



## **IOWA CITIZENS UNITED FOR THE REHABILITATION OF ERRANTS**

*An Effort to Reduce Crime Through Criminal Justice Reform - Summer 2016*

### **INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS OF CURE TO VISIT IOWA CURE - DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OUR LEADERS!!!!**

We have received word that Charlie and Pauline Sullivan, Founders and International Directors of CURE will be with us at our AUGUST 28th meeting. We are hoping for a large crowd to welcome them and to be inspired by their commitment to reform the criminal justice system. They are anxious to hear about the new apprenticeship programs in Iowa Prisons. This is going to be a very special meeting. We do hope that many of our members will plan to attend.

As many of you know the Sullivans began their prison reform advocacy work in Texas many years ago. They were told that they should move to Washington, D.C. and broaden their work to include the whole country. They travel to and from the "Hill" to lobby for reform on bikes and are known by a large number of representatives and senators and leaders in reform. They have developed chapters of CURE all across the country and in a number of countries. There are also issue chapters that organize people around issues such as lifers, women in prison, sex offender treatment, etc. The CURE state representatives meet yearly in person or by telephone conference to make decisions and share ideas and projects. Currently Charlie is doing research on the civil commitment treatment facilities across the country and he hopes to visit our facility in Cherokee while he is in Iowa.

We hope to see you on August 28th at 2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 8th and College in Des Moines. We will have a light lunch available as we know that some of you will be traveling some distance to get to the meeting.

### **IDOC APPRENTICESHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO SPEAK AT AUGUST MTG.**

Tim Diesburg, the IDOC Apprenticeship Administrator will be our speaker for our August 28th Iowa CURE meeting. One of Tim's students wrote to Iowa CURE urging us to invite Mr. Diesburg to speak at our meeting. He said, "Mr. Diesburg is one of the most caring men in the IDOC. He is really there for you, and he wants you to succeed. He helps find jobs and he believes you can make it. HE deserves big KUDOS! Apprenticeship works!"

We hope that Mr. Diesburg can help us understand how the apprenticeship program will mesh with the Recidivism Reduction Initiative. We also hope he will be able to bring us a report regarding how many of those who have completed the apprenticeship programs have been released, and have been able to find jobs in the field in which they were trained. We also want to know how many of the programs are new and how

many already existed. Mr. Diesburg's salary comes out of the revenue from the phone calls made by the incarcerated.

Hope to see you on August 28th. You can meet our International Directors and hear Mr. Diesburg speak as well.

### **OFFENDER TELEPHONE REBATE EXPENDITURES FOR FY2017**

The proposal for the expenditures of the offender telephone rebate expenditures for FY 2017 was presented at the July Board of Corrections meetings. At the end of FY 2016 there was \$681,000 in the account. The Board approved moving \$527,000 from the Telephone Rebate Expenditure Account to educational programs. Director Bartruff is predicting that with the drop in the amount charges per minute for phone calls the rebate amount will drop.

The proposal which was approved is as follows:  
Education (HISSET, Literacy, Special Needs, Life Skills, Apprenticeship Program and Vocational Training \$458,119  
Telephone administration: \$68,287  
Translation Services: \$1000

This was approved by the Board. It should be noted that the FCC is not in favor of administrative costs being taken out of telephone revenue.

### **CHANGES IN THE WOMEN'S ART PROJECT AT ICIW**

A number of years ago Mary Muller, a gifted local artist, started an art program for women at the Iowa Correctional Facility for Women. Her goal was to teach women to become professional artists so that there was a possibility that they could use their artistic talent to support themselves when they got out of prison. The women's art was sold at art exhibits that were held at churches and businesses in the Des Moines area. There was even a long-term exhibit at the Des Moines District Court House. Proceeds from the sales went to pay for the art supplies, support charities, and a percentage went to the artist.

Recently there has been a change in the program as, there will no longer be exhibits and sales at locations outside the prison. There is a possibility that a website will be available where purchases can be made.

