



## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE AGENDA

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### JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Brookens Administrative Center, Lyle Shields Meeting Room  
1776 E. Washington, Urbana  
Monday, February 5, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

CHAIR: Jan Anderson

MEMBERS: Carter, Gladney, Hogue, Hunt, James, Putman, Sapp, Tapley

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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Monday, January 8, 2007**

**Brookens Administrative Center, Lyle Shields Meeting Room**

**1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**

7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anderson (Chair), Carter, Gladney, Hogue, Hunt, Putman, Tapley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** James, Sapp

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kat Bork (Recording Secretary), Andrew Buffenbarger (Nursing Home Administrator), Deb Busey (County Administrator of Finance & HR Management), David DeThorne (Senior Assistant State's Attorney), Ralph Langenheim (County Board Member), Kathleen Liffick (Head Start Director), Brendan McGinty (County Board Member), Peter Tracy (Director of Mental Health), C. Pius Weibel (County Board Member), Barbara Wysocki (County Board Member), Mike Scavatto (Management Performance Associates)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Anderson, Gladney, Hogue, Hunt, Tapley were present at the time of the roll call. Anderson noted James had contacted her about being absent from tonight's meeting. Anderson declared a quorum and proceeded with the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM**

**MOTION** by Hogue to approve the agenda; seconded by Hunt. **Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Hunt to approve the Justice & Social Services Committee regular session minutes of October 11, 2006 and November 6, 2006; seconded by Gladney. **Motion carried.**

Putman entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Brian Dolinar spoke about the use of tasers in the County Jail. Dolinar called for a moratorium on the use of tasers. Dolinar asked a list of questions about taser procedures and hearing inmate complaints at the County Jail.

Carter entered the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Dolarin continued to speak about tasers and submitted documents for the committee's review. Because Dolarin only provided one copy of his documents, they will be kept on file in Administrative Services for review by any County Board member.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

**MOTION** by Tapley to receive and place on file the Animal Control October 2006 report, Circuit Clerk September 2006 and October 2006 reports, Court Services September 2006, October 2006, and November 2006 reports, Emergency Management Agency November-December 2006 report, and the Public Defender October 2006 and November 2006 reports; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

### **COURT SERVICES**

#### **FY2007 Probation Services Annual Plan**

The annual plan was at the meeting and will be kept on file in Administrative Services for review by any County Board member.

#### **Request for Waiver of Hiring Freeze for Two Positions at the Juvenile Detention Center**

Provided for information only.

### **HEAD START**

#### **Monthly Report**

**MOTION** by Hunt to receive and place on file the Head Start November report; seconded by Gladney. **Motion carried.**

### **JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GRANTS**

#### **Status Report from Peter Tracy & Marilyn Garmon-Starks**

The report was distributed by Peter Tracy. Tracy stated the notice of availability of funding was published in the newspaper on December 10, 2006. The applications are due on February 15, 2007. Decisions will be made by May 1, 2007. All the agencies currently receiving grants submitted their quarterly reports on time. Hogue asked if the project monitor was still in place. Tracy said Marilyn Garmon-Starks continues to provide monitoring services and commended her fine work.

**MOTION** by Hogue to receive and place on file the Juvenile Delinquency Grants status report; seconded by Putman. **Motion carried.**

### **MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

#### **FY2006 Mental Health Center Audit Report**

Anderson said the Mental Health Center sent this item to the Justice & Social Services Committee by mistake. It will be forwarded to the Mental Health Board.

Putman asked Anderson to give her Chair's Report at this point in the meeting for the benefit of Brian Dolarin because Anderson had information on the taser issue. Anderson said she has had requests from Putman to have the Sheriff give a talk on taser use at the Jail. This was also discussed at a recent Democratic Caucus. Anderson informed the committee that the Sheriff would be providing an update on the issue at the February meeting.

**NURSING HOME**  
**Monthly Report**

**MOTION** by Tapley to receive and place on file the Nursing Home November & December 2006 report; seconded by Hunt.

Anderson inquired after the Assistant Administrator and Marketing Director positions. Buffenbarger said a Marketing Director has been hired, but not an Assistant Administrator. Anderson asked about a move-in date for the new facility. Buffenbarger said the Nursing Home staff and residents will be ready to move in the first part of February. The main hallways of the new facility need to be cleaned and waxed first. Several hurdles remain with public health certificates. Anderson asked if there were volunteer opportunities to help with the move. Buffenbarger explained there would definitely be opportunities for volunteers to help move residents.

**Motion carried.**

**Presentation by Management Performance Associates on Operational Audit Findings**

Mike Scavatto from Management Performance Associates (MPA) addressed the committee on the Nursing Home operational audit preliminary findings. Scavatto thanked the committee for a chance to work with the County and said a complete report would be forthcoming. MPA began the audit in late November with a shipment of documents from the Nursing Home and the Medicaid costs reports on file with the state. MPA reviewed the Nursing Home's contracts, finances, statistics, policies, and procedures, as well as interviewing Nursing Home department managers and County Board members. The County Board members who were interviewed expressed a great deal of concern over the financial performance of the Nursing Home. Scavatto stated it is unfortunate the Nursing Home is losing the kind of money it is, but there is hope out there. MPA can preliminarily suggest improvements worth over \$900,000. Scavatto suggested rejuvenating the Medicare program and making it a priority. Concerning Medicare Part A, he recommended increasing the average daily reimbursement. The benchmark used to evaluate Medicare performance is the facility's average daily reimbursement. In 2001 the Nursing Home's average daily reimbursement was \$238. By 2005 the average daily reimbursement was up to \$308. Scavatto said this increase is pretty bad and a target reimbursement of \$380 is very achievable. This figure is based on MPA's experience with other county nursing homes. Scavatto explained the Medicare program functions on a fixed payment methodology. The Nursing Home has two major providers: therapy and pharmacy. Therapy and pharmacy should also be on fixed payments, otherwise these services have an incentive to keep billing and the Nursing Home could end up paying much more for these services than it needs to. This is structurally a problem with the pharmacy. It is structurally an issue with the therapy provider, but Scavatto said it did not appear the therapy provider is abusing the privilege. The pricing in the rehab operation is based on \$1.05 per minute. This amount is a benchmark in the trade. This is 9.5%-14% too high, so the Nursing Home is overpaying for the services. Scavatto bases this on MPA's research on the rehab market. Therapy is huge in the nursing home industry, therefore, a facility cannot afford to have non-aggressive therapy program. The Nursing Home needs to have a therapy provider who will correctly code with Medicare to increase the daily Medicare reimbursement. Scavatto reported the average daily pharmacy cost in 2001 was \$26, which has increased to \$33 by 2006. The daily average for the pharmacy should be between \$25 and \$28. MPA has negotiated per diem deals in rehab and pharmacy areas for other facilities with excellent results.

