



IOWA CITIZENS UNITED FOR THE REHABILITATION OF

An Effort to Reduce Crime Through Criminal Justice Reform - Summer 2015

ANNUAL MEETING OF IOWA CURE TO FEATURE NEW DIRECTOR

The annual meeting and summer program meeting of Iowa CURE will be held on August 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 8th and College (west of the Moulton Learning Center.) Jerry Bartruff, the new Director of the Iowa Department of Corrections will be the speaker. He has been asked to share his vision for the department and engage with us in conversation regarding how we can work together. We hope that we will have a big turnout for this important meeting.

Mr. Bartruff was appointed acting director of the IDOC following the retirement of John Baldwin who was with the department for over 40 years. The governor then selected him as director from a field of 4 applicants, all employees of the department, whose resumes were forwarded to him from the Iowa Board of Corrections.

Mr. Bartruff, a graduate of Iowa Wesleyan college in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, has been with the department since 1982 and has served in the central office since 2007. He was the deputy for offenders' services before being appointed to the position of deputy director of the eastern region, overseeing the Iowa State Penitentiary, Anamosa State Penitentiary, Iowa Medical Classification Center and Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility.

We will have a very brief annual meeting as required by our by-laws. The Board will meet following the program meeting.

We hope that many members and friends of Iowa CURE will take advantage of this opportunity to meet the new Director and share concerns and ideas with him.

INGENIOUS ESCAPE

Governor Branstad called the escape of a prisoner from the Critical Care Unit at Fort Madison "ingenious." We would agree with him since this prisoner was in what was believed to be one of the most secure cells in the whole Iowa prison system. He also stated that it did not happen because of a shortage of staff. He is probably a little premature in making such a statement since the DCI is investigating and has not made their report as yet.

At the July meeting of the Board of Corrections held at the Oakdale Iowa Medical and Classification Center Director of Corrections Jeff Bartruff explained exactly how the escape and capture took place. There seemed to be good coordination between all the various agencies involved and the capture was achieved quickly with no one harmed. Nick Ludwick, Warden at ISP expressed his apologies for the escape to the Board and to all those present.

So far so good, but there are several things missing. First of all, as noted in the Des Moines Register, the IDOC owes the public more explanation than they have been given so far. The apology given by Warden Ludwick should also be given to the public.

What was not reported is that, in spite of the fact that the escape was from the CCU, which is not apart of the main prison, those on the ISP main compound are being locked down indefinitely!! The escape happened in a building which is totally off limits to all prisoners in the ISP Maximum Security Compound. There is no rationale for putting the ISP on lockdown, Doing so comes at a particularly bad time as staff and prisoners are being asked to prepare for the move to the new prison. It is important to build a strong bond of trust and cooperation. This lockdown is doing just the opposite. The prisoners are being told they will probably be on lockdown for months, possibly until the move to the new campus.

It is the understanding of prisoners and staff that the order to keep things on lockdown is coming from Central Office even though the ISP management doesn't believe it is necessary.

As a result of the lockdown Iowa Prison Industries jobs are being cancelled and orders are being transferred to other facilities. Many prisoners depend on their pay for prison jobs as their only income, especially older prisoners who don't have family support. Lockdown leads to unrest and an increase in illegal activities, short tempers, mental health problems, etc.

We hope that those making decisions will realize that there was no involvement of prisoners in the main facility at ISP with the escape, and the lockdown is an

over-reaction and will only lead to a breakdown of morale at a time when cooperation is needed most.

UPDATE ON HEALTH CARE

We were so happy to learn that Iowa prisoners could sign up for the new health care program before they leave prison and that re-entry counselors are helping them with that process. However, there is a down side. One of the big problems with transferring from prison to a work release program has been that the prisoner lost health care coverage and this could mean problems getting adequate care and as well as bills that pile up.

We have now learned that the persons in the work release centers are not eligible for the new Iowa Health and Wellness program. This is because of the Medicaid rules not the rules of the IDOC. It is suggested that people in the work release programs locate free clinics in your area and go to them. County health departments offer health care for a very small fee and in Des Moines, Unity Health and Primary Health Care have a number of locations where you can get health care for free or a very small fee.

