

ANNOTATED MINUTES

Tuesday, February 6, 2001 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah Building, Sixth Floor Commissioners Conference Room 635
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

BOARD BRIEFINGS

Chair Beverly Stein convened the meeting at 9:30 a.m., with Commissioners Diane Linn, Serena Cruz and Lonnie Roberts present, and Vice-Chair Lisa Naito arriving at 9:35 a.m.

- B-1 Briefing on Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Public Jail Tours. Presented by Major Tim Moore.

***TIM MOORE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION.
TIM MOORE, DAN NOELLE, JEANIE KING AND
BARBARA SIMON RESPONSE TO BOARD
QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION.
TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE OF RANDY
SHUFELDT ACKNOWLEDGED.***

- B-2 First Tuesday of Each Month: Opportunity for County Commissioner Updates on Various Boards and Committees.

***BOARD UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON ISSUES
INCLUDING NORTH PORTLAND LIBRARY
BRANCH FUNDING. CONSENSUS TO SCHEDULE
CHILD RECEIVING CENTER BOARD BRIEFING.
HOMELESS YOUTH REPORT TO BOARD SOON.***

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

BOARD CLERK FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah L. Bogstad

Thursday, February 8, 2001 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

REGULAR MEETING CANCELLED



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SERVICES AND ACCESSIBILITY.**

FEBRUARY 6, 2001

BOARD MEETING

FASTLOOK AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST

Pg. 2	9:30 a.m. Tuesday MCSO Public Jail Tours Briefing
Pg. 2	10:15 a.m. Tuesday Commissioner Updates on Boards and Committees
*	the Thursday, February 8, 2001 Regular Board Meeting is cancelled
*	Board and Agenda Web Site: http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/ cc/index.html

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REGULAR MEETING CANCELLED

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2001
AGENDA NO: B-1
ESTIMATED START TIME: 9:30 AM
LOCATION: BCC Conf Room 635

(Above Space for Board Clerk's Use ONLY)

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

SUBJECT: Briefing on MCSO Public Jail Tours

BOARD BRIEFING: DATE REQUESTED: February 6, 2001
REQUESTED BY: Sheriff Dan Noelle
AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED: 45 mins

REGULAR MEETING: DATE REQUESTED: _____
AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED: _____

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office DIVISION: Law Enforcement
CONTACT: Major Tim Moore TELEPHONE #: 503-988-5434

PERSON(S) MAKING PRESENTATION: Major Tim Moore

ACTION REQUESTED:

[] INFORMATIONAL ONLY [] POLICY DIRECTION [X] APPROVAL [] OTHER

SUGGESTED AGENDA TITLE:

PowerPoint Presentation and Briefing on
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Public Jail Tours

SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

MCSO EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT: _____

ELECTED OFFICIAL: _____

Sheriff Dan Noelle

(OR)

DEPARTMENT MANAGER: _____

ALL ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS MUST HAVE REQUIRED SIGNATURES

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BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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MULTNOMAH COUNTY
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Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Dan Noelle

VISION

Exemplary service for a safe, livable community

MISSION

Our commitment is to provide quality, cost effective prevention, intervention and detention services to the communities of Multnomah County. We will improve the quality of life by reducing crime and the fear of crime through innovation, partnerships and teamwork.

Multnomah County Inverness Jail

- ◆ Welcome to our Facility

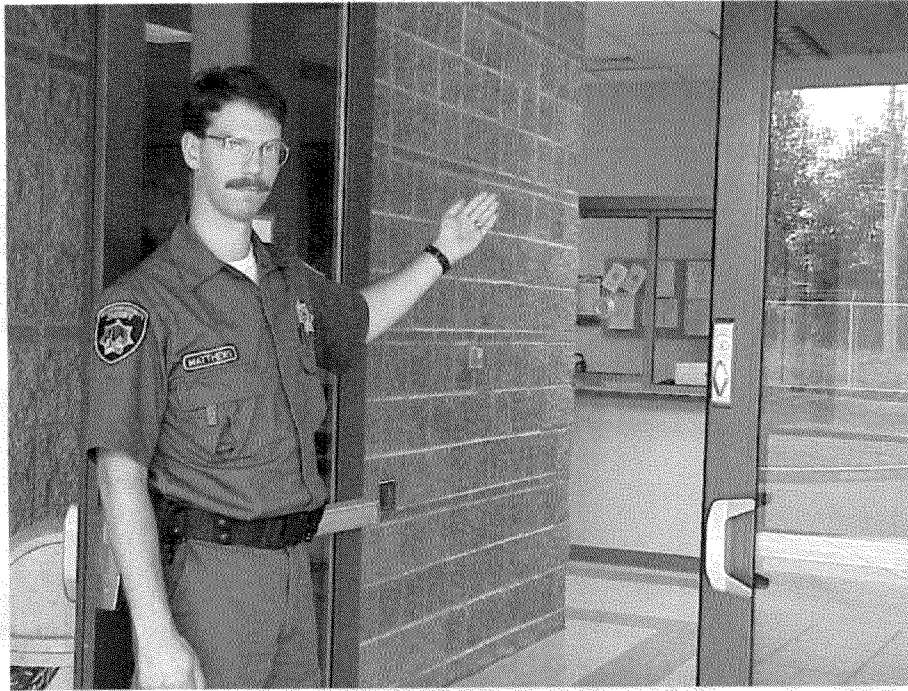
Get Ready to go the Distance during the
tour!

226,000 sq.ft.



From end to end is over $\frac{1}{4}$ mile!