Scavatto made further comments regarding Medicare Part B, the outpatient side of Medicare. The Nursing Home had over \$261,000 in Medicare Part B revenue in 2001. The Medicare Part B revenue decreased to \$96,000 in 2006. Scavatto thinks the Nursing Home could achieve \$30,000 a month in revenue for all Medicare Part B services. Scavatto projected that by increasing the per diem using the current business, re-pricing the current therapy provider restructuring the pharmacy to a per diem deal, and getting Medicare Part B to achieve \$30,000, the Nursing Home would see large positive revenue changes. Scavatto spoke about the managed Medicare contracts (Medicare HMO) at the Nursing Home and how these should be watched with a

management dashboard. A management dashboard allows for the important numbers to be reviewed each month at the Board level. Scavatto said the Nursing Home should immediately raise what it charges Medicare. If you are pricing yourself under the market, you will get paid less.

MPA saw high food costs, but the Nursing Home staff already noticed this and is on top of it. The food costs are high top of regarding food costs. The Nursing Home was using a lot of pre-packaged foods, but raw food costs will go down with the setup in the new facility. MPA looked at the Nursing Home's history of price increases and suggested applying more discipline to pricing. For instance, expenses increased by 4.2 % in 2003, by 6.9% in 2004, and by 6.5% in 2005. During these years the biggest rate increase at the Nursing Home was 5.3%. The Nursing Home is an environment with a high Medicaid population, which reimburses below cost, so pricing discipline is necessary to pick up something from private pay residents every year. Scavatto recommended a 3% increase as a start. It is a good time to discuss rate increases because the operation is going to move into a brand new facility. The County arguably has the best facility in town. Scavatto spoke about dementia care. It costs more to provide good dementia care because dementia residents require more staff and special food. The Nursing Home's current price differential is not enough to cover the cost difference with its dementia patients.

Scavatto recommended the County consider investing in a systems application to manage the Illinois Case Mix Reimbursement System. The Illinois Case Mix Reimbursement System is a quarterly method for assigning a per diem reimbursement to Medicaid. The Nursing Home has to submit information under this system and it is not ready for it. The system is designed to frustrate manual input and is designed to be dealt with on a systems application. With the number of Medicaid residents at the Nursing Home, the County cannot afford to be reimbursed at a low level. Scavatto recommended an application called Care Watch, which has proven successful at other Illinois counties. There are other applications the County could consider. A systems application could translate to more reimbursement from Medicaid.

MPA realized the Nursing Home has serious labor/management relation issues to undertake. MPA will suggest in its final report that the County invest in training the supervisors to deal with the situation in a better fashion. The supervisors are clearly frustrated and for good reason. The labor culture that current exists at the Nursing Home is one where lackadaisical attendance has been tolerated. Management has been reluctant to deal with this and it has hurt workplace productivity. As an example, Scavatto said the natural tendency is not to discipline an employee for poor attendance when nurses are scarce because management is afraid of losing the nurses they have. This can become a vicious cycle, to the point where management is awarding negative behavior. This affects anyone in the bargaining unit and is not fair to anyone in the organization. MPA also gave consideration to the move to the new facility and has given Buffenbarger copies of moving plans from other counties to assist the Nursing Home in developing a moving plan. Scavatto stated the residents could be moved in one day with proper planning.

Scavatto concluded with comments about the long-term market. Everywhere MPA has worked, they have been confronted with the fact that nursing home occupancy is falling in the private pay segment, which is necessary for a home to survive. Private pay and Medicare contributions are crucial for an operation to continue to accept Medicaid residents. The market is shifting towards assisted living. People who can afford to pay the private pay rates in a nursing home are exiting to assisted living facilities. Home care and long-term care insurance are major factors in the industry. Scavatto does not expect occupancy rates to remain the same as they have in the past. The challenge for Champaign County is to reposition its Nursing Home to adapt to a changing market place. Scavatto advised finding niche markets, such as dementia care, incontinence care, wound care, and complex medical care. Regarding decisions about a nursing home, some counties have switched from having the County Board as the governance board for the county nursing home to a smaller operating board. Each county's style is different and the governance board should reflect this. An operating board can consist of non-County Board members, while being completely controlled by the County Board. This can insulate a County Board from run-around in the decision-making process that results in deficits. Scavatto encouraged the

County Board to give the Nursing Home management the flexibility to make changes to the operation quickly to be competitive. Scavatto offered to answer questions on his preliminary remarks.

Tapley stated he was very impressed with MPA and the scope of the information they will present in their final report. He felt the County Board would get its money's worth. He asked how long it could take to achieve results with MPA's recommendations. Scavatto said results can be achieved in a year. It will take a few months to get the changes in place. The dashboard technique is useful for measuring progress to see if the changes are on the right track within six months. MPA's experience with turnarounds has typically been from 1-2 years. Two years is more common with complex issues such as the Medicare reimbursement.

Putman asked about niche marketing. She thought Champaign County was making the most of the dementia market through its Alzheimer's and Related Diseases Unit. Scavatto said the number of dementia beds will increase in the new facility. Buffenbarger stated the number of beds will increase from 16 beds to 62 beds in the new facility. Scavatto said trends indicate the Nursing Home's occupancy is likely to decrease, especially the private pay population. Niche marketing will help the Nursing Home to attract residents to fill the facility. Scavatto answered Putman's questions about pharmacy and therapy per diems. He explained the importance of proper coding and the necessity of coding at the highest level possible to be effective.

Wysocki asked Buffenbarger if the therapy services are contracted out. Buffenbarger confirmed the therapy services are contracted outside of the Nursing Home. Scavatto said the outside contractor was for Medicare, the Nursing Home has some in-house restorative aides for Medicaid and private pay. Wysocki asked why is there a difference from what it is possible for the Nursing Home to receive under Medicare for therapy services and what they have been getting. Buffenbarger said the performance of therapy companies varies tremendously. He has been careful to keep the therapy company in the loop with how they are performing against the Nursing Home's standards. MPA's report will not come as a surprise to the therapy company. Scavatto related that Peoria County is having the same type of problem with a different therapy company. If the company does not work to make the most use of available revenue, then a nursing home might need to consider another company.

Wysocki asked about alternative governance structure. An alternative to the committee and County Board structure would be an operating board that would invite healthcare professionals to make healthcare decisions. Scavatto said this was a possibility. Wysocki has been thinking that in some respects the Nursing Home is one of the best kept secrets in Champaign County in that it is not integrated into the community as much as it could be, such as using grants, the expertise of university people in the nursing home field, and public relations. An operating board with healthcare professionals and members of the public could help achieve goals to give the Nursing Home an added boost to its name and reputation. Scavatto said he thinks a change in governance is an option, but he is not recommending it now. He recommended improving things at the Nursing Home and then determining if the governance structure might need changes.

Carter asked when the report would be complete. Scavatto answered the first draft would go to Buffenbarger on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Langenheim asked what is causing the decrease in the market. Scavatto said it is a combination of assisted living, home care, and long-term care insurance. In general, seniors today have more choices for their care than ever before.

