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DOC Director Mike Ferriter, Warden Mike Mahoney - MSP, Gayle Lambert – MCE Administrator, Warden Sam Law - CCC, Deputy Warden Robert Paul – MWP, Sgt. Bill Nevins – GFRP Unit Manager, Jim Vollrath, Wayne Bye, Security Major Tom Woods, Patrick Smith - CPB Bureau Chief, Warden Steve Ray – DCCF, Bob Anez – DOC Communications Director, Lena Havron, Kara Sperle, Rhonda Schaffer – Administrative & Financial Services Administrator, Colleen Ambrose – DOC Legal, Charlotte Dolezal – Grievance Coordinator MWP , Dan Maloughney – MASC Administrator and Mary Greene – DOC Policy Unit

Members of the General Public – Carol Deschon, LaVonne Deschon, Everett Riggs, Staci Hedges, Jo Riggs, Roxanne Miller, Michelle Meeks, Laura O’Brien, Barbara Rose, Lori Phillips

Patrick Smith called the meeting to order and explained the order of the meeting.

“In accordance with Montana Code Annotated Section 2-3-103(1), the Board will hold a public comment period. Please note that this open forum period for comment is the public’s opportunity to address the Board on any topic that is within the purview of the Board. While the Board may or may not take action on the issues presented, the Board will listen to comments, may respond to questions, may ask that particular questions or comments be submitted in writing, and may ask that the issue be placed on a subsequent agenda for possible discussion by the Board. The Chairman of the Board will determine the amount of time allotted for public comment.”

“Pursuant to Montana Law, the Chairman may decide to hold a meeting or part of a meeting in executive session due to interests of individual privacy, or individual or public safety or security of public facilities, including jails, correctional facilities, private correctional facilities, and prisons, if disclosure of the information may jeopardize the safety of facility personnel, the public, or inmates of a facility,”

If the Chairman determines that a meeting or part of a meeting should be closed, then the Chairman shall at the time of closure announce as follows:

“The Chairman has determined that the individuals or topics next coming under discussion at this meeting involve individual rights of privacy or safety and security issues which outweigh the public’s right to know. Therefore, the Chairman has decided to hold this part of the meeting in closed session.”

#### Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. DW Bob Paul motioned to approve the minutes from the previous PIB meeting on March 23, 2010. Warden Mahoney seconded the motion.

#### Legislative and Management team updates – Director Ferriter

Director Ferriter had an appearance in front of the legislative audit committee. He provided them with an update on our efforts. We have submitted two items for legislation. These are nothing major, just housekeeping. We have submitted a preliminary budget to the Governor’s office. The Director complimented the group on how well they have managed the populations of our facilities. There has been a major change in structure within the Department. Cathy Redfern will oversee the infirmary at MSP and oversee medical services for DOC. Dr. Rantz has agreed to sign a contract for another year.

No comments.

#### Division Updates – Warden Mahoney

Warden Mahoney said we were audited by federal personnel on our surplus equipment. This is a yearly audit. We got a good report. All equipment was stored properly and well documented. He commended Major Wood and his folks. They will be going to Toole County to see about locating an armored personnel carrier.

We are in the midst of several construction projects at MSP. We are working on Maximum Security and the high and low side compounds. This should put us in compliance with ADA. We are putting an elevator into the low side building, working on shower stalls and cells, and the annex on the back of the Maximum Security. They are also moving low side visiting to the old

reception building. They will return transportation there when the construction is complete. They will also re-configure the low support building.

The Warden advised us to talk to local legislators about good time and population reductions. People should meet with their legislators prior the session about these topics. If we want to look at reducing prison populations, we need to keep in mind that we already have the 80/20% (80% community corrections/ 20% secure care) set up. The Warden said it would be ill advised to change that without having proper placement plans in place. There is a right way and a wrong way to do things. We compromise ourselves if we step away from public safety and it is not good for the offenders – we are not taking care of the people we are responsible for.

Warm Springs State Hospital had a disruption of operations. They had three patients that acted out and caused problems. Two of these patients were from MSP. We continue to work with mental health staff on the challenges of this type of inmate.

The Director asked if the State Hospital was at capacity. Warden Mahoney said they are over capacity.

Kara Sperle has copies of a report prepared for the Legislative Finance Committee. It is titled “Montana Correctional System: Stressors and Challenges”. It was written by Pat Gervais, Senior Fiscal Analyst.