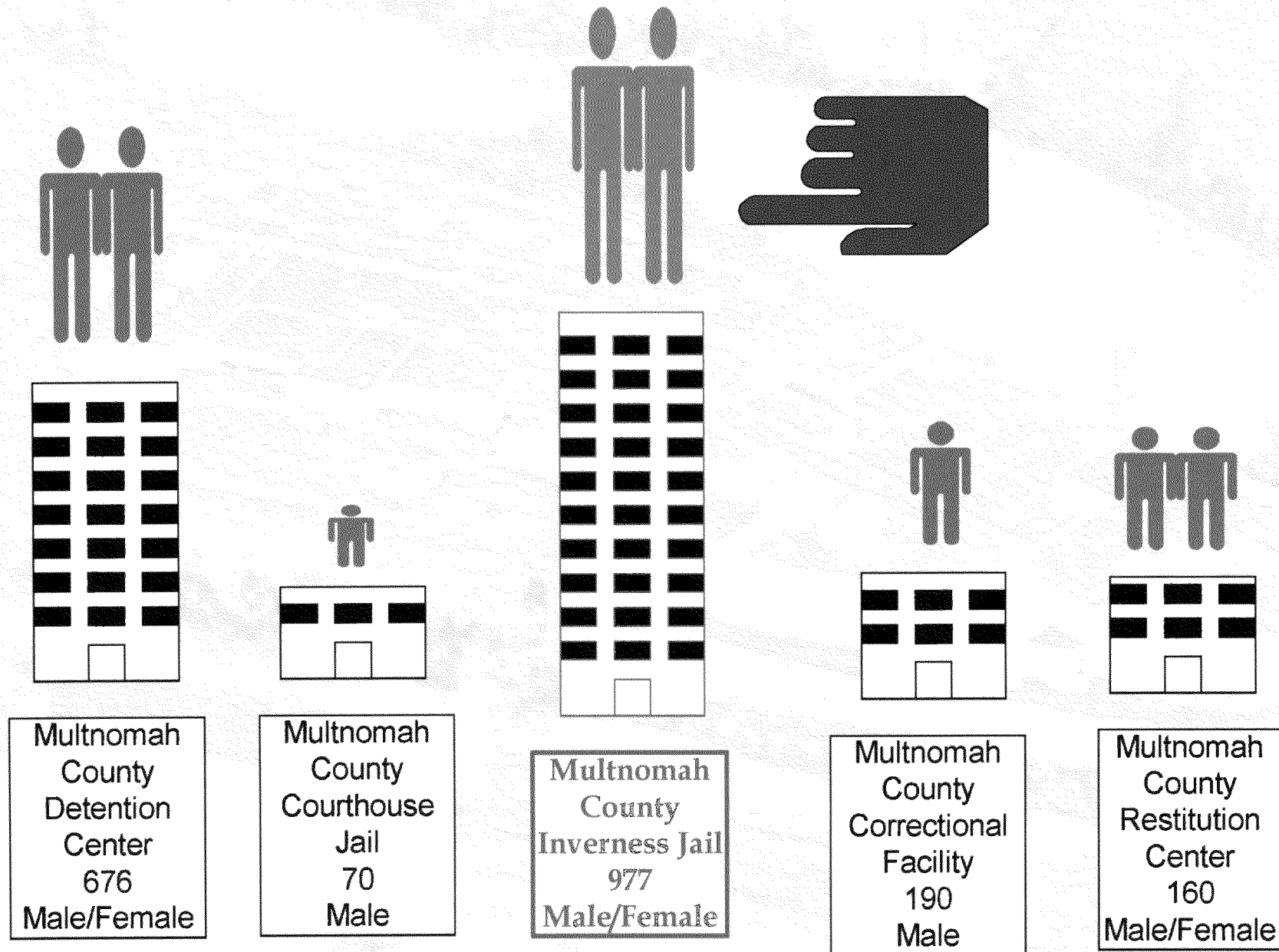
Inverness Jail



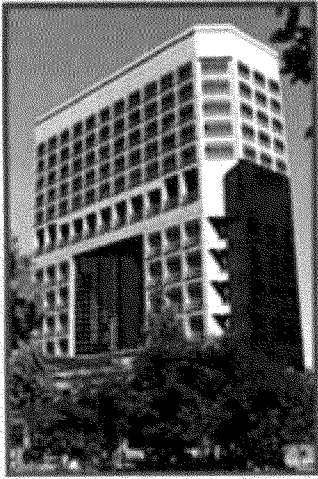
Before your tour today we'd like to go over a few things so that what you see can be placed in some perspective.

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Welcomes You

Multnomah County Correctional Facilities



Multnomah County Correctional Facilities



MCDC



MCIJ



MCRC

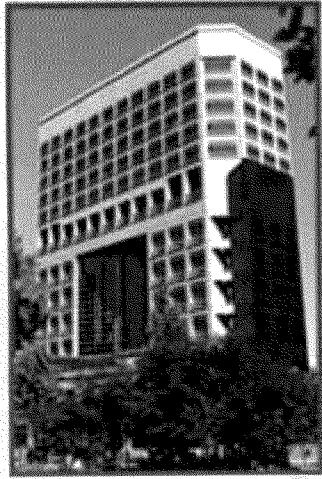


MCCF



MCHJ

Multnomah County Correctional Facilities



MCDC

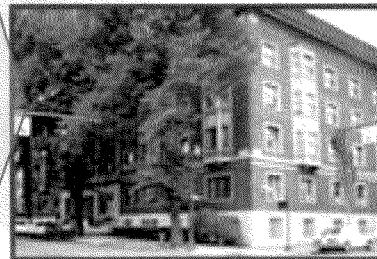


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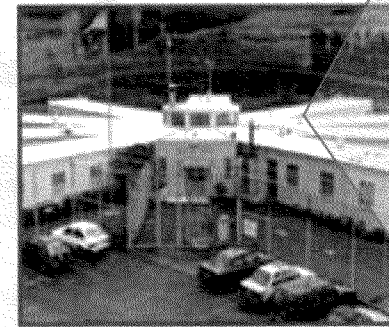


MCHJ

Inmates are transferred from one facility to the next following established criteria.

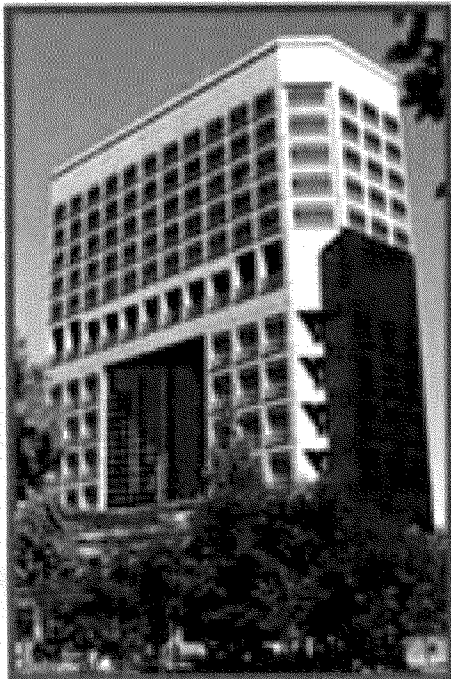


MCRC



MCCF

Multnomah County Correctional Facilities



MCDC

- Inmates are booked into custody at the Detention Center downtown. There, all inmates are classified as to what level of custody is required for their housing.
- Those who are deemed acceptable for open dorm housing are sent to transitional housing at MCDC or MCHJ awaiting a bed at MCIJ.
- MCDC will also receive inmates who have failed to act appropriately at MCIJ. Once returned to MCDC an inmate must prove by their good behavior that they are ready to try open dorm housing again.

Multnomah County Correctional Facilities



MCIJ

While housed at Inverness Jail, sentenced inmates will be screened by the counseling staff to determine if they are eligible for work release. Those who meet the criteria will first complete assignments to the work crew. Once they have proven themselves, eligible inmates can be moved to the Restitution Center to complete their sentence.