Tapley asked if MPA looked at any possible uses for the space formerly reserved for child day care. Scavatto said it was not part of the scope of the study, but MPA has had some conversations about the space and will give comments to the Board about it. Tapley asked where the target \$380 daily reimbursement rate was in the spectrum. Scavatto said it was probably midrange. Champaign County will not match the Chicago market. DeKalb County is at \$398-\$402. Monroe County, which is much smaller than Champaign County, is around \$375. Scavatto felt \$380 is an attainable target. Tapley asked about the governance issue, especially regarding the more difficult decisions related to the Nursing Home. Scavatto said other County Boards have had a difficult time making a decision and sticking to it. The ability to move quickly is a big factor in turning around

a nursing home. Tapley said he thought Buffenbarger was a fantastic manager and can make the appropriate decisions if left alone to do so. Scavatto noted that it a style point and needs to be discussed because it is a very individualistic thing.

Hogue asked who deals with labor issues, such as attendance. Scavatto said management handles those issues. Buffenbarger has been trying to deal with these issues that were not dealt with previously. Tapley noted some of those labor issues are related to the current contract.

Wysocki encouraged the committee and the County Board to be willing to sort through the governance issue for the Nursing Home in the future. Part of that discussion should involve the Nursing Home Administrator and his ability to be nimble on issues without first obtaining consensus from twenty-seven Board members. Scavatto said solid management and governance cannot be separated. He thinks the County is headed in the right direction with Buffenbarger as the Administrator. The committee discussed the governance issue.

#### **SHERIFF**

##### **Corrections Division Changes**

This item was provided for information only.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Anderson reminded the committee that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration would be held on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. She encouraged Board members to attend.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Putman said she brought copies of a recent article in the *News-Gazette* and asked it be included in the documents left by Brian Dolinar. Anderson noted the discussion next month about tasers will only be a general discussion because of ongoing legal issues.

#### **DESIGNATION OF ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON COUNTY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA**

No items were designated for the consent agenda.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork  
Recording Secretary

*Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.*



# SHERIFF DAN WALSH CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

January 11, 2007

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**Dan Walsh**

*Sheriff*

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Illinois State Senator Michael Frerichs  
Illinois State Senator Dan Rutherford  
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Illinois State Representative Naomi Jakobsson  
Illinois State Representative Chapin Rose  
Illinois State Representative Bill Black

Re: DHS – Mental Health Facilities

**Capt. Walt Wolfe**

ph (217) 384-1222  
fax (217) 384-1219

Dear Illinois State Senators & Representatives,

**Capt. Jim Young**

ph (217) 384-1223  
fax (217) 384-0435

In my little over four years in office, I have noticed a troublesome trend. We are getting more and more people in jail who have very significant mental health problems. Both the number of persons and the severity of their problems are increasing.

**Jail**

Downtown  
ph (217) 384-1240  
fax (217) 384-0435  
Satellite  
ph (217) 384-1243  
fax (217) 384-1272

When I first took office we might occasionally have one or two people waiting for bed space in DHS. Now we typically have three to four and the waits to find a bed are longer and longer.

**Investigations**

ph (217) 384-1213  
fax (217) 384-1219

We presently have four awaiting space in DHS. Two of them have been here awaiting a bed for about six weeks; we hope to place one in about another two weeks and another three to four weeks on the other. Another has been here about three weeks awaiting a space, but he is deteriorating rapidly, both medically and in terms of his mental health. The last is a very recent order to DHS.

**Civil Process**

ph (217) 384-1204  
fax (217) 384-1219

These are people who consume tremendous amounts of staff time; officers, medical people and mental health professionals. These are people who eat and/or throw fecal material, try to harm themselves, won't eat, won't keep their clothes on and/or see imaginary things or hear voices. These are folks who may need "forced medications."

**Records/Warrants**

ph (217) 384-1233  
fax (217) 384-0435

County jails and their staff are not designed or equipped physically or legally (emergency forced medications) to deal with these folks. Obviously when we have individuals who want to harm themselves, there is potential liability to the County taxpayers.

I would request you look into the shortage of beds/facilities of DHS and increase funding to meet the needs of these individuals.

Sincerely,

Dan Walsh  
Sheriff

DJW:tss

xc: Greg Sullivan, Illinois Sheriffs' Association  
Judge Thomas J. Difanis  
State's Attorney Julia Rietz  
Public Defender Randy Rosenbaum

# Memorandum

**To:** Policy Council, Community Services Board, Regional Planning Commissioners, Justice and Social Services Committee  
**CC:** Head Start/Early Head Start Staff  
**From:** Kathleen Liffick, Head Start Director  
**Date:** January 15, 2007  
**Re:** December-January Management Report

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As there was no business meeting for the Policy Council in December, I am combining the reports for these two months:

- ❖ Attached you will find a memo dated November 8, 2006 from RPC Human Resources Director Mary Hodson about a change to the CCRPC Personnel Policy Manual. Per this policy change, payroll advances are no longer available to non-bargaining unit staff. This change to the Personnel Policy must be submitted to the Policy Council for approval.
- ❖ Several members participated in the Governance Orientation held in December for the Policy Council and governing body members.  
  
Attached is the agenda for the Orientation; if you have any questions concerning any of the topics or materials, please contact me or present your questions at our meeting next Monday.
- ❖ We are moving along well with implementation of our new database program ChildPlus. Already we are pleased with the quality of the reports that we are using for monitoring the status of children receiving screenings and health services such as physicals and immunizations.

Once we feel we have the data entry and reporting in hand for child health and development services, we will begin using the ChildPlus program for tracking child education and family support services. In anticipation of education staff entering and accessing data in ChildPlus, we have purchased computers for the teaching staff. Funding for these computers is from the Preschool for All grant for the six-hour classrooms and from the Head Start/Early Head Start budget for all other classrooms.

Along with the ChildPlus program, teaching staff will also soon be able to access the on-going assessment of their children in the CC-PORT software. We have been using CC-PORT at the central office these past several years for compiling child outcome information for each classroom or home-based group and for the program as a whole.

- ❖ For employee appreciation in December, Service Area Managers, RPC Case Consultant Lynn Watson and I visited each site to cover breaks for classroom staff. As part of the employee appreciation, we also brought a snack to each site.
- ❖ Millikin University visited our program again to talk to anyone interested in enrolling in Millikin's teacher certification program. If you will remember, Millikin has a program that provides a means by which those working toward teacher certification can complete their student teaching requirement while they are working. Several staff members are pursuing this opportunity.
- ❖ For the December in-service, staff training included conducting file reviews and a presentation for Savoy staff from the U of I Special Education Department on working with children with challenging behaviors. Prior to this workshop, the presenters had provided two Savoy classrooms some consultation regarding particular children. The in-service training session was part of an overall program development by the U of I Special Education Department for supporting early childhood staff who have children in their classrooms with challenging behaviors.

The file reviews staff completed on the in-service day contribute to the data collection for our annual self-assessment. As follow-up from the file reviews, education staff and family advocates are correcting any

problems with their files. As a last step, files needing corrective action will be "re-reviewed" to monitor that accurate and thorough corrections have been made.

