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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING - AUGUST 2018

Meeting. The Board of Corrections met on August 3, 2018, at the Department of Corrections (DOC) Central Office in Des Moines.

Department Update. DOC Director Jerry Bartruff provided an update on Department activities:

- **Inmate Population Management.** Director Bartruff met with representatives from the Department of Management (DOM) and the Governor's Office to discuss population management in Iowa's correctional institutions. The DOC stated that the Department is budgeted for about 8,000 inmates and the inmate population is regularly well above 8,000. As a part of this effort to manage the prison population, Director Bartruff also met with members of the Board of Parole to discuss parole eligibility options.
- **Marshalltown Probation/Parole Offices.** The Marshalltown Probation/Parole Offices were severely damaged by the tornado on July 19, 2018. The staff has been moved out of the building and all services are currently being coordinated through the Marshalltown Residential Center. Any updates related to the Marshalltown probation/parole services may be found on the DOC [website](#).

DOC Safety Program. The DOC is developing a new partnership with the Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Administration (IOSHA) to promote safer working environments for correctional officers and Iowa Prison Industries (IPI) employees. As a part of this partnership, the DOC has submitted requests for consultation surveys to be done in all facilities. IOSHA conducts these requested surveys to evaluate and provide guidance to employers to bring working conditions to compliance without penalty.

Policy Approval. The Board considered and approved two new policies:

- **Silica Policy.** IOSHA has adopted new exposure requirements for employee exposure to silica. The policy adopts these new requirements, as well as a training plan and program in relation to the new requirements.
- **Hearing and Appeal Procedures.** The new policy merges the hearing procedures for the due process hearing for failure to complete either the Sex Offender Treatment Program or the Domestic Abuse Program.

Barber Apprenticeship Program. The DOC is seeking to expand its apprenticeship program to include a barber apprenticeship. Currently, in order to sit for a barbering licensing exam, an applicant must complete training at a licensed training school. The DOC presented a possible Iowa Code change that would allow those who receive their training in the apprenticeship program to sit for the licensing exam. The Board voted to support a Code change in the next legislative session.

FY 2019 Telephone Rebate Expenditures. The Board reviewed and approved the proposed FY 2019 expenditures from the Telephone Rebate Fund. The proposed expenditures include:

- \$458,119 – Education (HiSET, Literacy, Special Needs, Life Skills, Apprenticeship Program, and Vocational Training).
- \$72,593 – Telephone Administration (includes salary for telephone program administrator)
- \$1,000 – Translation Services

Next Meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled on September 7, 2018, at the Anamosa State Penitentiary. For additional information, see the DOC [website](#).

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