Multnomah County Correctional Facilities

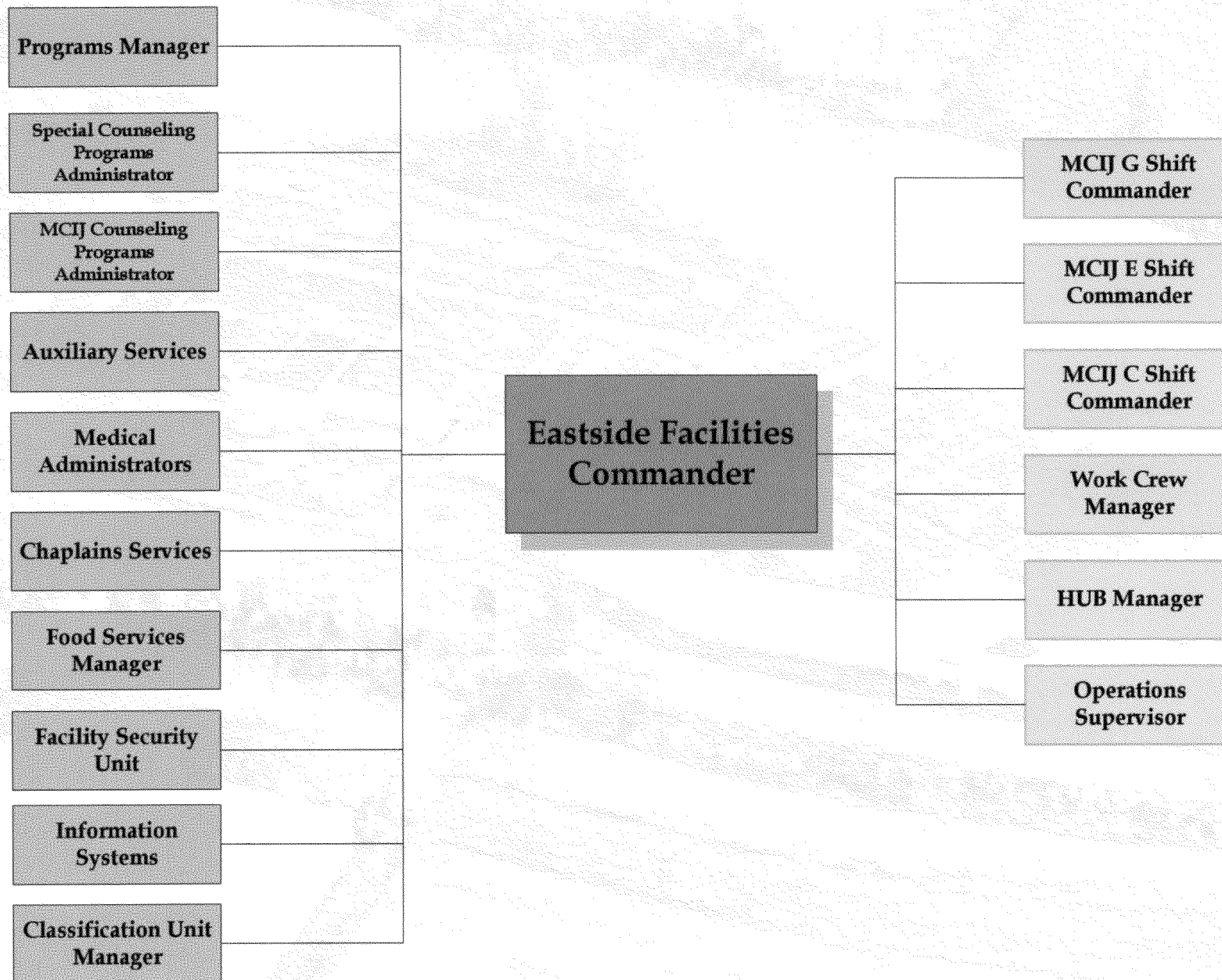


MCCF

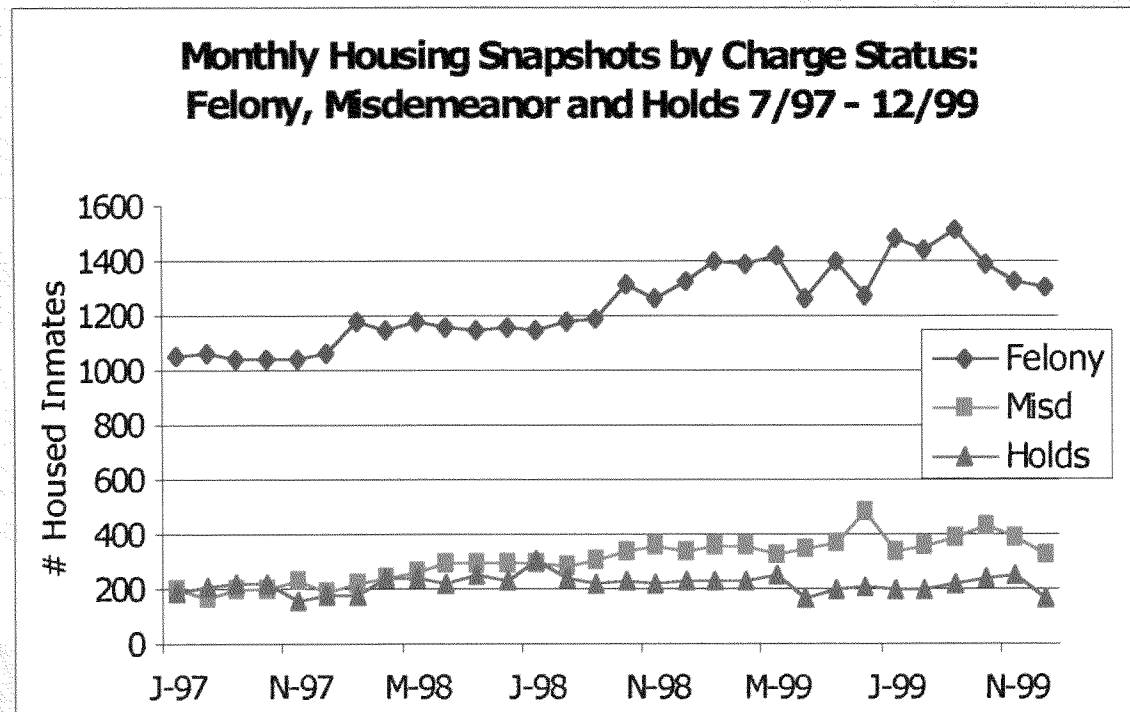
Inmates who are unsentenced may be classified and moved from Inverness Jail to the Correctional Facility in Troutdale, a medium custody facility.

