capital project. The rationale for this project is the growth in the pre-release population from 80 residents and several dozen staff in 1978 to the current building population of 155 with 68 full-time staff.
- **Parking Lot and Exterior Building Lighting:** Support Services Manager Eleanor Walker arranged two late night evening inspections of the lighting problems in the parking lot and around the perimeter of the Pre-Release Center. The meetings involved staff, the Division Chief, and representatives from DPWT. Based on the inspection and a further review by the county's contractor on lighting, PRRS has received an estimate of \$47K to address the

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lighting issues. The proposal calls for establishing several more light towers in the parking lots, placing more lights on the exterior of the building, and removing and trimming trees.

- **Electronic Monitoring Equipment:** PRRS ended a contract with a previous vendor due to the poor reliability of their equipment. Under a one-year emergency procurement, PRRS has contracted with BI, Inc. to provide home curfew, remote alcohol testing, and GPS equipment. The Home Confinement Section is currently using the new equipment, and has held two training sessions that have been available for all staff. Another session is scheduled for 10/9. After the initial training, Home Confinement staff have also offered an additional day of training where the trainees would accompany the HC staff in the field.

Personnel

- **New Staff:** The great strength of the Pre-Release and Reentry Services Division is its staff, and with pride PRRS announced the hiring of three new individuals each of whom brings with them enormous experience, education, and talents.
 - Celeste Harvey has been promoted to a Resident Supervisor on Unit IV from her position as lead intern. She graduated from Mary Baldwin College with a BA in Psychology and a minor in Education, and had been teaching in a private school prior to becoming a Community Corrections Intern in April, 2007.
 - Dana Mindte graduated from UMBC with a B.S. in Information Systems. She has been a Correctional Officer at MCCF for one year and is now a Resident Supervisor on Unit II.
 - Cynthia Boyd has over 15 years of experience working for the Maryland Division of Correction as an Associate Psychologist and Case Manager Specialist. Prior to her work with the Maryland Division of Correction, she worked as a Parole/Probation agent with the State of Maryland. Cynthia is a Case Manager on Unit II.
- **Academic and Professional Accomplishments:** PRRS staff zealously seeks out further academic and professional training to enhance their skills, and the following recent staff achievements were noted :
 - **Principal Administrative Aide Janet Grier** made the Dean's List at Coppin State College in the 2007 spring semester and the 2006 fall semester. Janet is a junior this semester.
 - **Resident Supervisor Kenny Sterling** received his Bachelor's Degree from Sojourner-Douglass College in May 2007.
 - **Resident Supervisor Andrew Lautar** received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology from the University of Maryland in May 2007.
 - **Case Manager Kendra Terry** received her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland in July 2007 and in August 2007 she earned her social work licensure (LGSW).
 - **Community Release Coordinator/Program Coordinator Patricia Braun** received her LCSWC Licensure on March 5, 2007.
 - **Division Chief Stefan LoBuglio** received his Doctor of Education (Ed. D.) from Harvard University in June 2007.

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Additionally, five staff members are currently pursuing bachelors or master's degrees and one staff member is pursuing her doctorate.

- **De-escalation Training Sub-Committee:** Following discussions at the Labor Management Relations Committee on 5/18 and at several Security Meetings, PRRS staff voiced interest in developing a training program for staff that would assist them de-escalate potentially volatile situations. Unit Manager Stephanie Hall is leading this effort with the involvement of a diverse group of staff members. They have met several times to define their goals and the scope of the project, and will soon develop a list of common situations that arise at PRRS for which training would be useful. Additionally, they will review some of the existing curriculums on inter-personal skills and de-escalation published by private training companies and by public agencies.
- **GED:** The part-time GED teachers at PRRS and at MCCF are now hired directly by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation instead of by Montgomery County Public Schools. This change provides the teachers with additional benefits and flexibility.

Escapes/Court Dispositions

Escapes: PRRS maintains one of the strictest criteria for designating an escape of community correction programs nationwide. The program has a zero-tolerance policy regarding individuals who are unaccountable in the community, and will file escape charges against individuals who leave the Pre-Release Center without authorization and those that fail to arrive at their approved location within two hours of the designated time (the time is given to allow for varying traffic conditions). When an escape occurs, both the County's Police and the Sheriff's Department are notified, and the Sheriff's fugitive squad takes the lead in apprehending the escapees. Recently, some Sheriff's Deputies working with The US Marshall's Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force have been Federally Deputized and can make arrests in other jurisdictions which they did in two cases below.