You are encouraged to sign up for the Iowa Health and Wellness Program just as soon as you receive your parole and know your address.

LATEST NEWS ON RE-SENTENCING OF JUVENILES

The long awaited decision by the Iowa Supreme Court regarding whether a Story County judge could give an Iowa prisoner who received a life sentence as a juvenile a determinate sentence of 25 years with parole, has finally come down. The Court ruled that the judge could not, and so Yvette Louisell and her lawyer were back in Story County Court on July 16th. The same judge re-sentenced her to life with the possibility of parole. We hope that she will be seen by the Parole Board soon.

In another case, the Iowa Supreme Court ruled the sentence of 60 years without parole given to Daimon Seats, who had originally received a sentence of LWOP was a violation of Miller vs Tennessee which states that a juvenile should have a meaningful chance for parole. In response to Miller, Gov. Branstad had commuted all the sentenced of juveniles eligible for re-sentencing to 60 years without parole. The Iowa Supreme Court had already ruled in the Jeff Ragland case that this does not give a meaningful chance for parole as it would mean that the prisoner, on average, would be 76 plus years old when they had the first opportunity for parole.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON SENTENCING OF JUVENILES

The legislature has been putting off passing a law regarding the sentencing of juveniles found guilty of a class "A" felony. This year Senator Rob Hogg, decided it was time to do so. The Iowa County Attorneys introduced a very bad bill and many of us attending the sub-committee meeting objected. Senator Hogg asked those present to come up with possible amendments. He stressed that he wanted a bill that was constitutional. Rita Betts of Iowa ACLU worked extremely hard to come up with such an amendment, but when the sub-committee met again we learned that Senator Hogg had asked the Iowa Bar Association to write an amendment and we don't think ours was even considered.

The amendment presented includes a number of possibilities for sentencing juveniles. What disturbs us most is that it includes a sentence of Life Without Parole which we believe is a violation of Miller v Tennessee. It is also ironic that the American Bar Assoc. has taken a position against LWOP and yet the Iowa Bar Association kept it in the bill.

We were not only disappointed in Senator Hogg, but also in Senator Granstal, because 3 Democratic members of the committee where strong "no" votes against the bill and still Granstal brought it up to the full floor of the Senate. We understand that it will probably face a legal challenge.

UPDATE ON THE IOWA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

Nancy Turner completed her term on the Board and was thanked for her service. Lisa Hill was appointed by the Governor to fill the vacancy. She is a school administrator in the Johnston School System. She is the wife of William Hill, the attorney in the Attorney General's office who is assigned to represent, not only the Iowa Department of Corrections, but also the Board of the Iowa Department of Corrections. We are sure that the Governor checked to make sure that this appointment was not a conflict of interest; however it just doesn't quite feel comfortable.

Rev. Michael Coleman, Dr. John Chalstrom and Larry Kudej have been reappointed to the Board for another term.

The IDO Board has appointed a committee to put together a handbook outlining the duties of the Board which will be used to orient new members and make sure that the Board fulfills their duties as required by the administrative rules.

This grew out of an event in January when John Baldwin retired as director of the IDOC. The members of the board were not aware that, according to the administrative rules, they were to review applications for a new director, select those that they felt met the criteria and forward them to the governor. This put the selection of the new director somewhat behind and there was no time to put out a nation-wide search. All resumes received were from IDOC internal staff.

A committee was appointed and they completed their duties, but decided that they needed to have a handbook that spelled out just what their duties were so that they could be sure that this didn't happen again.

SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

It is very important that we have a good representation of CURE members at meetings of the Iowa Department of Corrections. It gives us the opportunity to get to know members of the Board and staff, it shows that we really care about the operation of the prison system in Iowa. It gives us the opportunity to learn about the programs and operation of the department, and, due to the "public comment" addition to the agenda, we now have a small opportunity to share concerns and comments.