Inmates at MCCF are able to participate in a culinary training program, a greenhouse project and other daily productive time.

MCIJ Organization Chart

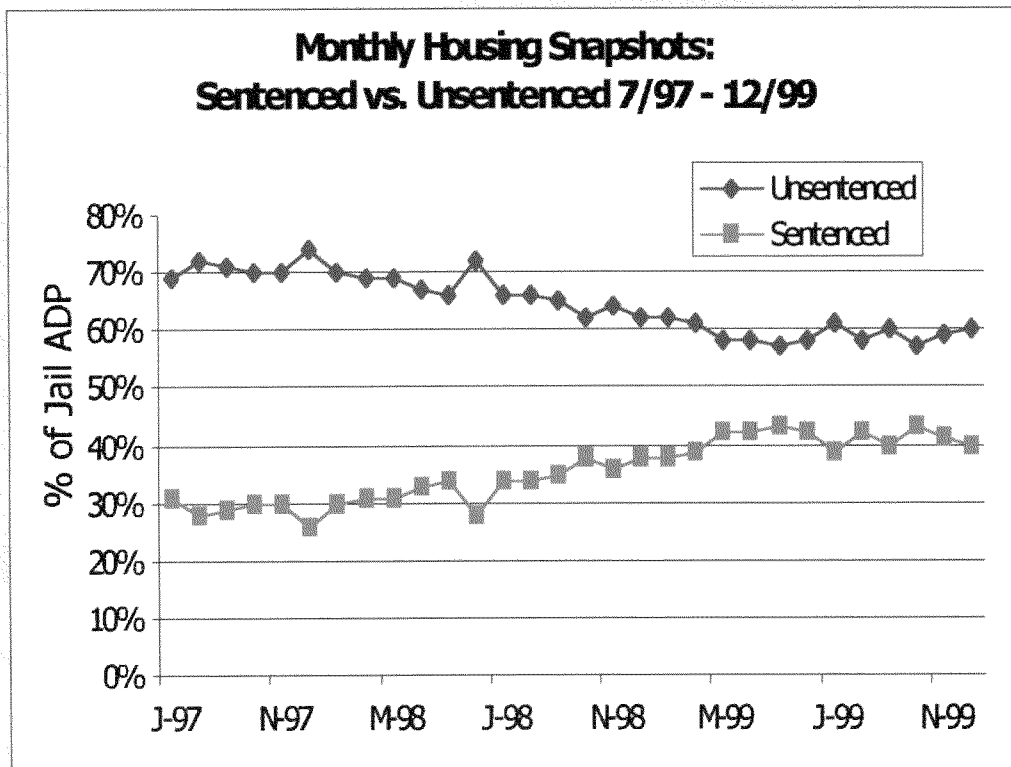


Charge Status- Felony / Misdemeanor



- More Misdemeanants entered and stayed in jail, because matrixing stopped prior to 1999 and additional beds were added.
- The **percentage** of felonies has declined and the percentage of misdemeanors has increased in part due to the court-ordered cap being lifted, together with increased capacity.

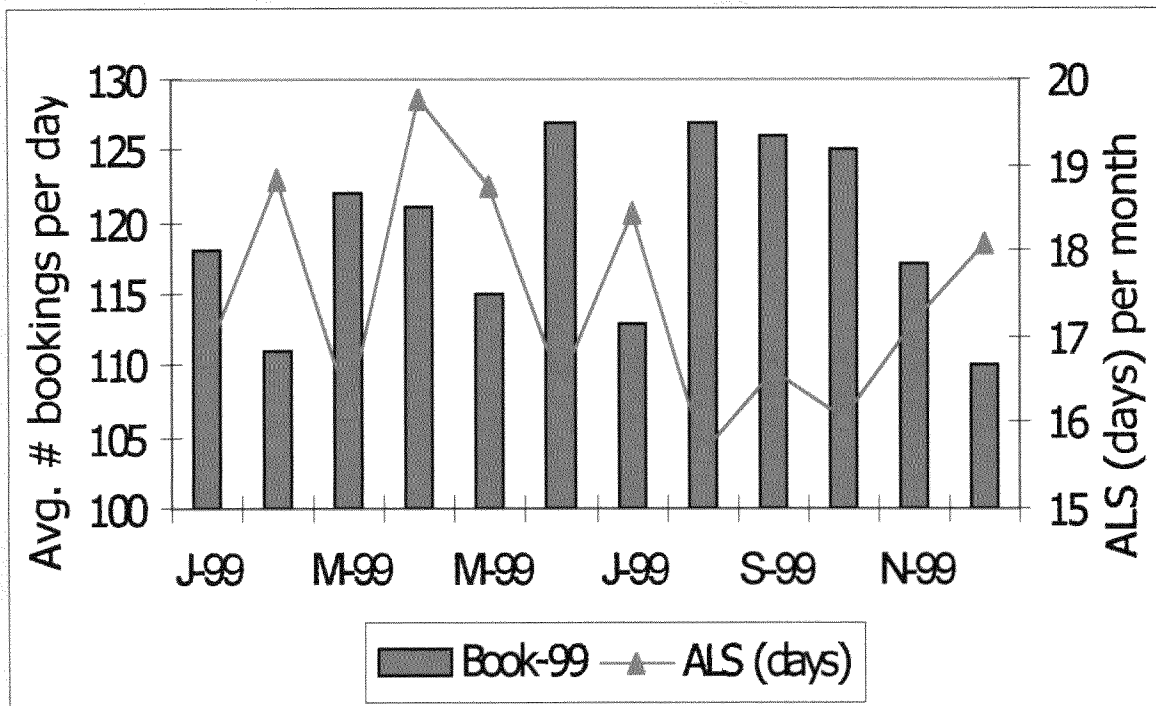
Charge Status- Sentenced/Unsentenced



- The steady increase in Sentenced and corresponding decrease in Unsentenced inmates from July 1997 through early 1999 is primarily due to SB 1145. This is the law that sent those previously held in state institutions to county jails.

- Generally those who are Sentenced stay in jail longer than those who are Unsentenced, hence contributing to increases in jail average daily population.