### **VOICES TO BE HEARD UPDATE**

Voices to Be Heard is a support group for those families and children who have an incarcerated love one. There are two chapters, one in Des Moines and one in Cedar Rapids.

Voices to be Heard was started by Misty Hansen Conner under the umbrella of the programs of the Children and Family Policy Center. Melissa Nelson has been the staff person assigned to work with Voices since its beginning. Now Melissa is moving to Cedar Rapids to work with a program there. She will also be working with the Cedar Rapids Voices To Be Heard along with Sue Hutchins. Melissa assures us that she will be back in Des Moines to be with us at least once a month. We are very thankful for the great work she has done for children and families here in Des Moines.

We want to thank her so much for her commitment, energy, and hard work dedicated to the work of Voices. She is a truly caring person and we have been so fortunate to have her leadership since 2008 when she and Misty founded the organization

We want to offer our deepest sympathy to Misty and her family is the tragic loss of their loved one, Misty's husband. The man responsible for this senseless act is still at large. We also want to offer our support and love to Misty's daughter Destiny who was seriously injured recently. We understand that she is making a good recovery. We admire Misty and her family for their witness of courage and deep faith during this time.

We also want to offer sympathy to the family and friends of Molly Bushman who died very suddenly. Molly was a beloved teacher at Hillis School and also volunteered with the Voices program. She dedicated her life to working with children and is deeply missed by many.

We will be in touch regarding the upcoming activities and leadership of VOICES. The need is great and we will be there for those who need us and those who want to offer support to those who have family and friends who are incarcerated.

### **NEW HOSPITALITY HOUSE AND PRISON ADVOCACY HOUSE OPENS**

The Des Moines Catholic Worker community has opened a new house of hospitality for men coming out of prison. It is also serving as a center for prison advocacy work. The house is being called "The Bob Cook House for Prison Abolition" in recognition of the many years that the Rev. Bob Cook headed up "The Hansen House of Hospitality" which provided free housing for men coming out of prison. According to the July issue of the DM Catholic Worker newsletter, beyond providing a home for people coming out of prison, they plan to recruit formerly incarcerated people who have a passion for organizing to stop the horrors manifested by the prison industrial complex. They are working to organize family members, formerly incarcerated and other allies on the outside to put pressure on the system. They are currently organizing to address the treatment of men in administrative segregation (now called, "long-term restrictive housing") at ISP in Fort Madison.

The house is located at 1433 9th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50314, phone [515-777-2180](tel:515-777-2180) and the contact persons are Jack Petsche and Darius Davenport.

### **UPDATE ON RE-SENTENCING OF JUVENILES WHO RECEIVED LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE**

The re-sentencing of those persons who received a sentence of life without parole as juveniles has been moving ahead very slowly. As you may recall during last year's session the legislature passed a bill regarding the re-sentencing of these persons which still allowed the option of a sentence of life without parole. Those who supported this bill assured us that this option would RARELY be used. Those of us from the Justice Reform Consortium and the Iowa ACLU spoke strongly against including this option. We also had strong support from Rep. Mary Wolfe who felt it would be over used. This turned out to be very true.

The case of Isaiah Sweet turned out to be a test as he was sentenced to LWOP and an appeal was filed. The appeal was heard by the Iowa Supreme Court who ruled against this sentence declaring that it is unconstitutional to sentence juveniles to life without parole. Now juveniles who had been re-sentenced to LWOP are quickly being re-sentenced to Life with the Possibility of Parole.

It is important to understand that this does not mean that they will actually be paroled. This will be left up to the Iowa Board of Parole. This only means that they will be reviewed each year by the Board and they will make a decision as to whether they actually want to interview the person. So far of the nearly 40 persons who are or may become eligible for parole only Yvette Louisell, Michell Ronek, and Christine Lockheart have actually been interviewed. Ms Louisell is now waiting for a placement in a work release facility, Mr. Ronek is in a work release center and Ms Lockheart is in minimum workout status at Iowa Women's Correctional Facility.