Here is the schedule for the remainder of the meetings for 2015:

- August 7, 6th Judicial District, 951 29th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids
- September 4, ICIW, 450 Mill St., SW, Mitchellville
- October 2, Des Moines Central Office, 510 East 12th St.,
- November 6, Des Moines Central Office, 510 East 12th St.

All meetings begin at 9 a.m.. When the meetings are held at a correctional facility there is usually an opportunity to tour that facility following the meeting.

UPDATE ON THE PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

THE PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT was passed in 2003 by the US Department of Justice and was recently updated. The Act permits zero tolerance for any type of sexual violence/misconduct committed by an offender or employee. States had to indicate whether they intended to work to be in compliance with the new standards. Governor Branstad has certified to the DOJ that Iowa has adopted and is in full compliance with the national standards to prevent, detect, and respond to prison rape/sexual assault. In 2014 audits were done of IMCC, NCF, NCCF. FDCF will be the first to be audited in the year beginning in August 2015.

The Annual Report is available on the DOC website. It includes problems that have been identified and corrective actions that were taken.

REPORTING ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Allegations of sexual violence may be reported in any way including:

- a. Verbally or in writing to any staff member
- b. Send a kite or letter to the institution Warden/Superintendent or Community Based Corrections Director
- c. Use the institution or CBC grievance process
- d. Send a letter to the Iowa Ombudsman's Office or to the Administrator of the Division of Investigative Services in the IDOC Central Office

Persons outside an IDOC institution may also telephone any staff member of the Iowa Ombudsman's Office.

IOWA CURE BOARD MEMBERS HONORED

IOWA CURE BOARD MEMBER AND LONG-TIME TREASURER WAS RECENTLY AWARDED THE MARY LOUISE SMITH AWARD FOR HER MANY YEARS OF WORK IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

IOWA CURE PRESIDENT JEAN BASINGER WILL RECEIVE THE IOWA ACLU LOUISE NOUN AWARD FOR HER WORK FOR CIVIL RIGHTS ON OCTOBER 2 AT THE WORLD FOOD PRIZE BUILDING. THIS YEAR THE ACLU IS CELEBRATING THEIR 80TH BIRTHDAY....AND JEAN IS TOO!

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE COMING OUT OF PRISON

180 DEGREES is a transitional house for men that addresses homelessness, addiction, and other issues. 70% of residents are veterans and are sub-contracted by the VA. Folks who live there must stay sober, but if they relapse that are not kicked out. Staff works with them to help them get on the right track. They can stay for up to 2 years room and board free. They are provided with help finding jobs, and clearing up legal issues

The house is located at 3650 Cottage Grove Ave., in Des Moines. The staff person is Colyn Burbank. Colyn is a graduate of Central College and member of the Catholic Worker Community. He can be reached at [515-279-0046](tel:515-279-0046) and colyn.burbank@gmail.com. He is at the house on Tues., Wed., and Thursday for 6 to 2 and 6 am to 10 am on Friday and 2p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday. We have heard very good reports from those who have lived at the house.

HANSEN HOUSE: Many of us are familiar with Hansen House of Hospitality on 6th Avenue which was opened many years ago by the Rev. Bob Cook when he learned that men coming out of prison have no place to go. Over the years they served many men, they started Iowa CURE to support those in prison and their loved ones, held an annual prison awareness walk to raise money to keep the house

going and to educate people around the state about conditions in our prisons including: excessive use of lock up, lack of help for the mentally ill and the high cost of inmate phone calls. They also produced one of the best newsletters for folks inside and outside prison walls in the nation. It was called "Bars and Stripes" For many years they had a Pen Pals program that connected folks on the outside with prisoners in our prisons.

They have had to close their doors due to the "6th Ave Corridor project which is making many changes in the neighborhood, but the Rev. Cook is determined to continue the work of "Hansen House" and will be opening a house on 8th Ave which will offer housing to women. We will keep you updated as to when they will open.

BUYER BEWARE!!!!