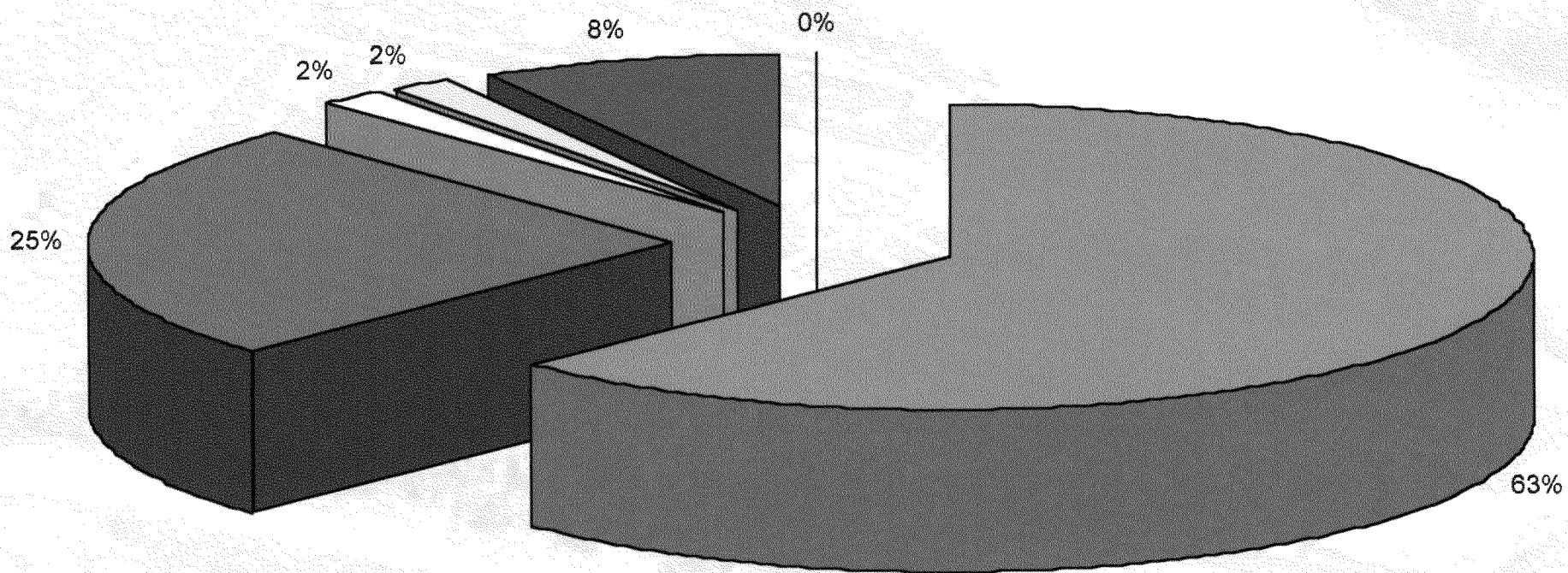
Average Length of Stay (ALS)



- Overall, ALS decreased slightly in 1999 whereas bookings (without Cite & ID) increased slightly.
- The number of bookings basically equals the number of releases each year.

Demographics

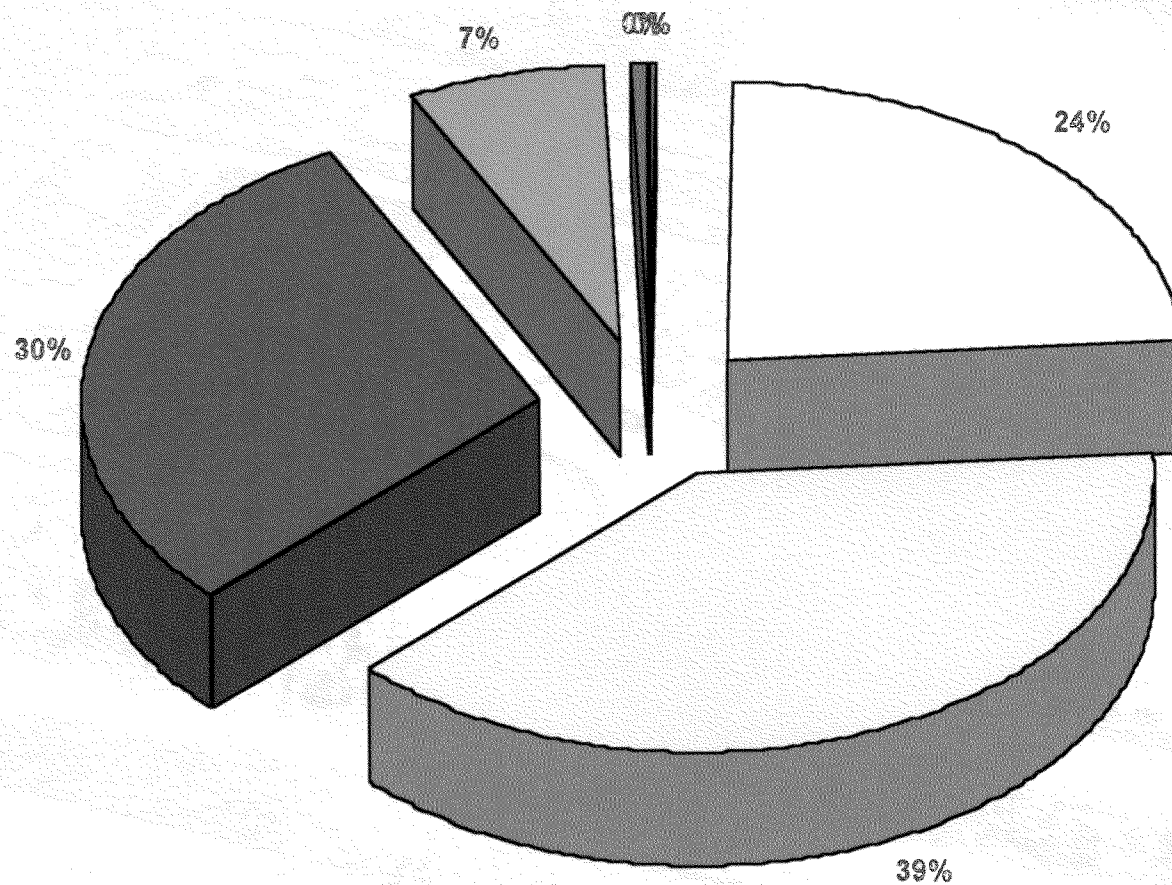
Total September 2000



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Demographics

Total September 2000 Age of Population



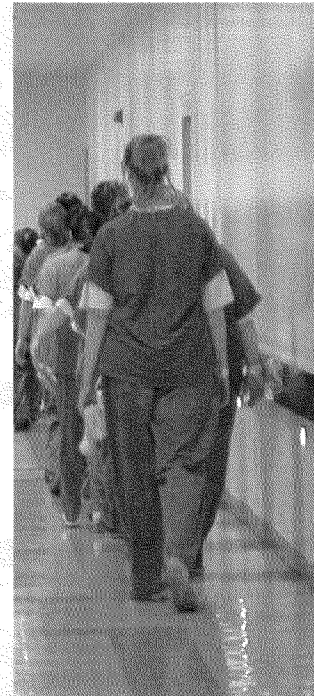
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Demographics

- Of those Booked into custody in August 2000:

Male→2784

Female→682



- 13% of the population at MCIJ is female

Inverness Jail

The Hub



- ◆ In addition to the 977 daily population, up to 100 inmates awaiting transportation can be held in our Processing Hub.
- ◆ We process an average of 1759 new inmates per month.