The latest re-sentencing hearings were held in Marshall County on July 25. Jayson Speaks, and Burt and Derek Smith were re-sentenced to life with the possibility of parole. We understand that Joseph White will be re-sentenced in August.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED**

We have decided to include several contributions from our readers in this edition of our newsletters. The ideas expressed in these articles are those of the authors.

### **IT'S THE WAY WE THINK**

When it becomes necessary, and we find the need to incorporate change in our lives, we usually equate this to altering our positions and stances on any number of conditions, personal matters, or situations. Whether it's changing our physical appearance, address, state of affairs, or our friends and associates, it's primarily because we believe the component chance will elevate and cast us in a more favorable light. Oftentimes these changes are selfish, superficial and without merit. Oftentimes those changes are no more than a perceptual and temporary urge, and being of little substance. Similar to putting a band-aid over a gaping stab wound.

In prison, where change and alteration of oneself should be a part of our personal rehabilitation thesis, how common is it that

we begin by changing the way we think. I would respectfully and regretfully suggest to you, not often. I'm a profound believer in the theory of, "if you change the way you think, you can change the way you act and that your actions are triggered by your thoughts." Real change, starts from within and with a purposed desire, vision, and attitude.

The drug addict, criminally inclined, or any other habitual scofflaw, mostly changes his behavior because societal rationale and pressures urges him to do so. Not that he is ready to accept change in his life, but because of the convenience factor of it all. So to speak, it becomes a point of political correctness in many cases. Real change arrives when the individual mentally conceptualizes and comes to the realistic conclusion of, 'I've had enough, I'm done, it's all over and that life has something better to offer me.' Not merely talking the talk, but actually walking the walk, is when change takes hold and becomes a certainty.

What is it that triggers change in the individual who has a long history of criminal activity? Many behavioral scientists and criminologist at all levels, have theorized that age is the only friend of change when it comes to breaking the unremitting habits of criminality. This assiduous mindset and emboldened by various aspects of the criminal justice system, is a major cause of prison overcrowding and the phenomenon of warehousing of millions - which by the way has proven to be a false narrative. I somewhat disagree with those industry professionals, and submit to you that the cause of change is subjective and can be triggered by a variety of flashpoints. One such mechanism is when you finally begin the love of yourself, your family and your community.

Bottom line is this, if we continue to think the same unproductive thoughts, we'll continue to have the same unproductive results. Our thought should always be of a visionary nature. With the proper visionary instincts, we can foresee, plan, and win the marathon race of success. Without proper and rational thought, we'll remain on the treadmill of disillusionment and low expectations. We'll continue to play a losing hand.

In closing, "each of us is literally what we think, our character being the complete sum of all our thoughts." James Allen.

By S. Frasier, ISP

### **MY DEPRESSION**

My depression has given me a window of opportunity to function in. So I will be productive till it comes back. Wouldn't it be awesome if it got lost and couldn't find its way back? Just out there wandering randomly. Even the cops won't go near it, since it looks toxic.

Having no initiative, along with being listless, my drugs of choice are sleep and prayer.

The depression is hungry and needs to feed. It likes to take shelter in people who have a lot going for them. How day after day it takes joy in watching someone slowly shut down, till the person is no use to anyone. No sun for me. My brain is a Gethsemane.

This particular depression likes to see people take their own life. There's suicides hanging off my family tree. Depression loves to see a person stop taking their meds. Its personal best in Southwest Iowa is one death a month for seven months straight.

I know its tricks and it knows I know its tricks. I need vitality. Just being alive isn't good enough. I need more. It's all I can do to not spend my time in emotional quicksand.

One of the things depression has mastered and I am aware of its triggers. Depression sure is sneaky.

I don't know how many times it has put me on its diet plan---- lack of appetite. Lost weight and inadequate hygiene. I've been known to binge on junk food.

I can't stand to hear people laugh. There is a clarity after crying. A simple stillness that overrides all agitation.

