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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING — NOVEMBER 2017

Meeting. The Board of Corrections met on November 3, 2017, at the Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC) Central Office in Des Moines.

Department Budget. Department of Corrections Financial Manager Steve Dick reported on several budget items:

- The DOC has submitted its FY 2019 department budget request to the Department of Management. The request includes a \$1.0 million increase for pharmaceutical costs provided through the Iowa Medical and Classification Center at the Oakdale facility.
- Eighty-one percent of the budget for the institutions and the Central Office is expended on personnel. There are currently 195 vacancies in the institutions, most of which are for correctional officers. The Community Based Corrections currently has 33.1 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions vacant.
- The DOC estimates there will be some cost savings for the Department due to changes in health insurance, changes to the overtime calculation, and the decrease in the merit increase from 4.5% to 3.7%.
- The DOC recently issued a request for proposal (RFP) through the Department of Administrative Services for new accounting software for several districts. The software in those districts will soon be obsolete, and a software upgrade is necessary.
- Two audit reports on the Judicial District Departments of Correctional Services and the DOC institutions were recently released by the State Auditor's Office. The DOC will implement any recommendations as needed.

Policy Approvals. The Board approved the following policy proposals:

- **CBC-05 Opioid Overdose or Exposure Recognition and Response.** This policy allows for the provision of Narcan, an opioid overdose medication, to inmates and officers who may come into contact with fentanyl, as well as training on how to use the medication. Approval of the policy formalizes already-existing law as policy of the Department.
- **OP-SOP-11 Special Sentence/Lifetime Supervision Discharge.** This policy relates to the sex offender management program and practices for special sentences/lifetime supervision discharges. The related practice is already in the Iowa Code, and the purpose of the new policy is to formalize the existing practice.

2018 Board Meeting Schedule. The Board discussed the proposed Board meeting schedule for 2018. The Board discussed the possibility of having two more meetings at facilities around the State. The Board decided to delay approval of the full schedule, and approved the January and February meetings at the Central Office in Des Moines.

Next Meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on January 5, 2018, at the DOC Central Office in Des Moines. For additional information, see the DOC website: doc.iowa.gov/about-us/board-corrections.

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