- ❖ Child Development Michael Hogue has hired our first Preschool for All Mentor who will be supporting Preschool for All programming at our child care partner Marilyn Queller Child Development Center. We are seeking a second Preschool for All Mentor who will be working with Community Day care, our other child care center collaboration. As the position title indicates, these staff are paid for by the Illinois State Board of Education Preschool for All grant.
- ❖ Additionally, Michael has had to replace a home visitor hired just this past Fall for Rantoul. Because it has been several months since we have had a consistent staff person in one or both of the home visitor positions serving the northern half of the county, enrollment in home-based services there has dropped significantly. We look forward to our two new home visitors, Brenda Todd and Sherri Birkey, re-establishing this option with families in this part of the county.
- ❖ Savoy CDS Dorothy Moore reports that the WILL Book Mentoring program brought literacy activities to Savoy classrooms during December. Dorothy also three Preschool for All classrooms at Savoy are now fully staffed.
- ❖ Champaign CDS Hollie Ronk is pleased that the Assistant CDS position at our Champaign site has been filled by Kathy Turner. Kathy has been a teacher at our Savoy site for many years. Hollie also reports that Champaign has almost finished the second portion of NAEYC accreditation.
- ❖ Family Services Manager John Owen and Special Services Manager Brandi Granse have been working on new data entry procedures for child health requirements. This week John is conducting interviews to replace a Family Advocate who has resigned to pursue an advanced degree.
- ❖ Child Development Services Manager Kelly Russell has worked with the CDSs on revising teacher and teacher aide job descriptions and performance review forms for these positions.

- ❖ Last week I attended the Advanced Management Institute (AMI) for Head Start directors. The AMI is a joint program conducted by the UCLA Anderson School of Management with funding from the Johnson & Johnson Foundation.

The first day of the AMI was a Public Policy Forum on Immigration and Head Start with nationally known leaders in the field of early childhood advocacy and research on immigration in the United States, issues for immigrant families and children and developing a diverse workforce. The following two days had ½-day workshops on a number of topics: I attended sessions about negotiating in a variety of work or personal situations and succession planning. Participants received the handouts from all sessions offered.

- ❖ Please see the following chart for enrollment as of January 5, 2007, including openings of less than 30 days. The numbers below also include enrollments offered to families, per the training we received last Fall.

Site/Option	Funded Enrollment	Currently Entered
CECC (HS + EHS)	60	59
Rantoul (HS + EHS)	104	100
Savoy	162	163
Prairie	36	36
Home base (HS + EHS)	48	41
Pregnant Moms	13	8
Collaboration(HS + EHS)	CC 75	59
	Pre-K 30	30
<sup>A</sup> <b>TOTAL</b>	528	496

As you can see, our under-enrollment at this time stems primarily from three program options: Home Base (which I discussed earlier), Pregnant Moms and Child Care Collaboration. I will bring information to the meeting about our efforts for enrollments in these particular options.

Champaign County Nursing Home  
Justice and Social Services Committee  
Monthly Report  
January 2007

The New Year brought us the excitement of a new timekeeping and payroll system. The new Kronos system is designed to replace several manual tracking systems and automate the payroll process to the degree that we should spend less than a couple of hours each pay period ensuring the process is complete and perfect. This is a gain of at least four hours of productivity each pay cycle. Changing software and hardware systems always includes some exciting, unforeseen challenges. When coupled with the impact these challenges have on individual employee pay, the incentive to make these changes occur smoothly is significant.

A small team of Champaign County employees braved this transition and worked countless hours to minimize the impact software snafos had on employee paychecks.

LeeAnn Robeck  
Jerry Preston  
Joe Walters  
Ron Gremore  
Mandy Knight  
Cindy Neitzel

A team whose collective effort succeeded in bringing more employee happiness in one day than everything I've done in ten years of employee celebrations.

Update Information

- We continue to refine our moving plans and will be contacting local transport companies in the next week to check for availability. We'll also be contacting moving companies and select volunteer groups to coordinate equipment and supply moving.
- The floor preparation is complete at the new building, with the exception of a final coat of wax that we will place just prior to the move. We will also complete one final cleaning of the entire building to take care of residual construction mess.
- We continue to wait for the IDPH Nursing inspectors to schedule their inspection and provide us a list of items they intend to review.
- The operational audit completed and provided us a detailed description of how we can improve the facility's financial health. Vendors whose contracts were too rich have met with me to discuss how to reconstruct those contracts to share the risk associated with long-term care services.

Initiatives

- Moving, moving, moving, moving, moving

*In service to the residents of the Champaign County Nursing Home, their families, friends, and everyone whose lives they have touched, we respectfully submit this report.*

January 28, 2007

Name  
Address  
City, state

Re: New facility moving plans

Dear

The replacement Champaign County Nursing Home is almost complete, and move plans are in their final stages. You will receive a copy of the move plan soon. This letter serves as a project update and a request for your support prior to our move.

The Illinois Department of Public Health completed the first of two rounds of inspections on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>. The inspectors completed an "as-built" architectural review, and surveyed our Life Safety Code compliance including a review of facility fire suppression systems and smoke containment devices. Inspectors noted that the facility is in compliance with applicable codes and notified the next round of inspectors to schedule a review of our operating plans, including a review of facility policies and procedures, facility call lights, bathing equipment, et cetera. We are optimistic that the inspectors will schedule the review soon.

The second round of inspectors will give us preliminary findings during the survey. Once we receive notice that the facility is approved for occupancy, we will begin to move equipment and supplies over the course of approximately three weeks. During this time we will be boxing and labeling resident possessions.

*Your help in minimizing the number of items stored in resident rooms will expedite this packing and moving process. Any help you can provide in minimizing your family members' possessions stored in their room is greatly appreciated.*

Our goal is to move items over the course of three weeks, followed by a single day where we will move residents from the old location to the new location. The transition plans being developed are focused on our move efforts culminating in this single-day event. Two other county nursing homes in Illinois have made a similar move and provided us their move plans. They both report tremendous success with a single-day move, lasting between four and five hours.

**A moving date is not currently set.** Once we successfully complete the inspection process, a move date will be set and you will receive another letter and a move plan packet that describes our move plan in detail. We are targeting the end of February for the move, though each day we wait for inspectors is another day added to the timeline.

Thank you for your unwavering support as this long awaited project concludes. We will soon realize Champaign County's goal to serve its elders in a state-of-the-art facility that residents are proud to call Home.

Warmest regards,

Andrew Buffenbarger  
Administrator

**ATTACHMENTS GIVEN  
TO THE COMMITTEE  
AT THE MEETING**

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**SHERIFF DAN WALSH**  
**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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204 E. Main Street  
Urbana, Illinois 61801-2702  
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TO: Chief Deputy Kris Bolt

FROM: Sgt. Brian Mennenga

DATE: January 23, 2006

SUBJECT: Taser Statistics for 2005

The first three incidents are the reports I have from the jail for the year 2005.