I can't keep up with life's pursuits. Depression will have you forgetting what is good in life. It will narrow your scope to the point where you can't see past your problems.

I can't take it, I can't take it, I can't take it anymore.

Atrophy of the Soul.  
Anonymous

### **CHANGES IN POLICY ON RESTRAINT POLICY FOR PREGNANT PRISONERS**

Readers will recall that a number of organizations worked together with several legislators to try to get a law passed that would restrict the use of shackles on women in prison in the last weeks of pregnancy and during labor and delivery. The IDOC was determined to prevent the passage of such a law saying that they had a policy which regulated the use of shackles on pregnant woman thus a law was not required. We made it clear that we felt that a policy could be changed at anytime, therefore a law was needed.

We have learned that when Mr. Bartuff became Director the policy was changed: This is his explanation:

"Our restraint policy for pregnant women during transport is through the 21st week of pregnancy handcuffs in front only are used, and that no restraints are used 22 weeks until delivery. In order to ensure all staff are aware at all times, we went with colored t-shirts- yellow t-shirts 22 weeks on and green t-shirts through the 21st week. Before we adopted this I met with all the pregnant women and asked them if they would feel they were being "singled out" by wearing t-shirts like this. They all responded "no" and thought it was a great idea. I've received no complaints from anyone about this since we implemented it in Oct. 2015."

He added that the Warden also wanted us to know that they started a pregnancy support group at ICIW with their Advance Nurse Practitioner.

We are happy to hear of these developments. We would still like to see an actual law in place which would include jails.

### **VOTING RIGHTS FOR THOSE WITH FELONY CONVICTIONS DENIED**

Iowa is only one of three states where people with a criminal conviction can lose their voting rights for life. They can be restored only at the discretion of the governor and this can only be done by completing a very, very complicated application. Many other states restore voting rights automatically after citizens complete their sentences.

In November the Iowa ACLU filed a lawsuit on behalf of Kelli Griffin a young woman who thought that she was eligible to vote after completing her probation. The case was heard by the Iowa Supreme Court and in June the court ruled against her.

One problem is the definition of an "infamous" crime. It is stated in the Iowa constitution that those convicted of an "infamous" crime can't vote, but just what is an "infamous" crime. Is it any felony?

Another problem is that when Governor Vilsack was in office he issued an executive order restoring the rights of those felons who had committed their sentences. However, on the very first day that Governor Branstad was in office he rescinded that order and put in its place a very complicated application for restoring voting rights. Following the decision in the Griffin case he "simplified" the process, but those who have reviewed it say that there are very few changes. The staff of the Iowa ACLU is now in the process of helping Ms Griffin to complete her application and they will continue their fight to restore the voting rights of those who have paid their debt to society and long to be recognized as full citizens of our state.

### **IDOC Warden and Deputy Wardens;**

There have been several IDOC staff changes in recent months. Below is a list of the current Wardens and Deputy Wardens:

Anamosa State Penitentiary and Luster Heights:  
Warden William Sperflage and Deputy Warden Mike Heinrich  
Fort Dodge Correctional Facility: Warden Bob Johnson,  
Deputy Warden Don Harris  
North Central Correctional Facility: Warden Cornel Smith  
Fort Madison State Penitentiary: Warden Nick Ludwick and  
Deputy Warden Mark Roberts  
Newton Correctional Facility: Warden Kris Weitzel and Deputy  
Warden Jeremy Larson  
Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility: Warden Jay Larson and  
Deputy Superintendent Gayle Huckins  
Clarinda Correctional Facility: Superintendent: Sheryl Dahm,  
Deputy Superintendent Steve Weis  
Iowa Correctional Facility for Women: Warden Patti  
Wachendorf.  
Iowa Medical and Classification Center: Warden Jim  
McKinney and Deputy Warden Gary Ort

### **HOPE'S GATE**

#### **A portal of hope and healing**

Do you have a "secret" that you've been trying to navigate without much support? Perhaps you, like so many others, have a loved one behind bars or who has recently been released, and you've been trying to find the spiritual and emotional support and encouragement that you know is needed in order to get through each day. There is hope! Now, there is a resource designed just for you. HOPE's GATE is a once a month Christian call -in support group that is offered to family members/friends of those who are incarcerated or newly released.