You may have seen an ad for the "National Clemency Project" possibly in the PRISON LEGAL NEWS. On the surface it would seem that this organization will offer you help with Clemency. That is not the case. If you read the ad carefully, it only says they will give you information on sentence reduction through Executive Clemency. We have received word that they only want to get your money. One Iowa prisoner who is doing his time in a prison in another state asked for help from this organization and was told he needed to send \$1000. His grandmother, who is very supported of him, sent the money and he has received nothing in return. Now he has learned that she can't get her money back.

You might wonder why PRISON LEGAL NEWS would carry an ad for such a company. Media prints ads for those who can pay the price, they don't check on them to see if they are legitimate. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

CHURCHES WITHIN OUR PRISONS

There are a growing number of church congregations springing up within prisons across the country under the leadership of an organization called 'PRISON CONGREGATIONS OF AMERICA. These congregations are a part of a denomination, raise all their own support and are not a part of the prison structure. Their pastors are not members of the prison staff. The only thing asked of the prisons is that they provide space for worship and Bible study and an office for the pastor. They are governed by an "outside counsel" made up of members of the community and an "inside counsel" made up of prisoners.

There are currently 27 PCA worshipping communities in 13 states in both men and women's prisons and

they are part of a variety of denominations. We have 4 worshipping congregations within Iowa prisons.

The Church of the Damascus Road at Fort Dodge Correctional Facility and at North Central Iowa Correctional Facility are both Lutheran Church in America churches which were established in 1997. They also have a re-entry program.

The Women at the Well at ICIW in Michellville is a United Methodist Church which was established in 2006. They also have a re-entry program.

New Life Prison Community at Newton Correctional Facility is a Christian Reformed Church which was established in 2011.

It is our understanding that plans are underway to establish a church in the prison at Anamosa. All churches are governed by the policies and governing rules of their own denominations.

Very few of our prisons still have chaplains, instead they have a staff person who is assigned to see that the religious needs of the individual prisoners are being met. People in prison have a broad range of grief and trauma issues and there is a great need for staff trained in these areas which the Chaplain used to fill. The PCA churches are able to assist their members in this area.

If you would like to learn more about Prison Congregations of America you can go to: www.prisoncongregationsofamerica.org/.

HELP IN LOCATING A PRISONER

It is not always easy to locate a prisoner as they are frequently moved, family members are not notified, and the prisoner may not be allowed to make a phone call or be given writing materials for several days. It is always a good idea to check and make sure your loved one hasn't been moved before driving a long distance for a visit.

LOCATING A PRISONER - If a prisoner is in the Iowa Correctional system, go to www.doc.state.ia.us and click on offender locator. Fill in the name and the code. If you can't read the code it will let you try again.

If your prisoner is in the federal system, just go to www.bop.gov/inmateloc/ and fill in the name of the prisoner. The location of the prisoner will come up as well as all the information you need regarding how to send mail, etc. They will be given a federal number. Their state number won't work.

If you have a loved one who have been transferred to a prison in another state, that is a problem, as they will not be listed on that state's list of prisoners and, in our experience the Iowa DOC will not give you the information. We are very troubled by this. We

informed the IDOC that we would file a FOI petition in order to get the location of inmates in other state prisons and the Director finally gave us the location, but not the number.

The VINE System: The VINE is an automated system that interfaces with the booking systems in Iowa county jails and the Iowa Department of Corrections to provide victims and others with information and notification on the custody status of a prisoner. You can register to receive information on the location/movement of a prisoner at www.vinelink.com.

GOOD NEWS REGARDING THE INMATE PHONE SYSTEM

There is more good news regarding inmate phone charges, however we still are not where we want to be.

Shortly after July 1 the cost of local, interstate, and intrastate calls was reduced to a flat rate of \$2.90 per call. Previously, the rates for International calls had been seriously reduced.

At the meeting of the IBOC in May Fred Scaletta, Deputy Director for Public Relations reported the following regarding the recent adjustment in phone rates.

*Offenders and families experienced greater communication.

Total call count has increase by 144,533 since October 2014

Average monthly call volume approaching 100,000, up from 53,000 to 63,000

prior to the rate change

75% of all calls continue through last minute of 20 minute call maximum

*Average offender cost per call has been reduced by \$.16, which equates to a six month savings of \$56,576

*Offender kiosks enhancement permit access to phone account balances and ability to efficiently move funds to phone account in \$1.00 increments or greater

*International average monthly call volume has increased almost 800% from 62 to 482 average calls per month

*International average cost per call reduce nearly 70% from \$12.61 to \$3.90 per call.