- **Escapes since January 1, 2007 -- Seven, and no escapees at-large;**
- **Recent Cases**
 - **Jose Benitez** escaped on August 14, 2007 and was apprehended eight days later (August 22nd) at the home of the victim of the governing charge. Mr. Benitez left for work, failed to arrive at his jobsite, and never returned to PRC. Mr. Benitez is a registered sex offender and escape charges are pending;
 - **Joanne Lee** escaped on August 11, 2007 and turned herself in the following day. While on an approved home pass, she got into an argument with her father and left her approved location. She later admitted to staying at a friend's home and using cocaine while on Escape status. Ms. Lee has been indicted on escape.
 - **Carter Hester** escaped on July 4, 2007 and was apprehended one week later in Washington D.C. He had left for work and never returned. The Sheriff's Department found him in a friend's home, and he has been indicted for Escape.
 - **Karen Steelman** escaped on July 2, 2007 and was apprehended two days later in Calvert County hiding under a pile of clothing in her daughter's home. She left PRC on an approved community pass for a reconsideration hearing before Judge Eric Johnson. The reconsideration was denied and Ms. Steelman never returned to PRC as scheduled on her community pass. She has been indicted for Escape.

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- o **Jermaine Terry** escaped on June 29, 2007 and was apprehended 15 minutes later by PRRS staff and the Montgomery County Police at the White Flint Metro Station. During a random personal search, marijuana was found in his back pack and Mr. Terry then bolted from the facility Mr. Terry has been indicted for Escape.
- **Older Cases**
 - o **Ismail Meredith** escaped on May 5th after two female minors were found in his room. The female minors were on run away status and entered the escapee's room after he broke the window. Montgomery County Police responded immediately and the minors were arrested, handcuffed and charged with 3rd degree burglary, trespass, and trespass in a government building. Mr. Meredith's sentencing hearing for escape is scheduled for October 15th and the Department is asking for a sentence of five years State Division of Correction.
 - o **Jose Encarnacion** escaped from the PRC on April 1, 2007. He was indicted for escape and received an additional five month sentence.

PRRS Event/Activity Chronology

- **DOCR Awards Ceremony (5/30):** Several PRRS staff members received awards for outstanding achievement at this annual ceremony. Unit III Resident Supervisor Andre Stepp received the Departmental Employee of the Year award.
- **Down County Latino Network (6/13):** The County's Liaison to the Latino Community, Joe Heiney-Gonzales, held a networking meeting at the Pre-Release Center of county residents and officials interested in Latino issues.
- **German Delegation Visit (6/16):** Former CAB member Marlene Beckman from the National Institute of Justice arranged for PRRS to host a delegation from Germany on Saturday, June 16th. Senior staff provided an overview of the program and a tour of the facility. The delegation also toured the District of Columbia's Department of Correction.
- **Grand Jury (6/19):** PRRS staff provided a comprehensive program overview and a tour of the Pre-Release Center to more than 20 Grand Jurors. Also, PRRS arranged for them to meet privately with a panel of residents to gain their perspective about the program. Afterwards, the Grand Jury was driven to MCCF for lunch and tour. One of the many duties of the Grand Jury is to assess the conditions of confinement within a jurisdiction.
- **MHA DORS Annual Conference (6/22):** Division Chief Stefan LoBuglio attended the MHA DORS Annual Conference in Baltimore. The keynote speakers were David Lynde, Co-Director of Dartmouth Evidence-Based Practices Center, and Lindy Fox, Research Associate at the New Hampshire-Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Center.
- **County's Juvenile Justice Agency (6/27):** Case Manager Dan Keener, Community Release Coordinator Patricia Braun, and Division Chief Stefan LoBuglio met with Ron Rivilin of the County's Juvenile Justice System to discuss whether their office could provide services to children of residents of PRRS.