Inverness Jail

The Hub



- ◆ The majority of our transports are to take inmates downtown to court with additional interagency transports.
- ◆ We transport out an average of 3784 inmates per month.
- ◆ This averages approximately 10 trips per day.

Inverness Jail

- ◆ This Facility is designed and operated based on the principles of Direct Supervision.
- ◆ There are no weapons inside.
- ◆ There are no barriers separating staff from inmates.



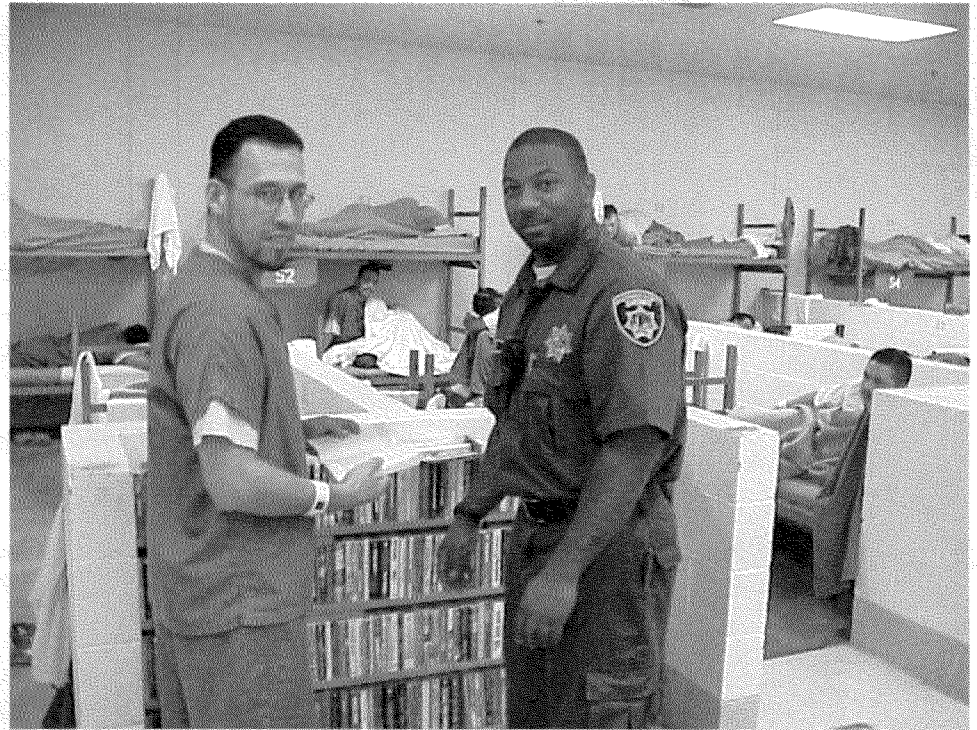
Direct Supervision

- ◆ Effective Control.
 - Staff and inmates share the area so noise, temperature and other environmental items are noted and addressed promptly.



Direct Supervision

- ◆ Effective Supervision.
 - Deputies being in direct contact are more effective than supervision relying on speakers, cameras and viewing through Plexiglas.
- ◆ Competent Staff.
 - Ability to communicate, to clearly convey instructions, to diffuse and control large groups is imperative.



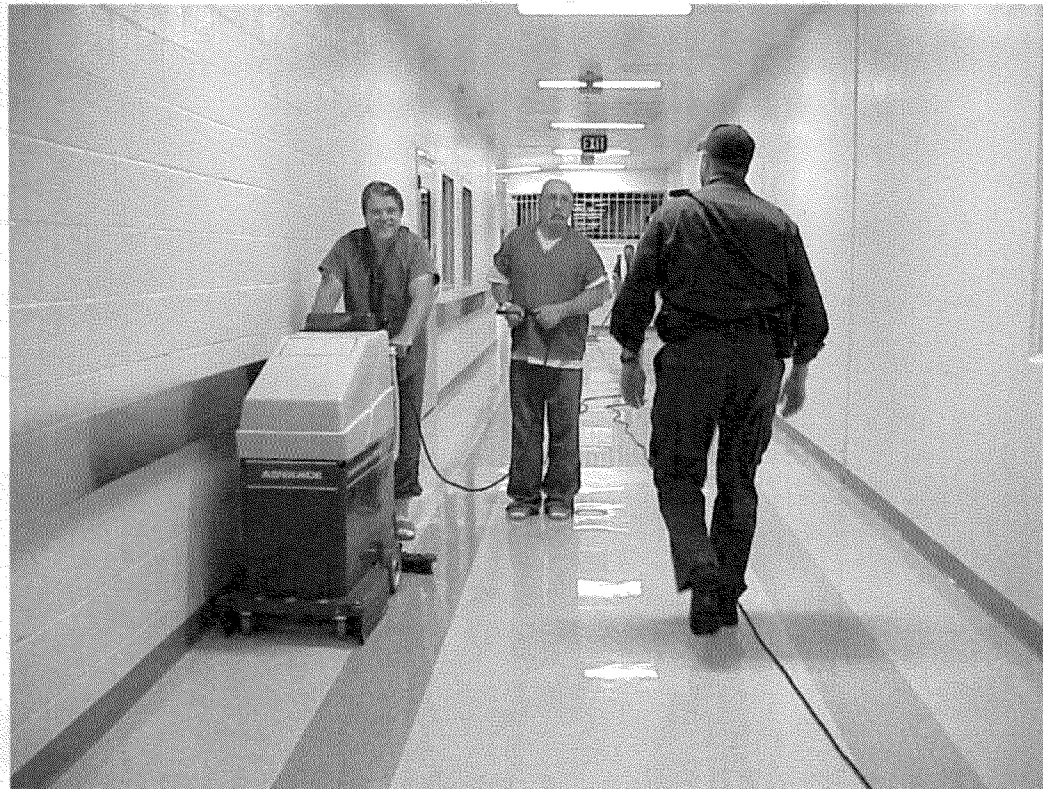
Direct Supervision

- ◆ Safer for Staff and Inmates
 - Assaults on staff are rare
 - Inmate to inmate assault less frequent when compared to older facilities
- ◆ Classification
 - Behavior based housing decisions



Direct Supervision

- ◆ Manageable and Cost effective
 - Vandalism and destruction eliminated
 - Facilities cheaper to build
 - Ratio of deputies to inmates is 1:55 – 1:75



Direct Supervision

- ◆ **Inmate Accountability**
 - Inmates by their behavior choose to remain in an open environment.
- ◆ **Justice and Fairness**
 - Informal daily decisions perceived as fair.
 - Administrative sanctions with levels.