November 12<sup>th</sup>

Disruptive inmate in a disciplinary cellblock refused to turn around and put his hands behind his back when he was ordered to do so by Correctional Officers. The Correctional Officers had entered the cell in order to move the inmate to a different location. The inmate raised his hands that were now balled up as if to punch somebody and began to approach the Correctional Officers. The inmate was then shot with the Taser and the Correctional Officers were able to handcuff the inmate. There were three Correctional Officers present while they were trying to move the inmate. The inmate was a black male, 28 years old, 5'06", 135 pounds.

November 15<sup>th</sup>

The Taser was used on an Asian male, 32 years old. (This is the incident with Alan Myers).

December 29<sup>th</sup> Downtown Jail

Deputies from the Law Enforcement Division were called to the downtown jail to assist Corrections Officers. The inmates in one of the cell blocks were refusing to lock down. Two Deputies arrived and entered the cell block with six (6) Corrections Officers. The two (2) Deputies and one (1) Corrections Officer had their Tasers activated. The inmates then locked down without further resistance. The Tasers were not used on any of the suspects. (I do not know how many inmates were in the cell block).

The below incidents are from the Law Enforcement Division.

January 26<sup>th</sup> 809 W Church, Champaign (The Pavilion)

Champaign Police Department Police Officers had been called to The Pavilion for a disorderly subject call. The suspect had barricaded himself in a hallway behind a table and had a two and one half (2 1/2) to three (3) foot stick. He was not responding to verbal commands to drop the stick. A Deputy responded assist deployed his Taser and the suspect still refused to comply with orders to drop the stick. The suspect was shot with the Taser and was subsequently placed in handcuffs without further problems. There were five (5) CPD officers present and one (1) Deputy. The suspect was a seventeen (17) year old white male, 6'03" and weighing 200 pounds.

May 16<sup>th</sup> 100 block of Sanibel

Deputies were called to the above address for a domestic. During a search of the house, a bathroom door was found to be locked. The bathroom door was forced open and the suspect was subsequently placed under arrest. The Taser was deployed during the time the bathroom door was forced open since it was unknown if the suspect had a knife or other weapon. The Taser was not used on the suspect. Suspect was a 25 year old Hispanic male. 5'06", 250 pounds.

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1700 block E Colorado, Urbana

Deputies were at an address checking for a wanted suspect. The suspect had ran from Officers and Deputies in the past. When Deputies approached the suspect, a Deputy had his Taser deployed in case the suspect ran from them. The suspect complied with their orders and was handcuffed without incident. The suspect was an eighteen year old black male, 5'10", 155 pounds.

September 1<sup>st</sup> 100 block 100 George, Urbana

Deputies had been called to this address the previous night for a violation of an order of protection report. The suspect had ran from Deputies the previous night. The Deputies went back to the trailer tonight to check for the suspect again. They were let into the residence by the female half. When Deputies went into a bedroom to check, they found some blankets piled up between a bed and the wall. When the Deputies pulled back the blankets, the suspect was lying underneath them. One of Deputies deployed his Taser and advised the suspect to comply with their commands to be handcuffed. The suspect complied. The Taser was not used on the suspect. The suspect was a white male, thirty seven (37) years old, 5'08", 250 pounds.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> 100 block of Brady Lane, Urbana

Deputies were called to an address for a mental subject who was out of control and he was also tearing items up. When a Deputy arrived, the suspect was now holding another subject on his lap and would not let her go. The suspect was sprayed with Pepper Spray and he let the other subject off his lap but did not comply with commands to put his hands behind his back. The Deputy then deployed his Taser but the suspect would still not comply with commands so he was shot with the Taser and fell to the floor. The suspect then complied with orders and was handcuffed. The suspect was a thirty eight year old black male. This suspect has been arrested numerous times in the past and had fought Officers and Deputies several times. The suspect was a black male, 38 years old, 5'11", 170 pounds.

September 11<sup>th</sup> 100 block of Ivanhoe Dr. Urbana

Deputies were called to a residence for a domestic. When a Deputy arrived he heard a female yelling inside the residence. The female was saying something similar to don't hit me and stop hitting me. Due to the circumstances, the Deputy then forced entry into the trailer. Once inside he encountered a male and female physically fighting. Another Deputy arrived shortly thereafter and they attempted to restrain the male. A physical fight began between them and a Deputy deployed his Taser. The physical fight continued and the Deputies were able to get the suspect handcuffed without using the Taser. The suspect was a black male, 35 years old, 6'00", 175 pounds.

October 15<sup>th</sup> 1500 block of Washington, Urbana

Urbana Police Officers had stopped a vehicle and the driver had ran from the traffic stop. The Officers were able to catch the suspect and got him handcuffed after a brief struggle. During this time a large crowd (approx 50 subjects) had began to gather in the area. The Officers were attempting to get the suspect in the back seat of a squad car but were unable to do so. They had requested more assistance from Deputies because the crowd was becoming unruly. The suspect had already been sprayed with OC spray but still was resisting Officers efforts to get him in the car. A Deputy arrived with a Taser and approached the Officers. The suspect was told he would be shot with the Taser if he did not get in the car and he still resisted. The suspect was drive stunned on the leg for 1-2 seconds and Officers were able to get him in the squad car after that. Their were a total of five to six (5-6) Officers and Deputies at the scene and over 50 subjects in the crowd. The suspect was a black male, 24 years old, 5'09" and 180 pounds.

November 16<sup>th</sup> 1400 block of 2150 E, St Joseph

Deputies were dispatched to a residence for a 911 call. Deputies were familiar with the residence because of prior domestics and 911 calls. When Deputies arrived nobody answered so they checked the residence to check the welfare of the occupants. A male and female were located in the residence and after investigating the call, it was decided the male would be arrested. When Deputies went to place the suspect under arrest he began to resist their efforts. A Deputy deployed his Taser and told the suspect he would be Tased if he did not comply with orders. The suspect then complied and placed his hands behind his back. The Taser was not used on the suspect. The suspect was a white male, 44 years old, 5'10", 180 pounds.

December 11<sup>th</sup> 1700 block of N. Lincoln, Urbana

Urbana Police Officers were at a residence requesting assistance. When a Deputy arrived he found two Urbana Officers in a bedroom with their weapons drawn on two suspects in the bedroom. The suspects were refusing to comply with orders given by the Officers. The Deputy drew his Taser and activated it. One suspect told the other to comply with their orders because the Deputy had the "red dot thing". The suspects then complied with orders without the Taser being used. The suspects were both black males and eighteen (18) years old. One suspect was 6'01" and 154 pounds. The second suspect was 5'07" and 140 pounds.

In the Law Enforcement Division the Taser was displayed six (6) times. These subjects consisted of one (1) Hispanic, four (4) black males and two (2) white males. The average age of these subjects was twenty six (26) years old. The Taser was used on the suspects a total of three (3) times. These subjects consisted of one (1) white male and five (5) black males. The average age of these males is twenty six (26) years old.



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TO: Chief Deputy Kris Bolt

FROM: Sgt. Brian Mennenga

DATE: December 28, 2006

SUBJECT: Taser Statistics for 2006

The first three incidents listed are from the jail. I have listed the date and a brief synopsis of each incident.