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- **Circuit Court Adult Drug Court Graduation (6/27):** Several PRRS staff attended this wonderful event and during the graduation. During the program, PRRS was recognized by Judge Rupp for its extensive support in housing some of the program participants.
- **American Probation and Parole Association (7/10):** The DOCR Director Arthur Wallenstein led a workshop on Jail Reentry along with representatives from the Urban Institute and John Jay College in a workshop at this conference held in Philadelphia.
- **Urban Institute "Jobs for Prisoners Reentry Communities: Business School Entrepreneurs Unleashing Human Capital"(6/17):** Work Release Coordinator Angela Talley and Stefan LoBuglio participated in a preliminary meeting to discuss how business schools and their students create job opportunities for ex-offenders.
- **Northwest One-Stop Center (7/17):** Work Release Coordinators Christine Johnson and Hillel Raskas and Stefan LoBuglio traveled to Baltimore to tour and observe the Northwest One-Stop Career Center located in Baltimore's Mondawmin Mall. This Career Center provides services to ex-offenders, helping to locate employment opportunities, gain computer skills, and access significant community services. This tour reinforced the importance of the PRRS Career Resource Center and the efforts of the Work Release Coordinators to assist residents in obtaining meaningful employment.
- **Reentry Roundtable on Education (7/18):** Screener Tina Michaels and Stefan LoBuglio attended a meeting to plan a Reentry Roundtable on Education that will convene in the spring 2008. Debbie Mukamal, Executive Director of the Prisoner Reentry Institute at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, ran the meeting, and this organization has partnered with the Urban Institute to host the event in NYC.
- **Corrections for the 21st Century (7/25-26):** Case Managers Shaunda Legg and Kendra Terry and Work Release Coordinator Angela Talley attended a two day Executive Seminar entitled "Corrections for the 21st Century". The leadership conference was hosted by the Maryland State Training Commission and was attended by mid-level managers (or those of us interested in management). Both the State Division of Corrections and other county correctional agencies were represented. Discussions included leadership styles, ethics, interpersonal communication, time management, and gangs.
- **Transition from Jail to Community (8/3):** A steering committee composed of members from the National Institute of Corrections and the Urban Institute visited the Pre-Release Center and MCCF to observe their rehabilitative and reentry programs. They met with staff and with program partners at both sites to discuss how community collaborations between agencies, non-profits, and faith-based groups are utilized to prepare individuals for release from custody. This committee will lead an effort over the next several years to develop a Jail Reentry model.
- **Association of Correctional Food Service Affiliates Conference (8/5-9):** Correctional Dietary Supervisor Ellen White attended the Association of Correctional Food Service

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Affiliates Conference in Ontario, California. Various topics were discussed such as food safety, supervision, diets, computer programs for inventory, etc. There were also a vendor expo with all the options in food service equipment and food items. Ellen retired this year from the Association's Board of Directors after a four year term. She had been elected President of the Association in 2006.

- **Second Chance Act Reentry Work Group Meeting (8/7):** Division Chief Stefan LoBuglio attended this meeting to receive an update on the status of the Second Chance Act.
- **Drug Court Roundtable – (8/8):** Assessment Services Manager Teresa Still, Community Release Coordinator Debra Lyons-Prince, and Division Chief Stefan LoBuglio attended a Drug Court roundtable on August 8th to improve coordination between PRRS and Drug Court staff for the drug court clients who live at PRRS. As a result of the meeting, Debbie now attends this weekly meeting and has greatly improved the information flow between the respective programs.
- **County Council Film Production on Corrections (8/8)** DOCR Director Arthur Wallenstein, MCCF Warden Robert Green, and PRRS Division Chief Stefan LoBuglio participated in a half hour taped show on County Cable along with the County Council's Public Safety Committee Chairman Phil Andrews on the topic of corrections. The show was hosted by Susan Kennedy, and is planned to be shown repeatedly on the county cable channel.
- **Corporate Development for BAART Visit (8/15):** Stephen Rose, Vice President of Corporate Development for BAART (a San Francisco-based substance abuse treatment provider) visited and toured PRC. The BAART Programs began with several hundred heroin addicts in San Francisco in 1977. It is now serving four states offering personal, caring primary medical care and has fixed sites and mobile vans.
- **City of Baltimore Correctional Tour (8/16):** Case Manager Kendra Terry, Unit Manager Jane Sachs, and Division Chief Stefan LoBuglio participated in a tour of the Intake and Booking facility in Baltimore as well as the male and female detention centers. The tour was arranged by a subcommittee of the Mayor's Task Force on Reentry and involved the City's cabinet-level criminal justice agency head, the president and staff from the ABLE foundation, and about a dozen other agency officials and community group representatives. The group is planning for a visit to Montgomery County's correctional facilities in November or December of this year.
- **Gibbs College Tour (8/16):** Unit Manager Jim Shannon and Correctional Screener Tina Michaels conducted a tour for students from Gibbs College. After the PRC tour, the students toured MCCF.
- **Public Defenders' Visit and Tour (8/22):** PRRS hosted a briefing, tour, and lunch for the staff from the State's Public Defenders' office assigned to Montgomery County. PD Office Director Paul DeWolfe and Public Defender John Lavigne (PRRS Community Advisory Board Chairman) were among those visiting. The Public Defenders Office is a vital

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stakeholder in our program and we have also daily interaction with their staff as they refer their clients for PRRS screening. The more knowledge the Public Defenders know about PRRS, the better able they can assist their clients and the courts.