Director Ferriter said one of the things this group knows is we have tried to explore all of our options. California is releasing inmates, and that may be fine for California. We feel we manage our numbers appropriately. We manage MASC and the revocation centers to make sure the people who truly need to be in prison are at the secure facilities. The bottom line is we continue to do a very good job in trying to divert offenders where we can. As a team, we all know that.

Patrick Smith said he read through the report and they mention in a large part that they will probably cut the Department’s budget. When you cut, you usually cut programs and training. When you cut programs, it backs up the offenders in the system as they cannot complete court or BOP ordered programs. There are dire consequences to these types of cuts.

Director Ferriter said we all know it is important to answer the questions about our facilities before the session. People will make up their own minds.

#### Annual Property Review by the Security Chiefs – Major Wood Handout

Current policy requires the Security Chiefs from the facilities to meet annually to look at the property policy. They met and made a list of recommendations for the PIB to decide on. There are twelve items on the list. Throughout the course of the year, there is an inmate representative from each housing unit. The inmates bring their ideas and thoughts to the representative who then meets with the Unit Management team and talks about the suggested changes. The ideas are then brought to the unit and shift commanders. These people meet monthly and look at the proposed changes and suggestions. They vote on what changes to send to the Security Major and Chiefs from the other facilities. When the annual property review time comes, the Security Major sends out an email to the Chiefs and schedules a time to meet. The Chiefs voted and the results are brought to the PIB.

Patrick Smith thought it would be best if we went through each item, and then voted for that item.

1. Book light – Replace the current book light with an LED book light. Current lights would need to be “grandfathered” for some determined length of time. Warden Mahoney moved to approve this change. Warden Law seconded. All were in favor. None opposed.
2. DCCF asked that we consider changing the policy for personal publications to eliminate 3<sup>rd</sup> party purchases. Colleen Ambrose asked if the objection is to third party purchases of publications or anything coming in? DW Paul said there have been several instances of offenders making contacts with people at vendors and having things appear as if they were being sent in legitimately and there were things smuggled in. They were altering the packaging to make it look as if it was being sent from the vendor. Major Woods said the problem at MSP about third party purchasing of magazines is that things that are considered inappropriate are being sent in. They become undeliverable and then get grieved. The inmates have not been approached with the proposed change.

Colleen Ambrose said the complaint will be that not everyone can send money to the inmates. At this time, you can purchase publications for an inmate and have it sent to the facility without being approved to send money. Not everyone can send an inmate money.

Warden Mahoney said he thinks one thing the population gets frustrated about is one month a magazine is acceptable and the next month, it is not. We need to make a list of what will be allowed to be ordered.

Sgt. Nevins said we need to eliminate the gray area. Great Falls does not allow third party ordering at all. Inmates send a money release to order items. When the item comes in, they have the tracking because only the inmate can order items for himself. The only complaints about the publications are that some issues are allowed in one month, then not the next.

Warden Ray said the proposal talks about third party purchases. They allow books also. He did not think we can limit what books we allow. Publications are a whole other issue.

Major Woods said one issue is periodicals and the other issue is publications in the form of books. We cannot make a list of books, but we can limit how they order books. This would significantly reduce the grievances.

Colleen Ambrose said what we are doing is reducing the number of publications we allow inmates. There are steps we have to go through to determine if we can restrict a book or publication. In the research that Colleen has done, she would not recommend a list of publications we allow. MSP tracks the magazines that consistently violate the policy. The materials that come in cannot violate our policy. This takes vigilance with our staff. We then notify the publisher that the publication will no longer be allowed at our facility. We are issuing standard letters and if Colleen cannot find the original letter, she will develop a new one and send it to the facilities.

Warden Law said most magazines they see are okay and every once in a while they see one sent in that violates policy. We just have to track these magazines.

Colleen Ambrose said we have discussed the inmates coming up with a list of allowable magazines with final approval by staff and she does not know if we can do that.

Major Woods said there should be an established criterion for restrictions. Is it six out of twelve months? This will have to be managed consistently from facility to facility. The information needs to be shared with the other facilities for consistency. Warden Law agreed that we need email addresses and names for contacts at all facilities.

Major Woods said we cannot cut out pages or mark out magazines. Colleen Ambrose said one page makes the whole magazine undeliverable.