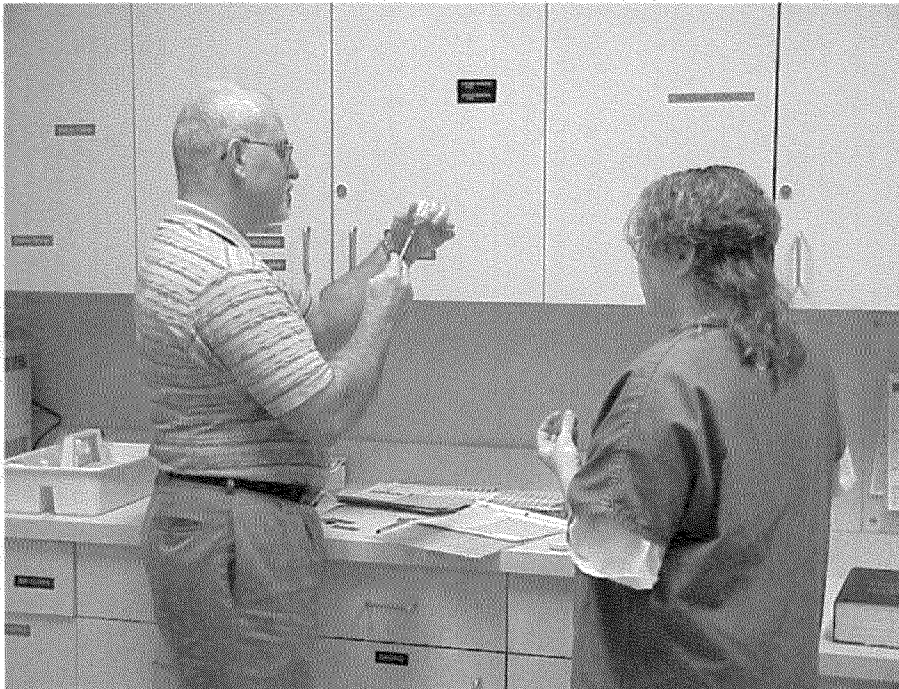


Corrections Health

- We provide 24 hour medical care
- There are 3-5 nurses on duty at all times
- We have both On-call (24/7) and on site physician or nurse practitioner (5 days a week)
- We are staffed with 12 psych personnel
- Pharmacy staff

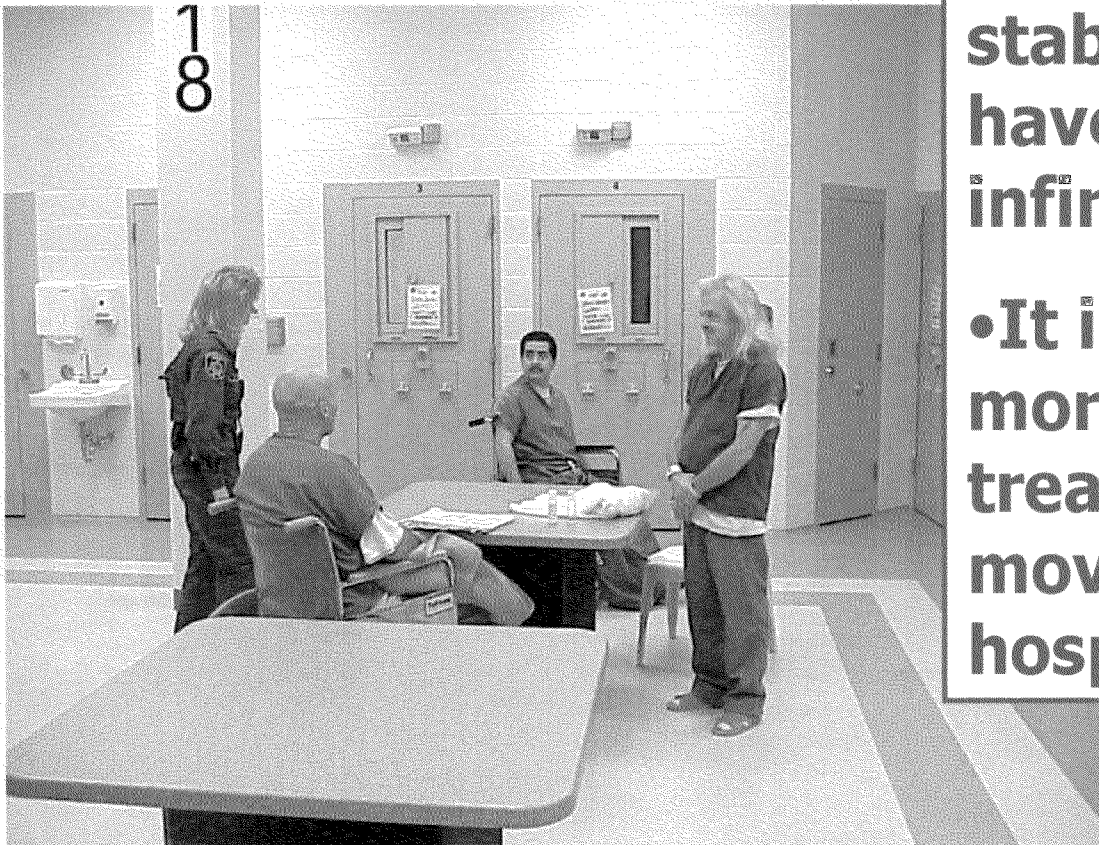


Corrections Health



- We have Medical, psych, dental exam rooms, X-ray and lab rooms
- There is a Triage and treatment area.

Corrections Health



- For less medically stable inmates we have a 10 bed infirmary.

- It is both safer and more cost effective to treat in-house versus moving an inmate to a hospital.