August 7<sup>th</sup>

Cell block E refused to lock down (unknown if satellite or downtown). When the Taser was displayed, it was effective in getting the inmates to lock down.

November 7<sup>th</sup>

Inmate was banging his head on cell door and attempting to cut open his wrist by using his fingernails. Compliance was not gained when he was verbally ordered to place hands behind his back so he could be put in a suicide gown. When the Taser was displayed and turned on the subject complied. The Taser was not used but effective in gaining compliance. Suspect was a white male, 31 years old, 6'04", 280 pounds.

November 15<sup>th</sup>

Subject refused to return to his cell after recreation. Compliance was not gained when verbally told to return to cell. When the Taser was displayed (not used) the subject returned to his cell as told. Suspect was a black male, 20 years old, 6'01", 220 pounds.

The following incidents are from the Law Enforcement Division.

January 15<sup>th</sup> 200 block of Smith Road in Urbana

Deputies responded to the address for a domestic. When suspect answered the door he appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and he appeared to be very agitated. (When Deputies arrived they could hear yelling from inside the residence). The suspect appeared to become more agitated because of the presence of the Deputy so the Taser was drawn and turned on. Suspect was placed in handcuffs without further resistance. Suspect was a white male, 26 years old, 5'07", 185 pounds.

January 19<sup>th</sup> 1520 CR 2700N (rural Rantoul)

Deputies were called to an address for an unknown problem call. The suspect was gone when the Deputy arrived. The suspect was later located in a stairwell of a nearby apartment building. The Deputy deployed his Taser and the suspect complied with his orders and he was handcuffed without incident. The suspect was a black male, 18 years old, 5'03", 180 pounds.

January 31<sup>st</sup> 500 block of 1500N (rural Champaign)

Deputies responded to the address for a disorderly teenager who was intoxicated. When Deputies arrived the suspect had barricaded himself in a bedroom. Deputies were able to gain entry into the bedroom and began physically fighting with the suspect. Compliance was not gained by verbally telling the suspect to place his hands behind his back to be handcuffed. When the suspect was told he was going to be "drive stunned" with the Taser, he complied by putting his hands behind his back. Taser had been taken out of holster and cartridge was taken off to "drive stun" the suspect but it was not needed. Suspect was a white male, 17 years old, 5'06", 165 pounds.

February 4<sup>th</sup> 3100 block N. Cunningham (Malibu Bay Lounge)

Deputies called to the Malibu Bay Lounge for a fight. When Deputies arrived suspect took off running. Deputies chased him and after chasing him for a short while they stated to the suspect he was going to be shot with the Taser if he did not stop. Deputy took the Taser out of the holster and suspect turned around and saw the Taser was displayed. Suspect stopped but did not get on the ground as ordered. When Deputy approached suspect and put hands on him, the suspect got on the ground as ordered and suspect was handcuffed. Suspect was a black male, 43 years old, 5'09", 184 pounds.

February 4<sup>th</sup> 500 block of 2000E (rural Sidney)

Deputies responded to the address for a domestic. When Deputies arrived they were told the male subject would fight them if he was going to jail. Deputies were told the suspect was in a bedroom. When Deputies approached the bedroom door and announced their presence they heard glass breaking shortly thereafter. One Deputy was outside and the suspect had jumped out a window. The suspect was ordered to stay on the ground but he refused, got up and took off running. When the Deputy ordered the suspect to stay on the ground he had his Taser out of the holster and it was turned on. After suspect took off running the Deputy shot the suspect with the Taser. Suspect fell to the ground and he was subsequently handcuffed without further resistance. Suspect was a black male, 46 years old, 5'10", 175 pounds.

February 12<sup>th</sup> 1600 block of 900N (rural Philo)

Deputies were called to the address for a suicidal subject call. Suspect was known by Deputies to be suicidal in the past. When Deputies got to the address they were able to make verbal contact with the suspect. Suspect would not let the Deputies inside the residence. Deputies broke a window on a door in an attempt to gain entry into the residence. When this was done, they observed the suspect holding two butcher knives. Deputies were able to shoot the suspect through the window with the Taser. Suspect fell to the ground but still had one knife in his hand and refused to drop the knife when verbally told to do so. Suspect was shoot with the Taser a second time and Deputies were able to handcuff him without further incident. Suspect was a white male, 69 years old, 5'09", 340 pounds.

March 27<sup>th</sup> 1500 block Carroll Avenue, Urbana

Deputies were called to the area for an unknown problem. When a Deputy arrived in the area he was advised a suspect was walking away from the scene. When the Deputy tried to approach the suspect and speak with him, the suspect continued walking away. The suspect refused orders from the Deputy to stop and he was subsequently shot with the Taser. One of the barbs from the Taser missed the suspect, however he did stop. He turned and faced the Deputy. The Deputy ordered him to stay where he was, which he did. A second Deputy arrived shortly thereafter. When he arrived he deployed his Taser and advised the suspect to turn around so he could be handcuffed. The suspect did so and was handcuffed without further incident. The suspect was a black male, 43 years old, 6'01", 220 pounds.

April 29<sup>th</sup> Leverett Rd

A Deputy was on patrol on Leverett Road when a vehicle in front of him stopped in the roadway. The female driver exited and stated a male was hitting a female, she then opened the drivers side rear door. The Deputy approached the open door and told the male to exit the vehicle three times as he deployed his Taser. The suspect refused to exit and he was shot with the Taser. One probe of the Taser hit the suspect and the second

did not. The suspect did however exit the car and got on the ground but did not put his hands behind his back as told. The suspect was drive stunned one time while still being ordered to place his hands behind his back. He refused and was drive stunned a second time and while being drive stunned this time he complied and was handcuffed. The suspect was a white male, 26 years old, 5'09", 175 pounds.

August 12<sup>th</sup> Pholx Drive, Savoy

Deputy was on patrol and was going to perform a traffic stop on a vehicle. The suspect vehicle did not stop and continued travelling to a home and pulled in the garage. The driver refused verbal commands to exit the vehicle. The Deputy used a control hold to get the suspect out of the vehicle and was told to place his hands behind his back, which he did not. After a struggle the suspect was able to get free from the Deputy and the Deputy deployed his Taser. He told him he would be shot with the Taser if he did not comply, which he did not. The suspect was shot with the Taser and both probes struck him. He pulled the probes out and took off running. The Deputy caught up to him and drive stunned him two times with no compliance. The suspect made it just inside the residence and stood behind other occupants of the residence. When a second Deputy arrived the suspect was handcuffed after a brief struggle. The suspect was an Asian male, 46 years old, 5'07", 150 pounds.

September 29<sup>th</sup> 300 block E Fairlawn in Urbana

Urbana Police were on the scene of a large fight near the Urbana High School and Middle School and were requesting assistance. Several Deputies responded to the scene. Urbana Police had arrested a suspect and he was refusing to get in the squad car and resisting their efforts to get him in the car. A Deputy drive stunned the suspect and he complied with orders to get in the squad car. Suspect was a black male, 17 years old, 6'00", 120 pounds. There were two (2) Officers attempting to get the suspect in the squad car.