Warden Mahoney is not looking at limiting a publisher. We are looking at consistency and volume. There is only a certain number of items an inmate is allowed. Limit what they can order, and carry publications in the library or get them through inter library loan. This way, they family does not have to buy the book. Every year this is a fight.

Pat Smith asked if it would be possible for Colleen Ambrose to work up a standard. If a magazine is banned for six out of twelve months, we will no longer allow the magazine. Colleen will check into this.

Major Woods would also like to know if an inmate purchases a two year subscription, and we ban the magazine, does the inmate get a refund or have the magazine sent to someone else.

Colleen Ambrose said the only problem with changing the publication ordering process is that not everyone can send money. Other than that, she does not see a big problem with eliminating third party purchasing.

This item will be tabled until the next meeting. Colleen and Major Wood will work together to draft a proposal for the group to look at next time.

3. MSP and MWP would like to replace the current "Maximum Strength Lotion" with a "Hypo-Allergenic Unscented" lotion. Warden Ray moved to approve this change. Warden Law seconded the motion. All approved. None opposed.
4. MSP asked for consideration of replacing the foam padded insoles with gel insoles. This request is from medical. The Chiefs voted for no change here. All agreed to no change.
5. MSP asked to add a small container of Vaseline Petroleum Jelly for general population inmates. The security chiefs voted down this request noting that Petroleum Jelly is extremely flammable and that skin lotion and Chapstick are already available on the canteen. This request came from medical. It was decided that inmates can get an HSR if they need this item. All approved. None opposed.
6. MWP would like a Calcium (81) mg tablet sold for menopausal women. This would be a gender specific item. All approved. None opposed.

7. MWP asked to change out the current laxative for a stool softener. All approved. None opposed.
8. MWP asked to have a composition notebook available for MWP journals. This is for MWP programs only. Colleen Ambrose asked why this would have to be for MWP only. MSP does not have the therapeutic community. Warden Mahoney said we should just approve for all and then report out in six months if there are any problems. Warden Ray moved to approve this item for both the men and women. Warden Law seconded. All approved. None opposed.
9. MWP asked that we replace some food items with "Diabetic Friendly" items. The chiefs denied the request based on the lack of specific information to consider. Since this was denied by the chiefs, it was not voted on.
10. DCCF asked for a review of the sale of the inmate mirrors for possible removal. The chiefs voted for "no change" and to continue selling the current plastic flexible mirror. All approved for no change. None opposed.
11. MWP had some requests for religious item reviews. The chiefs voted to have those channeled through the facility Chaplains/Coordinators for review with individual faith organizations to determine legitimate need. No action taken.
12. It was discussed that there is an inconsistency in available cups for inmates. Some facilities have small tan cups and 12 oz. clear un-insulated cups with lids. Others have just the clear cups, while still others have a 16 oz. clear cup with a lid. It was requested that we try to gain consistency by allowing only the 16 oz. clear un-insulated cup with a lid. It was decided to give the inmate population notice to a determined length of time to get rid of the old cups or they would be considered contraband. Gayle Lambert said these are the only cups the canteen sells. They have been selling this cup for two years and costs about \$1.05 each. Warden Mahoney motioned to give the inmates 30 days notice to get rid of all old cups. Warden Law seconded the motion. All approved. None opposed.

Pat Smith asked that we at least discuss the medicine bag issue. He would like to see this issue discussed and resolved once and for all if we could. We sell unbeaded medicine bags, but we allow them to bead in hobby. Warden Law said the problem is that the property policy says you cannot alter an item that comes into the facility. The property policy does not say anything about beading but does allow a beaded medicine bag on the matrix. Hobby policy allows beading and feathers. Warden Law has one inmate that ordered feathers and gave them to his fellow inmates. We can put that beading is allowed for all religious items, but cannot say what religion.

Warden Ray asked if beading was not just a Native American thing.

Warden Law said we need to be very careful about what we restrict when it comes to the Religious Policy. His problem is the beading and feathers. Major Woods said the feathers cannot come in beaded. If we are going to allow a beaded medicine bag, we need to let them purchase a beaded medicine bag.

Gayle Lambert asked if we could just have a designated beader for the feathers. Director Ferriter discussed this with the Governor's office and this is not across the board with every tribe.

Sgt. Nevins said he thought the beaded bag is a personal thing within the tribes. As far as giving away feathers, there is a letter that comes with the feather that says you cannot transfer the feather without a letter from the Federal Repository.