What it is? A safe phone-in-support group that is free and anonymous. From the comfort of your home you can call into the conference number and for one hour meet with others as they share their experience, strength and hope, as well as pray for one another. From time to time we may feature speakers such as family members who have been there/done that and made it through that difficult time or from ex-offenders willing to share the hope and grace afforded them by what God did in their lives! It is a virtual community based on Biblical principles and designed to share God's encouragement with one another. No one is forced to share.

What it is not! It is NOT a resource to receive legal, financial or psychological support or advice. Only first names will be used and participants will be asked to abide by strict guidelines to protect confidentiality.

WHEN: THE 3RD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 MST

Your conference access number [1-218-548-7257](tel:1-218-548-7257) and Conference Passcode: 3892

This is not sponsored by any particular church or organization.

### **MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR CONCERNING VISITING EXPERIENCES**

IDOC Director Jerry Bartruff met with the members of the Des Moines Chapter of "Voice to be Heard." A part of the discussion focused on concerns and problems related to visiting our prisons. We shared the concern that had been sent or related to Iowa CURE and VOICES. The number one concern seems to be the visiting lists. There is concern because there needs to be a number of slots for people on the extended family list and there also needs to be more space for friends so that the prisoners don't have to frequently be switched the people on their list. This makes more work for staff as well as creates confusion for the prisoners and their families.

There has been some concern regarding the treatment of visitors visiting some of the prisons. Examples are sending people to the local Wal-Mart to buy clothes even when their clothing doesn't violate the rules. Using the visitors list for retaliation, Mr. Bartruff agreed that in some cases it is a matter of the attitude of the staff person. We also have heard stories of staff being very helpful to visitors.

There is some discussion nationally about the possibility of eliminating contact visiting and going to video visiting only. We

don't want to see that happen. It is very important that prisoners that an opportunity to spend time with their loved ones in person. Off site visits should be used only when personal visits are not available.

### **INTERSTATE COMPACT: WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE**

#### **Toby Michael- OSP**

Everyone thinks being sent out of state is a special privilege: like it's a neat new adventure where we meet extraordinary Super-Convicts and our life improves dramatically. Problem is we are always excluded, we are and will always be a "foreigner," "outsider," "outsider," trespasser." Our mid-western Iowa values are non-existent and solitary confinement is our effect. Even out on these yards, I'm still isolated as I have nothing in common geographically, culturally, or intellectually. So to be sure, being removed from everyone and everyone I've ever known, losing every piece of property I've ever owned and continuously being a new face in a new place without a trace is NOT something to happily embrace. I am Iowa. Iowa is me and everywhere I've ever been has yet to compare to home! Legalized Kidnapping is not a privilege!

### **FACTS ABOUT IOWA PRISONERS ON INTERSTATE COMPACT**

According to Fred Scaletta, Deputy Director of the IDOC there are currently 23 Iowa inmates serving their time in other jurisdictions through the Interstate Corrections Compact agreements. There are currently an additional 61 inmates serving an Iowa sentence concurrently to another jurisdiction.

It is our understanding that Iowa prisoners who received life without parole as juveniles and have been transferred out of state are now being brought back to Iowa for re-sentencing. It remains to be seen whether they will be transferred back out of state once they are re-sentenced. If they are re-sentenced to "life with the possibility of parole" it seems logical that they would need to be kept within the state of Iowa.

Research shows that the reasons for transferring prisoners out of state vary from a prisoner's request to be near family to security concerns, inmate protection, and overcrowding.

