



FRIENDS OF IOWA WOMEN PRISONERS

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MISSION: To bring together and inform individuals and groups concerned about women in the Iowa correctional system and to act on their behalf.

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

12:00-1:00 p.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church

800 E. 12th Street

Des Moines, IA 50316-4304

Brown Bag Lunch

MEETING AGENDA

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MISSION STATEMENT

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPORTS:

ICIW Report – Warden Patti Wachtendorf or ICIW Representative

Treasurer – Rosemary Jungmann

PROGRAM/FOCUS:

We are pleased to give a special welcome to our June speakers, Marty and Stephanie Fawkes-Lee Ryan, legislative advocates for Justice Reform Consortium and regular attendees at our meetings. They will be reviewing the past legislative session and explaining how we can help bring attention to the issues that did not pass, for example, the restraints bill. Election years usually provide opportunities to educate both legislators and the general public on criminal justice reform issues.

RECAP OF May 20, 2014 MEETING:

It was our pleasure to have the staff from the Treatment Unit at ICIW as our May presenters. This unit is a Therapeutic Community (TC) where offenders are held to a higher level of behavior. The goal is to change how offenders think. Those who control their thinking can control their lives. The unit is a 148 bed unit divided into four pods, each with approximately 46 women. One pod is for pre-treatment to help women achieve a mind-set open to treatment. Two pods are for the 9 month STAR (Sisters Together Achieving Recovery) program. The final pod is for a new 6-8 week ARTS (Adults Recovering and Transitioning to Society)/Aftercare program.

Paul Rhode is the program director. Counselors for the STAR program are: Tristin Hodges, Anne

Issolina, Joan Griman, Randy Walter and Angel Bingham. Classes include: Criminal Conduct & Substance Abuse, Victim Impact, Beyond Violence, Anger Management, and Seeking Safety. The ARTS program counselors are Teresa Coleman, who is responsible for short term low risk offenders, and Mike Boatman (who was unable to attend the meeting).

Our heartfelt thanks to Paul and these counselors from the ICIW staff who took time to share their role in helping women achieve success.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & PRESENTERS:

Our July presenter will be Renee Schulte, former Iowa legislator and mental health therapist. She spear-headed the passage of mental health and disability services (MHDS) redesign in 2011-2012. Currently, Renee has a unique opportunity to consult with the Mental Health Division of the Iowa Department of Human Services to implement the reform policy. Her work on MHDS reform won nine awards including the Iowa Mental Health Counselor Association award for bipartisan leadership 2012, the Gold Star Award from Iowa Sheriff's and Deputies Association in 2012, and the Iowa Hospital Association Legislator of the Year in 2012.

Renee is the owner of Schulte Consulting LLC, which offers strategic planning in mental health, healthcare, legislative process and environment. She is married to Brent, the discipleship pastor at Antioch Christian Church, and lives in Cedar Rapids.

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