Warden Law said the law says they can transfer the feather to a family member legally, but giving it away violates the policy. Pat Smith said it is important to give our staff direction. Colleen Ambrose pointed out there is a contradiction between property policy and hobby policy. Warden Law also said it is in the religious policy.

Mary Green said we need to change the DOC policy for hobby and religious. We need to make a subcommittee and get it resolved before the next meeting. Director Ferriter suggested we table this and work on the policy.

Mary Greene asked for volunteers for this committee. Murna Kuka should be on the committee. Diane Grantham from MWP should also be on it. Mary would like to know who from each facility will be on this committee. She would like the names by the end of the meeting today.

Gayle Lambert asked if we are letting the inmates keep what they have until a decision can be made. Patrick Smith said yes.

#### Prison Issues Meeting Operations & Guidelines – Colleen Ambrose

Colleen Ambrose said Ira Eakin was supposed to be here, but was unable to attend. Ira had sent out a copy of the "Guidelines for Meetings of the Prison Issues Board". What Patrick Smith announced at the beginning of the meeting will be a part of each meeting. The PIB is a part of a State Agency. The law does not allow for public participation, but a period of public comment on the agenda. Pat, as chairman, will have some control over what is discussed. We may or may not comment back immediately. Items discussed may or may not be put on an agenda for another meeting. The public is invited to listen, follow

and observe, but it does not mean they will be allowed to actively participate except for the comment period. Written comments have been received from inmates. They have been reviewed by the Chair and it is up to our discretion what will be published. It will be considered. It may or may not be published.

#### Policy Issues and Updates – Mary Greene

There was a general policy meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> in the Annex. Most divisions were represented by someone.

Restricted policy status – Mary had legal involved and looked over DOC policies. They put out criteria to help facilities to come to a decision on what policies should be published. She sent out the information about a week ago. The group had set a deadline for August 1<sup>st</sup> to get this done at each facility. There will be another meeting after that to discuss what they find.

The second issue they discussed was the global numbering system. We need to do this based on legal requirements. All unrestricted policies and procedures have to be published on-line. We need a deadline to get them sent to the IT Department.

Colleen Ambrose said that under State law, public documents prepared by state agencies are considered public documents unless there is a reason for them to not be released. The issue is whether operation procedures are going to be available to the public. Unless there is a legitimate penological interest to not publish, then we have to. Colleen thinks the ones we need to be available are, but they are not on-line yet. There are other considerations that we have to look at if there needs to be a secondary restriction, and we need to ensure that our staff is vigilant about not letting those policies go into the facility.

DW Bob Paul said the operational policy is not always the problem. The attachments are the issue. The emergency preparedness procedures have checklists that should not be public.

Mary Greene said the numbering project is a long term project. We are in the process. It has not yet been determined who will be representing MWP, MCE (Gail Boese) and TSCTC. Mary needs the names of these people by the end of today.

Mary Greene is looking at late July for the publication for the next group of policies. The HR Policy will take a little longer. These policies have been reviewed very carefully. The HR Policies have a policy called the “Fragrance Free Workplace”. This has something to do with the new building. People may have sensitivities to certain scented items. CPB Operations Policy is also new and is about to be reviewed by the Director. Workers Comp and Employee Leave and Absences policies will be coming out this summer. Post Trauma Response has been revised and renamed. It is now the Critical Incident and Stress Management Policy. It is pending legal review and is now under HR. The Medical Parole Policy is out on final review. The BMP Policy is in good shape, but is being renamed to address that it is for locked housing units. We have worked on the policy for sending offenders out on work assignments. The new policy is called Facility Work Projects.

Gayle Lambert said the big difference is you have a group of inmates working on a state project as opposed to working in the community. These are two separate things and need different policies.

Contract and Procurement Policies are coming along and will be out this summer. They are in review right now.

The last thing to report on is the policies that are still being held up. The Investigations Policy is very outdated. Emergency policies, safety policies and case management policies are all being held up. These are held up because the department is hiring out some positions that would be helping with these policies. All these empty positions will have to be filled prior to these policies being looked at.

Gayle Lambert attended the first part of this meeting and relayed it was very well run by Mary. It was very informative and it is a huge job Mary is taking care of.

#### Public Access to Policies – Colleen Ambrose

If you are going to restrict a policy from the public, you must show why. You have to articulate precisely how this would adversely affect us. We must be certain we have a legitimate argument. There has been some discussion about limited access to inmates. We must articulate why and how that restriction would help with our goals.