### **IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY LONG-TERM RESTRICTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM**

#### **(based on a report to the IDOC, July 2016)**

There is a nationwide movement to get those who are incarceration out of disciplinary units by correcting the behaviors and integrating them back into the general population. It is reported by the IDOC that the ISP is following the Federal Department of Justice principles including the reason for that person's placement in segregation and a set of expectations is identified. Privileges are granted as the prisoner advances. The current program has been to work with a group of 7 to 8 offenders for three months. The last phase of the program is to get them back in general population Supplemental material, such as anger management and communication skills are provided. People don't have a choice

as to whether or not to participate. People from other prisons are being transferred to ISP to participate in this program.

### **WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

It is interesting to note how the names of things change over the years even though the underlying things that they are naming really don't. A good example is the naming of practice of locking people up for 23 hours at a time for days and even months or years at a time. This is a common practice, used to punish people for breaking rules, It is also used to isolate people while they are investigated to see if they have actually done anything wrong. The slang term for this is "the hole." However for many years it has been called "solitary confinement." A few years back it was decided that it was really not solitary confinement because prisoners could still hear and even talk to other prisoners by shouting through the pipes.. Different levels of Ad Seg were also created. Recently it was decided that administrative seg/solitary confinement should be reexamined with the goal of reducing its use. I understand that it is now being called "long term restrictive housing" or just "restrictive housing." This is not just true in Iowa, but across the country.

There is a tremendous amount of research to tell us how destructive isolation, by any name, really is. We hear reports of prisoners who are put in "restrictive housing" having their watches, calendars, and address books taken away from them. This takes away their ability to orient themselves to the date and time of day. It can also create sleep deprivation. In his book, "Consequence" by Eric Fair, an interrogator at Abu Ghraib prison, he explains that you can create the effects of sleep deprivation by letting a person sleep for a period of time, doesn't matter how long, and then awakening them. If they have no way to discern how long they have slept, they will experience the feeling of sleep deprivation. We have probably all had the experience of dozing off for a few minutes and waking up thinking we have slept for hours. We also hear reports of prisoners being awakened at 2 in the morning to take showers and exercise, having to send out their belongings, having their legal papers lost, and personal belongings disappear. All these things destroy ones sense of self and harm mental health.

If a person is put in a restrictive area as the punishment for breaking a law or rule and is given by the ALJ, then that should be it. Two a.m. showers, loss of personal items, etc. should not be added.

We are being told that there is a new long term restrictive housing program at ISP which is ahead of the what is being done in other parts of the country. Please see the article that follows regarding this program. We would like to hear from men at the Fort who have had experience with this program. We hope that the days and nights of isolation in "the hole" are over.

### **DEATH OF A FAITHFUL CURE MEMBER**

We have learned of the death of a long time faithful Iowa CURE number. Susie Snyder who served as the leader of the Henry County local chapter of CURE for a number of years died suddenly last week. She was a leader in the successful passage of a bill to control the sale of drugs used in the

manufacturing of meth. She was also headed up the work to get a drug court established in Henry County. Members of Iowa CURE are very thankful for her hard work and offer our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.

#### **THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CURE**

Iowa CURE is a 501(c)3 organization and your gifts are tax deductible. When you send in your membership to Iowa CURE we will send your name to the National organization and you will receive their newsletter.

We are not qualified to send or receive "Legal Mail."

We do not offer services such as legal services and re-entry services.

We are not setup to accept phone calls from jails and prisons.

We can accept calls from family members and friends. Please send us your concerns in writing.

We will respond if at all possible. Do not send us copies of letters that are part of a mass mailing.

Do not send us copies of your legal papers or your only copies of court documents or disciplinary reports as we cannot send them back.

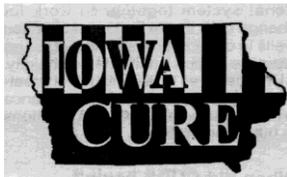
We cannot represent you in challenging your disciplinary reports.

Please file grievances and, if not, successful, file a report with the Ombudsman's Office.

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