While still in the same area, Urbana Police Officers were attempting to handcuff a suspect and he was resisting their efforts. A Deputy drive stunned the suspect one time and he continued to resist and they were unable to control him. The suspect was drive stunned a second time and the Officers were able to gain control of the suspect and he was subsequently hancuffed. The suspect was a black male, 14 years old, 5'10", 175 pounds. There was two (2) Officers fighting the suspect until he was able to be handcuffed.

The crowd was estimated to be about seventy five (75) to one hundred (100) people during these two incidents.

October 4<sup>th</sup> 100N/2125E (rural Longview)

Deputy observed a vehicle that was occupied by subjects who were wanted on warrants. The vehicle drove away from the Deputy and subsequently went into a ditch. The occupants then ran into a corn field. One suspect was located and ordered out of the corn field. The Deputy deployed his Taser and the suspect complied with his commands and the suspect was handcuffed without further incident. The suspect was a white male, 27 years old, 5'11", 190 pounds.

October 5<sup>th</sup> 100 block of Richard Dr, Urbana

Deputies were called to an address for a domestic. After Deputies investigated the incident, it was decided the male suspect would be arrested. When Deputies told the suspect he was going to jail, the suspect refused orders to place his hands behind his back. The suspect was drive stunned two times with no results. The Taser was then holstered and as other Deputies arrived, the suspect was handcuffed after a physical struggle. The suspect was a white male, 46 years old, 5'09", 175 pounds.

October 6<sup>th</sup> 1600 block of Greenridge, Urbana

Urbana Animal Control Officer was investigating a vicious dog call. The dogs turned on her and became aggressive towards her. A Deputy was nearby and responded to assist. The dogs had the Animal Control Officer backed up against a house. The Deputy shot his Taser and one probe struck one dog and the second probe struck the second dog. Both dogs fell to the ground. After four activations of the Taser, one dog was secured and the second dog fled.

October 19<sup>th</sup> 700 block N Dunlap Ave. Savoy

A Deputy observed a suspicious vehicle in a parking lot. When the Deputy began to approach the vehicle on foot, the suspect exited the vehicle and took off running. A foot pursuit ensued. The suspect was ordered several times to stop and he continued. The suspect stopped and the Deputy deployed his Taser, pointing it at the suspect. The suspect was ordered to the ground and handcuffed without further incident. The suspect was a black male, 23 years old, 6'01", 180 pounds.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> 3700 block Thornhill Dr. Champaign

Deputies responded to assist Champaign Police Officers who were on the scene of a barricaded/suicidal subject. The suspect had barricaded himself in a small bathroom. The suspect was armed with a large knife and was threatening to kill himself. Negotiations had continued for about 90 minutes with no luck. An opportunity arose for Deputies and Officers to gain access to the bathroom and attempt to subdue the suspect. When they gained access, the suspect was shot with the Taser but continued to hold the knife in his hand. A second Taser was deployed, striking the suspect as well but he continued to resist the efforts of Officers to subdue him. The Taser was activated several times before the suspect was able to be subdued. The suspect was a white male, 23 years old, 5'08", 150 pounds.

December 22<sup>nd</sup> 800 block E Eastwood, Mahomet

Deputies and Mahomet Police responded to an address for a wanted subject. The suspect was found hiding in a bathroom in a shower enclosure behind a shower curtain. Suspect was ordered four times to turn around and place his hands behind his back. The suspect began to walk out of the shower enclosure and raised his hands and began to get in a fighting stance. The suspect was again ordered to turn around and place his hands behind his back and he refused. The Taser was activated striking the suspect. The suspect was then handcuffed without further incident. The suspect was a white male, 44 years old, 5'08", 185 pounds.

In the Law Enforcement Division, the Taser was displayed 6 times and used 10 times. The Taser was displayed to three (3) white males and three (3) black males. The average age of these subjects was twenty five (25) years old. The Taser was used on five (5) white males, one (1) Asian male and four (4) black males. The average age of these males was thirty seven (37) years old. The oldest subject the Taser was used on was sixty nine (69) and the youngest was fourteen (14). The Taser was not displayed or used on any females.

April 7, 2004

Chairman Patricia Avery  
Champaign County Board  
1776 E. Washington  
Urbana, IL 61801

**RE: Tasers**

Dear Chair Avery and Members of the Champaign County Board,

I know I do not have to explain my decisions to you, however, I feel the Board has been very supportive of the Sheriff's Office and in some ways we are partners in conducting some of the County's business (see attached letter). I want you to know my reasons for using Tasers.

Last summer, I and several local police chiefs became interested in Tasers after meeting with a Deputy Chief of the Albuquerque Police Department and learning how successful they have been over the last four years in reducing resisting arrest confrontations and in turn reducing injuries to officers and arrestees. In subsequent discussions we learned that Vermilion County Sheriff Pat Hartshorn and Danville Police Chief Carl Alexander also reported similar results in two years of use.

I used squad car money to purchase Tasers last year because I thought they were important for our deputies' and arrestees' safety. This year we have a 90% Department of Justice grant money to purchase more (NOTE: there were no objections at the public hearing held at Brookens).

Our head nurse (RN) has sat through a Taser training session to help us develop medical protocol if the weapon is actually used. I spoke with a local heart surgeon concerning the risk of use. He advised me that, in his opinion, the only persons conceivably at risk might be an elderly person with pre-existing cardiac disease. These are not the people who resist arrest and, if they did, the same risk occurs in the physical struggle.

These tools have already proved helpful. In one instance we broke up a fight at Savoy 16. The decision was made to arrest one male who told the officer he would fight him until the Taser was pulled out – the subject immediately complied.

Last Thursday a cell block of 18 prisoners (including persons charged with homicide, robbery, resisting arrest, burglary and aggravated batteries) were told to go into their individual cells to be temporarily locked while correctional officers moved certain prisoners to other cells. We had 6 officers in the block. All refused and 3 to 4 were running their mouths trying to inflame the situation. The senior officer in charge told me that he thought

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Officers later re-entered led by 2 officers with Tasers drawn. There was immediate compliance and no one hurt.

Our deputies normally operate in an environment somewhat different than the cities. While a city officer's back-up might be only 2 or 3 minutes away, a deputy's back-up might be 10 to 20 minutes away. We expect that our deputies will promptly handle any violent situation they may encounter (e.g. bar fights, physically violent domestics, etc.) in the far reaching areas of the County putting the safety of our citizens above their own safety. I believe the Taser is one more tool which will enhance the safety of our deputies and arrestees.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

Sincerely,

Dan Walsh  
Sheriff

DJW:tss

Encl.

PS: The above letter was completed prior to the CBS News story. I waited to see if there was anything new before I sent this.