#### Update on Inmate Wages in Facilities & MT Interactive Project – Lena Havron

Lena Havron still needs inmate position descriptions from all facilities. She has them for MWP and MSP. There will be about two more subcommittee meetings and this should be taken care of.

Montana Interactive – They are building a website for approved people to deposit money in the inmate accounts. The person would go online and enter all their information and credit card information. There is a 72 hour delay for the money to go on the inmate accounts. The pilot project for this will be at MSP and will start sometime in September. The user fee should be around \$1.50 for the transaction.

Colleen Ambrose asked if there will be a tracking record for this. Lena Havron said they are hoping the program would be able to dump information into the mailroom and get a receipt, which would go to the offender.

Pat Smith said this will be very helpful when inmates get moved to regional facilities. An additional thing that goes with this project is the help IT will get so that all staff can get into OMIS at all facilities.

#### Roundtable Discussion on Inmate/Facility Issues

##### **Deputy Warden Paul – MWP**

DW Paul brought pictures of the storm they had in Billings. They had about 16 inches of water in front of the building. It was literally right up to the door of the facility. By Monday, most of the water was gone. They have one door that whenever it rains, water comes under the door. There is no way to fix the door or the way the water drains.

They have the control system being worked on thanks to John Daugherty. They were able to submit it to ITSD and get a consultant to the facility.

They also had a project with MSU-B. There were a few glitches along the way, but they got a nice concrete slab and a basketball court. The MSU-B classes are going well.

There are some buildings behind MWP. They are supposed to be tearing them down. There are issues with people living in those building from time to time.

Charlotte Dolezal said there have been some changes to the therapeutic community. There will be some grievances regarding the changes.

##### **Murna Kuka - American Indian Liaison**

For the past two weeks, Murna has gone once a week to MSP to interview inmates regarding religious activities. She is on the low side right now. This is going very well. She is sure it is different on the high side.

##### **Gayle Lambert - MCE**

Sam Casey is the new Re-Entry Program Manager for the Department. They have put together a Re-entry Task Force. They will be bringing in more people. They have been gathering a lot of information about what is available at the facilities. They are meeting once a month for about four hours. They want to use all the resources available to the best of our abilities.

Pat Smith asked if Gayle had heard anything more about the MP3 Players. Gayle gave this project to someone else and they are looking at doing it without hardwiring the facilities. John Dougherty is working with Gayle on this.

##### **Warden Mahoney – MSP**

Training is offering a Supervisory Training Program. They are trying to identify the next generation of leaders in the Department. They broke the groups into teams, and had leaders within the teams. This is an exciting program. The next training session will be in August.

Since the last meeting, MSP had its annual Communications Fair. We had a very good turnout. During this function, we allow outside vendors to the Wallace Building. There were lots of booths from the outside vendors and assorted DOC and MSP departments.

STEPS just had another graduation on Tuesday. We have had approximately 380 graduates. Kara is helping to put together a working committee for this. There has been a real change in attitudes within the inmate population. STEPS is a spinoff of IIE (Investment in Excellence). To start off you identify goals and say ten good things about yourself. You cannot say anything negative for 24 hours. You cannot think anything negative for 24 hours. The inmates work hard in this program. If you are interested in attending graduation, contact Gail Boese.

Gayle Lambert and Warden Mahoney helped DW Bob Paul get this program going at MWP. They see more inmates re-establish family ties. Some of these inmates would never have had the courage to do that if they had not been through this program.

Warden Mahoney said the inmates can start and stop the program and not be considered non-compliant. Staff does not get extra pay for helping out with this program.

#### **Kara Sperle - Fiscal**

Kara has been working on a snapshot of the programs available and how much they cost. Kara will also be handing out the Department's Budget Status Reports. Warden Mahoney said even though we are over budget, everyone has done an outstanding job of managing beds.

#### **Sgt. Bill Nevins - GFRP**

Bill is the Unit Manager for the state end of the Cascade County Regional Detention/Corrections Facility. He took over this position in January. He said it was nice to put faces with names. He is hoping to turn things around.

Right now, they have an inmate in the hospital. Pat Smith said the hospital has been talking with the people in our infirmary about the inmate.

#### **Warden Law - CCC**

In April, ACA auditors recommended the third re-accreditation for CCC. They scored a 99.8 out of 100. They did not get a perfect score because the recreation yard is about five square feet too small and has always been an issue.