*Based on increased call volume and lower average cost per call, DOC proposes to lower the current \$3.15 flat rate by \$.25 to \$2.90 per call.

Back in 2002 Senator Johnnie Hammond introduced S.F. 2234 which would have created a revenue neutral phone system. At the latest meeting of the

IBOC approval was sought for the profits from inmate phone calls. There were two proposals presented for the expenditure of the 2016 "Telephone Rebate" funds.

One proposal for the expenditure of \$523,012 which would include a salary of a staff person for the Apprenticeship Program and Vocational Training at Anamosa. The second proposal was for a total of \$414,893 excluded that amount.. The proposal which included the funding for the staff for the Apprenticeship Program was approved. I, for one, am always left wondering what the actual dollar number made through the rebates is.

Iowa CURE and the Iowa Citizen's Ombudsman's Office still think that, although much progress has been made, we still believe that the charges should be on a cost per minute basis as recommended by the FCC. We have shared our opinion with the Department, along with our pleasure is seeing how much the charges have been reduced.

IOWA RECEIVED 3 MILLION DOLLAR RE-ENTRY RECIDIVISM GRANT

The Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy and the Iowa DOC have received word that Iowa is to be the recipient of a three year grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for Adult Offender Re-Entry and Recidivism Reduction. The total amount of the grant will be \$3 million. A large number of agencies will be involved in the Task Force that will design the program to put this grant into action. Dr. Beth Skinner has been selected to head up the implementation of the grant.

Iowa CURE has invited Dr. Skinner to be the speaker at our Fall program meeting which we have scheduled for Nov. 8 at Trinity United Methodist Church. We want to hear about the planning for this important program and also learn how those of us with personal experience with re-entry can contribute.

RECOMMENDED READING FOR JUSTICE ADVOCATES

1. THE NEW JIM CROW- Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander. This book, which has become the basic textbook for everyone concerned about the disproportionate incarceration of African Americans, was recommended to Iowa CURE members in 2010 when it first came out. Groups in Des Moines and Waterloo/Cedar Falls have studied it and a state-wide action conference based on it was held in May of this year. If you haven't read it, we hope that you will do so.

2. SENTENCED TO LIFE- Mental illness, Tragedy, and Transformation by Joan Becker, just came out and is available on Amazon.com. It tells the personal story of one family's attempt to get help for their mentally ill son and the tragic results when that help was not available. Joan, the mother of Mark Becker,

who killed his former high school coach, is the author of this book. Mark is now serving life in the Iowa Correctional system. She shares this painful story in the hope that working together, the failed mental health system can be reformed so that similar catastrophes can be avoided. The Beckers found strength to get through this tragedy through their faith and the support of their family, friends, and community.

3. **THE JUSTICE DIARY** - An Inquiry into Justice in America, by Fred Van Liew. This book is also just out and it records the travels of Van Liew, a long-time leader in the area of restorative justice as he listens to real everyday people and shares their experiences. Van Liew was a career prosecutor in the Polk County Attorney office for many years. He worked diligently to apply the concepts of restorative justice in his work in that capacity, especially in his work with juveniles.

A study of this book will be offered at Trinity United Church, 8th and College in Des Moines on Sept. 2, 9, and 16 at 6:30p. Everyone is welcome.

4. **CHANGE OF HEART** - Justice, Mercy, and Making Peace with my Sister's Killer, by Jeanne Bishop. Many of us were moved as we watched the survivors of the victims of the recent slaying of 9 innocent people in Charleston as express forgiveness to the young man who took the lives of their loved ones. In this book Jean Bishop describes how she came to be able to forgive the killer of her sister, brother-in-law and their unborn child through her Christian Faith. It is a story of redemption, grace, and peace.