While CBS did not go into the technical analysis, I do believe that persons in an excited drug induced delirium (cocaine, methamphetamine, etc.) or others not subject to pain restraints or normal behavioral regulatory responses are at risk of metabolic acidosis and possible cardiac problems in an extended struggle with police or others. I believe the Taser is safer for these types of arrestees than extended struggle with multiple officers and/or batons or pepper spray (both of which are likely to be ineffective and simply cause more damage to the arrestee). Please see attached.

I have acquired a fair amount of information, both pro and con, concerning the Taser. You are welcome to use my office to review it yourself. Please call Teresa.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**April 27, 2004**

We first began deploying Tasers in late January of this year.

**We have drawn them, but not fired three times.**

One was a subject in a fight at Savoy 16 who indicated he would not comply; once a Taser was drawn he complied. Another was with a DUI; the threat of the Taser had no effect. The Taser was not fired. Deputies struggled and successfully arrested him.

On Thursday, April 1, a cell block of 18 prisoners (including persons charged with homicide, robbery, resisting arrest, burglary and aggravated batteries) were told to go into their individual cells to be temporarily locked while correctional officers moved certain prisoners to other cells. We had 6 officers in the block. All refused and several were running their mouths trying to inflame the situation. The senior officer in charge told me that he thought using normal physical control tactics would inflame the situation. He further stated that in his 7 years here this had the worst potential for harm to officers and inmates that he has seen. Officers exited the cell block. A sergeant came from the Satellite Jail but inmates reacted the same. They were told 4 times to go into their cells, but refused.

Officers later re-entered led by 2 officers with Tasers drawn. There was immediate compliance and no one hurt.

**We have now had two situations in which Tasers were fired.**

On April 18 deputies responded to a domestic dispute. An intoxicated, emotionally upset and also a large muscular ex-husband refused to leave his ex-wife's house. He told our deputies that he had a "meltdown" earlier in the evening. He told the ex-wife he would take the kids and if she called police he would use them as a shield. He did use the kids as a shield. Deputies finally talked him into letting the older child go to bed, but he refused to release the two year old. This all occurred in a bedroom. Pepper spray would have harmed everybody, including the children. A physical struggle would have likely resulted in injury to all. When the subject turned slightly so the child was not at risk, a Taser was properly used. The children were not hurt and the subject was arrested.

At about 4:00 a.m. this morning we had a call of a suicidal subject. Family members found a note and two empty vials that contained drugs. The subject had earlier been intoxicated. In front of deputies he told a family member that he wanted to go to sleep and never wake up. Deputies struggled unsuccessfully to secure him to be transported by ambulance for care. The subject broke away from them and grabbed a pistol from under the couch cushion he was at first lying on. He first pointed the gun at a deputy then at his own head and said that he wanted to die. Besides deputies, family members and ambulance personnel were present. A family member standing next to him took the gun away from him. The subject began to run down a hallway towards a bedroom area. He was tased, handcuffed without incident and taken by ambulance for treatment. The pistol was loaded with a round in the chamber.

While some may disagree with me, I believe the Taser to be a very useful tool in law enforcement

*Sheriff Dan Walsh*



## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

### CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD FOR CARE AND TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

#### MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 5, 2007  
TO: Champaign County Board – Justice and Social Services Committee  
FROM: Peter Tracy, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Quarter Cent for Public Safety Funding – Status Report

#### FY08 Allocation Process:

The applications for Quarter Cent for Public Safety funding are due on February 15, 2007. The applications will be evaluated and the Champaign County Mental Health Board (CCMHB) will make final allocation decisions on May 1, 2007. We anticipate a competitive process.

#### Project Monitoring and Juvenile Justice Related Activities:

The following is a summary of activities completed by Ms. Marilyn Garmon-Starks during January 2007.

#### Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) Assignment Meetings

*January, 2, 2007:* Facilitated weekly assignment meeting at the Juvenile Detention Center in which 8 young people were connected with primary agency conduits. Prairie Center (1 youth), JJCC program (6), Boys and Girls Club (1), MHJJ (1)

*January 16, 2007:* Facilitated weekly assignment meeting at the Juvenile Detention Center in which 6 young people were connected with primary agency conduits. Prairie Center (1 youth), JJCC program (2), Boys and Girls Club (1), MHJJ (1), BIOC (1). One additional youth was already receiving services through DCFS.

*January 30, 2007:* Facilitated weekly assignment meeting at the Juvenile Detention Center in which 10 young people were connected with primary agency conduits. Prairie Center (3 youth), JJCC program (2), Boys and Girls Club (2), MHJJ (2). 4 additional youth were already receiving services through DCFS.

#### Additional Meetings

##### Project Access/Quarter Cent Meetings

*January 4, 2007:* Meeting to discuss operationalizing the Project Access Enrollment/Release form. Decision was to highlight possible issues with its implementation.

*January 5, 2007:* Provided technical assistance to Prairie Center staff regarding quarterly reports.

*January 10, 2007:* Attended Peer Ambassadors focus group at Juvenile Detention Center. Youth were well prepared with questions and plan to host another during February.

*January 17, 2007:* Project Access meeting was held at the Illinois Terminal Building. The Enrollment/Release was finalized, and a training date was set. Wraparound Training attendees were confirmed. Group was encouraged to collaborate in writing program plans for funding in the coming year.

*January 29, 2007:* Stuart and Marilyn met with both of the juvenile court public defenders. They were both very interested to hear about Project Access, and seemed open to working with the group. They provided several "Tips on Court Advocacy," which were to be presented to advocates at the following day's Court Orientation.

#### Mental Health Grant Proposal Meetings

*January 12, 2007:* Met with Karen Simms, Community Connections Program Coordinator of the Mental Health Center. Ms. Simms provided several possibilities for collaboration between CUAP and the Peer Ambassadors.

*January 22, 2007:* Stuart Broz and Marilyn met with A Woman's Fund and the Community Services Center of Northern Champaign County to discuss collaborative program proposal ideas for the upcoming Mental Health Board Funding cycle.

*January 30, 2007:* Provided possibilities for collaborative program proposal ideas to Imani Bazzell from the Urban League. Patricia Avery also attended the meeting, and offered suggestions for inclusion of cultural competency planning and implementation.

#### Wraparound Training – January 24-25, 2007

Attended a Wraparound Training organized by the Mental Health Center Community Connections Program. Several other Project Access agencies were also present. The training provided an excellent background on facilitating Wraparound sessions and developing Child and Family teams to support the process.

#### Juvenile Court Orientation

*January 30, 2006:* An Orientation to Juvenile Court was organized and held at Probation and Court Services. Approximately 33 people attended the Orientation. Each Quarter Cent agency sent numerous staff members to the orientation. Others attendees were Probation Officers, JDC officers and others from the Psych Services Center. The "Tips on Court Advocacy" sheet was discussed. Both juvenile court public defenders (Amanda Riess and Jamie Propps) were present, and added a few additional tips for those in present. Roger Holland, the Court Administrator sat through much of the meeting, conducted a tour of the court room, described the sign in process and fielded questions on safety and court advocacy. A brief training was provided by Lisa Benson from the Mental Health Center on the enrollment/release form.