Inmate Family Day is coming up in August on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Dan Maloughney - MASC**

Sheriff McMeekin and Susan Hintz will be retiring soon. Dan is not sure what to expect, but they are not anticipating any changes in the state end of the building. They are still meeting goals. They divert 77% of inmates to the community. The average length of stay is 74 days. The biggest problem is the community programs are full, so the county jail hold will start backing up.

#### **Warden Ray - DCCF**

The horse program is going again during nice weather. The horse therapy program was developed a couple years ago. The CD and anger management that would usually be in a classroom takes place outside with the horses. Mary Greene asked how they got the horse program. Warden Ray said the addictions counselor at DCCF was already certified and they started using the program with the inmates.

Warden Ray has been working with Bob Anez to get a press release for the first graduation from the welding program. They will be starting the next program soon. This program is funded by the youth grant. The college bought a virtual welding program, so the prison is able to use it. The garden has been planted and they are looking at selling the produce at the farmers market. They have about 4-5 inmates that work outside.

DCCF has been having issues with inmates starting fires. They now have electricity in the cells, so the inmates are starting fires. They are burning magazines to make ink to give tattoos.

#### **IWF Budget Approvals – Lena Havron**

Lena has already looked at to make sure the requests did not go beyond the projected revenues. All budgets were turned into Lena Havron and have been reviewed.

#### **MWP**

Warden Mahoney moved to approve the MWP IWF budget.

Warden Ray seconded the motion.

All approved.

#### **DCCF**

Warden Law moved to approve the DCCF IWF budget.

Warden Mahoney seconded the motion.

All approved.

CCC

Gayle Lambert moved to approve the CCC IWF budget.

Warden Mahoney seconded the motion.

All approved.

MSP

Warden Law moved to approve the MSP IWF budget.

Warden Ray seconded the motion.

All approved.

GFRP

Gayle Lambert moved to approve the GFRP IWF budget.

Warden Law seconded the motion.

All approved.

#### IWF Account Updates, Requests, Funding Reviews and New Business – Lena Havron

Handout

MASC is still listed on the sheet because we are still waiting for the contracts to be changed.

CCC has requested to purchase a 16 foot long flatbed trailer. The cost is \$5766.50. The purpose of the trailer is to haul wood for religious programs.

Gayle Lambert said MCE could supply the wood and they should not purchase any. She also said that MCE/MVM may be able to build a trailer for a lower cost. If the amount comes in less, then the purchase is already approved.

Warden Mahoney moved to approve this request.

Warden Ray seconded the request.

All approved. None opposed.

MSP requested 20 computers and licenses for inmate use in the education department at a price of \$25,931.75. There was discussion and it was thought that these computers could be included in a grant Gayle Lambert was applying for. Warden Mahoney asked that the group approve the purchase and if the grant money came through then they wouldn't use the money and it would stay in IWF. If not they could then purchase the computers. It was stressed that an ITPR be completed and put into the IT department.

Warden Law moved to approve this request.

Director Ferriter seconded the request.

All approved. None opposed.

MWP does not have any IWF requests.

GFRP does not have any IWF requests.

Colleen Ambrose said the Department has decided to go back with LexisNexis. Instead of using the DVD's, each facility will have an external hard drive sent directly to the facility. It is very simple, clean and easy. She is hoping the program offers the same types of legal programs the inmates are used to. We are not obligated to provide the Shepard service. This is a more complete research package. Colleen is hoping this will satisfy the inmates more than the last one. If you are having problems, let Colleen know right away. We will have a training session for the employees to help the inmates use the program. Janee Ward from the Director's Office is coordinating the training session. We will try to do this by Vision Net.

#### Public Comment Period.

Roxanne Miller – Blackfeet Tribe Member. Her husband is back at Deer Lodge. He walked away from the Missoula Pre-Release. She has an issue with the expense of the phone system. She cannot visit because her husband is at MDIU. Her biggest problem is the money allowed in during visits. It is still \$19.95, but the vending machine prices keep going up and with kids it doesn't go very far. She would like to be able to have an ATM card access at the machines so that no money is going into the prison or would like the amount allowed in raised. She is also diabetic and if she needs to eat here, there is no protein in the machine.