- **Kensington Labor Day Festival (8/27):** Work Release Coordinator Hillel Raskas represented the Department at the Annual Kensington Labor Day Festival. He was at the Wheaton/Kensington Chamber of Commerce informational booth passing out literature on Montgomery County and the Department.
- **Conservation Corps' Employability Program (9/10):** Work Release Coordinators Angela Talley, Christine Johnson, and Hillel Raskas, Unit Manager Jane Sachs and Division Chief Stefan LoBuglio met with Conservation Corp's Director Jane Wilde and Program Manager Vera Hilliard to discuss furthering the relationship between the two organizations. The Corp is a county program that provides several PRRS residents with a paid opportunity to pursue their education while learning basic construction skills. They have reformulated their program to serve ex-offenders and have halved the length of the program to six months in order to serve more clients and to increase graduation rates.
- **County Stat (9/14):** PRRS Senior Managers met with Assistant CAO Fariba Kassiri and Performance Data Specialist Vickie Buckland for a briefing and tour of the facility. Their purpose was to familiarize themselves with the DOCR, and they had previously toured MCCF. The DOCR will serve as one of the first agencies that develops and tracks key indicators for the newly developed County Stat program.
- **MCAA Meeting (8/18):** PRRS Division Chief represented the DOCR at this bi-monthly meeting of correctional officials from county and state officials in Maryland. The Maryland Correctional Administrators Association meetings provide legislative and programmatic updates about issues that affect corrections.
- **National Committee on Community Corrections Meeting (8/21):** Community Release Coordinator Patricia Braun and Division Chief Stefan LoBuglio attended the NCCC meeting to hear a presentation from Paul Quander, Director of CSOSA, about his agency. CSOSA is a \$120 million federal agency that performs a local function of providing pre-trial and parole supervision to over 15,000 individuals in the District of Columbia. His presentation described how the agency was incorporating the latest research in treatment and supervision into its operations.
- **Fatherhood and Families Coalition, Inc. Conference (8/24-25):** Resident Supervisors Ivan Downing and Kenny Sterling attended this conference in Philadelphia hosted by the Arizona Fathers & Families Coalition, Inc. (AZFFC), the Fatherhood Practitioner Network, and consultants from different organizations (Responsible Fatherhood, Mentoring Children of the Incarcerated, Fathering Behind Bars and on the Street) with the assistance from the Philadelphia Practitioner Network. Professionals, researchers, and community leaders from around the country shared important information of the fathers' contribution to the development of children. Program Manager Patricia Braun has been exploring a number of

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possibilities of developing a fatherhood program at PRRS, and will work with Kenny and Ivan upon their return.

- **Site Visit by Representative for Sonoma Valley (9/27):** PRRS is hosting a visit from a correctional representative from Sonoma Valley which is located in California. Unit Manager James Shannon will provide a program overview and tour.

Upcoming Events

- **Fire Safety Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio (10/07):** Resident Supervisor Mark Myrick along with correctional officers from MCDC and MCCF will attend a fire safety conference in October. Mark has been the lead PRRS person on fire safety issues, and this training will provide him with the latest information on correctional fire safety policies.
- **White Flint Sector Planning Board Meeting (10/8)** will be attended by Division Chief Stefan LoBuglio. This fall, the Planning Board will review a staff draft plan before it is released as the official "public hearing draft". Public hearings will be held, the revisions made, and then the Plan is scheduled to go to the County Council in early 2008. Margaret Rifkin is the Lead Planner/Urban Designer assigned to this project by the Montgomery County Department of Planning.
- **Workforce & Economic Development Awards Breakfast (10/30):** The 12th Annual Workforce and Economic Development Awards Breakfast will be at the North Bethesda Conference Center. DOCR will host a table and will ask PRRS Work Release Coordinators and MCCF workforce staff to represent the agency.
- **American Correctional Association (1/08):** The DOCR will present a workshop at the Winter Conference of the ACA in Grapevine, Texas on jail reentry. Reverend Tim Warner from St. Marks United Methodist Church will co-present with DOCR staff.
- **"Crime Victim Rights and Compliance: Agency Responsibility – It's the Law" (1/8-9/08):** GOCCP has invited DOCR staff to participate in a two day conference that is to be held at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City. Unit Manager Stephanie Hall and Division Chief Stefan LoBuglio are planning to attend.