5. **JUST MERCY** by Bryan Stevenson. Bryan is the Director of the Equal Justice Initiative and was instrumental in working to pass the US Supreme Court Decisions referred to as Graham and Miller making life sentences for juveniles illegal. As a young attorney he decided to devote his life to representing poor, black clients who had no hope of getting justice. Others joined him in his work and they finally began to have a few successes. There are many memorable quotes in this book which are based on his day to day experiences. For example: "The opposite of poverty is not wealth, the opposite of poverty is justice."

This book will leave you asking, "could these things actually have happened in our country and do they continue to happen?"

MEDIA RESOURCES

If you have access to the internet be sure that you subscribe to the Marshall project at www.themarshallproject.org. The Marshall Project is a non-profit, nonpartisan news organization covering America's criminal justice system. They put out a report with links to information regarding what is happening regarding criminal justice around the country and internationally. They state: "Our hope is that by bringing transparency to the systematic problems that plague our country and prisons we can help stimulate a national conversation about how best to reform our system of crime and punishment".

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 23 - Annual and Program Meeting of Iowa CURE

2-4 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1548 8th, Corner of 8th and College in Des Moines,
Speaker: Director of Corrections Jerry Bartruff

Sept. 2, 9, 16:

Study of **THE JUSTICE DIARY**, a new book on Restorative Justice by Fred Van Liew. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1548 8th St. at 6:30p.m. Led by the author.

Sept. 24, 25, & 26,

Peacemaking Circle Training with Kay Pranis. Cost is \$125

8 a.m. to 5 pm. at Trinity UMC 1548 8th St. in Des Moines. Send registration to Trinity UMC, P.O. Box 41005, Des Moines, 50311

October 16-17

Right Next Door, Beyond the Walls of Church and Neighbor, Sponsored by Prison Congregations of American and Women at the Well. Keynote speaker: Sister Helen Prejean, Workshops, presentations, displays.

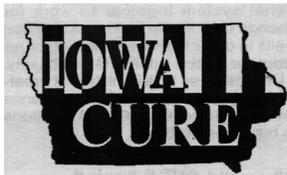
Ankeny UMC, 206 S.W. Walnut, Ankeny, Iowa.

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<p>Friends of Iowa Women Prisoners Website: friendsofiowawomenprisoners.org Facilitator: Vi Darsee vddarsee@q.com Phone: 515-225-8349 Meets 3rd Tues of each month at noon at Wesley UMC 800 E. 12th St, Des Moines, IA www.iowacure.org</p>	<p>Justice Reform Consortium Marty Ryan and Stephanie Fawkes-Lee, Legislative Advocates mrtyrn@gmail.com Legislative update sent out every 2 weeks during session Contact Marty to receive it. Phone: 515-681-8076</p>
<p>Health Care for Re-Entry Veterans Program Brian Brooks: VA Medical Center, 3600 30th St, Des Moines, IA 50310, 515-577-8068 Brian_brooks@va.com; website: i.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg_38. Eligible: Those who are currently incarcerated by the DOC-Fort Des Moines and prisons (not in jail or released from prison)</p>	<p>CURE Sort – Sex Offenders Restored Through Treatment P. O. Box 761 Milwaukee, WI 53201-0761 wbowers8@cox.net</p>
<p>Help for Veterans Will visit incarcerated veterans in need in central Iowa Jennifer Miner, 515-577-8892 or 699-5999 ext. 4875 Jennifer.miner@va.gov Covers eastern Iowa: Sherri Koob, Veterans Justice Outreach, cell: 563-320-9887; sherri.koob@va.gov</p>	<p>A note about Iowa CURE: We are an organization with members in and out of the prison system. We cannot offer legal services or accept phone calls from prisoners. Letters will be answered to the best of our ability. Do not send us your legal documents. In joining CURE, you are NOT entering into a contract for services</p>

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
2015 DUES NOTICE

Please remember to pay your 2015 Iowa CURE dues

Fill out the application form below and mail it with your membership fee to the Iowa CURE office address below

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Annual Membership Fees

Prisoner	\$2
Individual	\$10
Family	\$20
Sustaining	\$50
Life	\$100

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