Lori Phillips – She has a loved one at MSP. She is concerned that we say family relationship is very important. Her inmate got into trouble for STG activity and asked someone to review it. He is innocent and she does not think it is fair. Director Ferriter said the offenders know about the grievance process. Lori said he has grieved the issue and no one will talk to him about it.

Barbara Rose – She wanted to know how long after the meeting does the public have to comment. Pat Smith said seven days.

Barbara Rose – Warden Mahoney said we are looking at a population reduction scenario. The public does not expect us to release inmates. Most people do not understand this is a prison. They are there for a reason. They are not to be punished further. She thinks it should be brought up that inmates go to the Parole Board and then get flopped for five years. She does not think it is right that we do this. He (inmate) does his groups and they (Parole Board) don't let him go.

Also, the phones are turned off at 8:15, 8:22, whatever. That is money that goes to IWF. What is the problem with that?

Barbara Rose also asked when the swiping thing was going to happen. Lena Havron said we are hoping to implement at MSP in September. It will be on the web-site. Montana Interactive has their own marketing people working on it. We may also put the information for this program in the visiting packets. Barbara Rose asked if we can still get money to inmates the old way. Patrick Smith answered yes.

Barbara Rose asked why there is no family day at MSP but there is every other place. Warden Mahoney said it is certainly something we can look at every year. When we had this at MSP, the problem was the inmates' need six months clear conduct to participate, and the numbers were not there to support having it.

Barbara Rose told Colleen Ambrose we don't give adequate access to inmates for the law computer. Colleen Ambrose said she did not know what the access is to the Law Library. DW Swanson is looking into the issue of access to the Law Library. There may not be enough computers. There are also man-power issues.

Barbara Rose said the mailroom needs to get a thicker skin. It is a male prison and men should be able to get the things they would be subjected to the day they get out. If you think you are doing the sex offenders any favors, they are the ones getting out next week and get flooded with porn. It is a man's prison and they should get this stuff.

Warden Mahoney responded and said the population reduction issue is not an MSP issue, it is a legislative issue. He strongly encourages everyone to go to the hearings and tell them how to deal with this. He re-iterated his view from the beginning of the meeting. Relative to the Board, we have no jurisdiction with the Board. Mrs. Rose should talk to them. He said they would have an explanation for her.

In terms of the mailroom, he would have to disagree. We will not have vile and disgusting material that is contrary to the mission of the institution and the Department. The Warden has an obligation to provide a hostile free and sexual harassment free environment to his employees. It is a violation of their rights as employees. Whether that is popular or unpopular, that is the law.

Warden Mahoney said he would talk to the Security Major about the phones and make sure we are consistent. Barbara Rose said there is an expensive hook-up fee and the call is very expensive. It is frustrating. Warden Mahoney said he cannot guarantee the phones are not going to get turned off during times of incidents, but he will look at this.

Barbara Rose wanted to know about the new policy about no longer touching your children during visiting. Warden Mahoney said he would look at this. Mary Green said she was not aware of anything in DOC Policy related to this, but she would look at it.

LaVonne Deschon – Her husband is an inmate at MSP. She has a question about property. Why are inmates no longer allowed beard trimmers. Gayle Lambert said she would check into it.

Carol Deschon – Her brother has a bad foot and every time he puts in for it, nothing is done. He is diabetic and every time he puts in for his blood count, nothing is done about it. She also doesn't think it is right about not holding your child during visiting. Kids are different, they do not understand.

Roxanne Miller – She does not like the pat search. She feels like they massage her breasts. The visitors are not the criminals and should not be made to feel that way.

Warden Mahoney said he would address this in a generic sense. In fairness to correctional staff, staff find things like dope hidden in baby bottles and body cavities. Places where we know people pack stuff in. He does not know a way to not do it and still run a safe and orderly institution. In terms of a pat search and not feeling dehumanizing – everyone gets searched. If you do not like it, then you should not visit the prison. It is for everyone's safety, staff, inmates and the visitors.

Patrick Smith said if there were any other complaints or complaints that anyone wants a specific response to, they should be submitted in writing so we can address the issues in a written response.

He then called for the open portion of the meeting to end. He stated that he determined the topics coming under discussion at this point in the meeting involve individual rights of privacy and security issues which outweigh the public's right to know. Therefore the chairman decided to hold this part of the meeting in closed session.

The next meeting will be in Glendive at the Dawson Facility on Tuesday 9-21-10. The meeting will start in the morning as most have to travel the day before to get there.