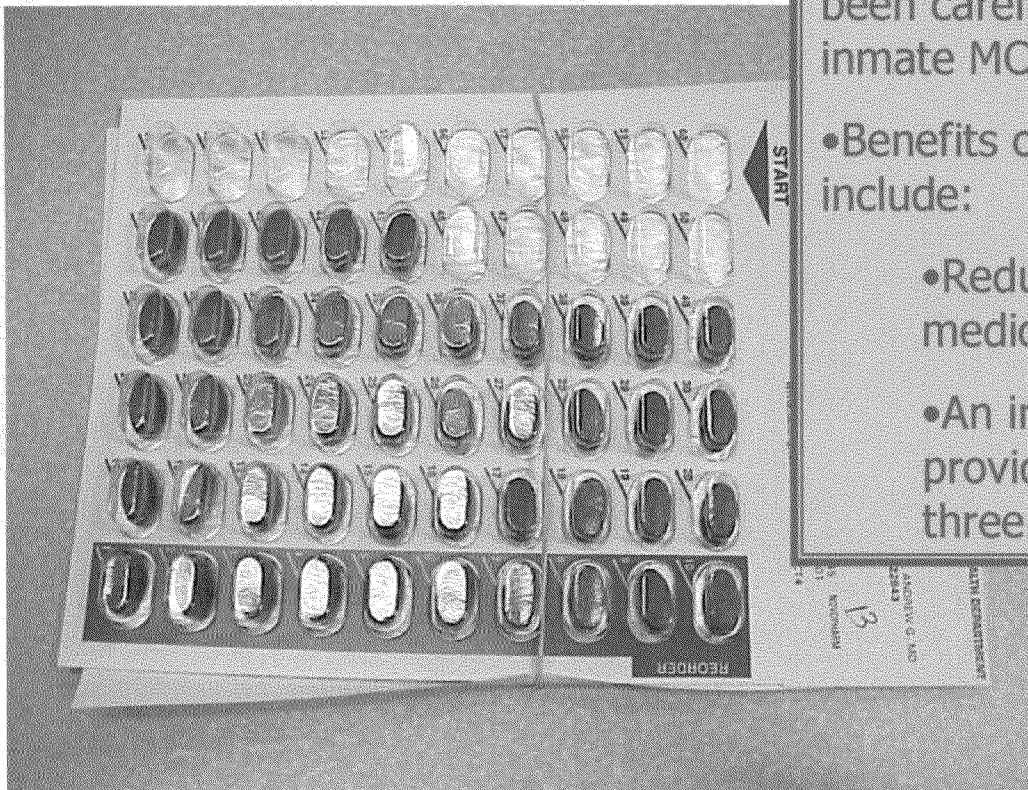
Corrections Health

- We provide emergency and on going medical and dental care. Inmates who have insurance have their insurance company billed.
- Inmates are charged a minimal service fee for medical visits, prescriptions and Medical Request Form (MRF) handling.
- Nurses respond to approximately 700 MRF's per month.
- Medical rounds are made throughout the jail three times daily.



Corrections Health

- Some inmates may carry their medications on them.
- These medications are non-narcotic and have been carefully screened before being approved for inmate MOP (Meds on Person).
- Benefits of having an inmate carry their meds include:
 - Reduction of time spent dispensing medications during the nurse's rounds
 - An increase in the ability to be more timely in providing medication that didn't fit within the three times a day medication rounds program.



Programming for Mental Health

•We have recently taken a step forward in working with mentally ill inmates in custody. Rather than housing them in a single isolated cell in maximum security, we have moved 65 inmates with psychiatric problems to an open dorm setting here at MCIJ. This has allowed for greater interaction between inmates.



Programming for Mental Health

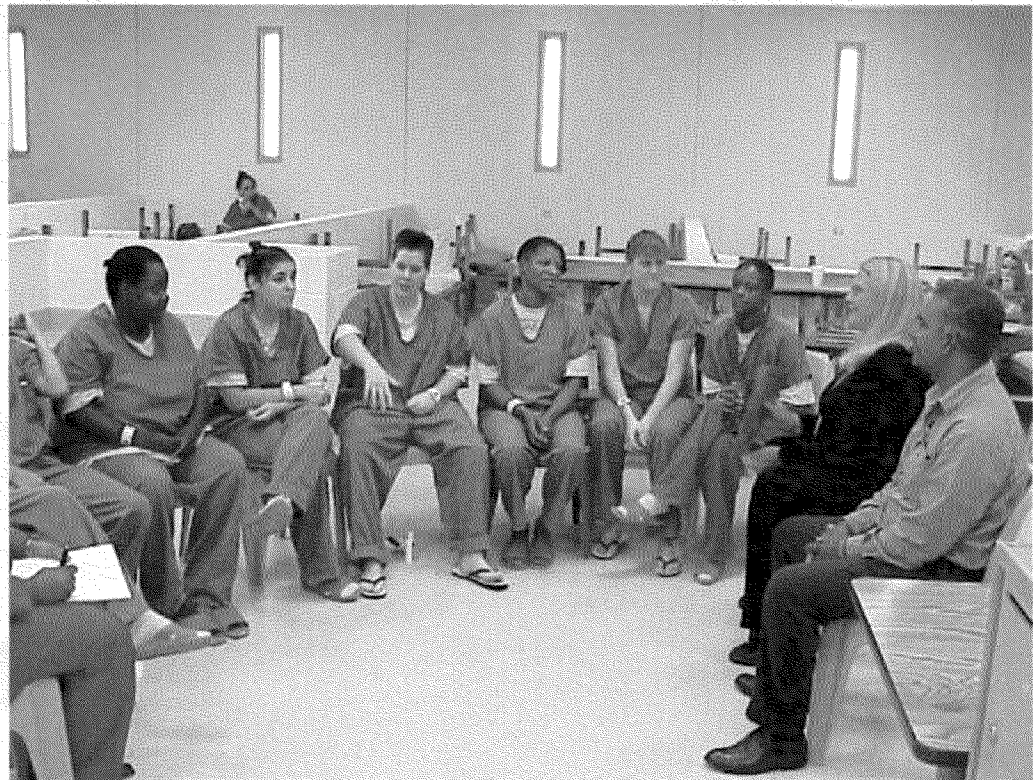


- With direct supervision by the deputy and intensive programming from counseling and mental health staff more effective and successful intervention has been achieved.

- A direct result has been a reduction in Attempted Suicides and Suicide Watches system wide.

MCIJ Programs

- ◆ We offer a wide variety of counseling and treatment options.
- ◆ We focus on assessment, case management, group facilitation and transition planning.



MCIJ Work Crews

- ◆ Since 1988, 18,000 inmates have been on work crews with only 13 walk-aways.
- ◆ Inmates who work earn sentence reductions, saving jail beds.



- ◆ We have contracts or have provided labor for jobs with:
 - ◆ Housing Authority of Portland~ODOT~US Forest Service
 - ◆ Local City Governments~County Roads Dept.
 - ◆ Fairview Parks~ Gresham Parks~ Metro
 - ◆ Non-Profit Organizations: Sno-Cap~Free wood project~ Race for the Cure.

MCIJ Work Crews

- ◆ We perform 13,000 hours of labor a month; 3,000 hours is community service (free to non-profit community service organizations).

● We send out 14 crews for a total of 140 Inmate workers a day.



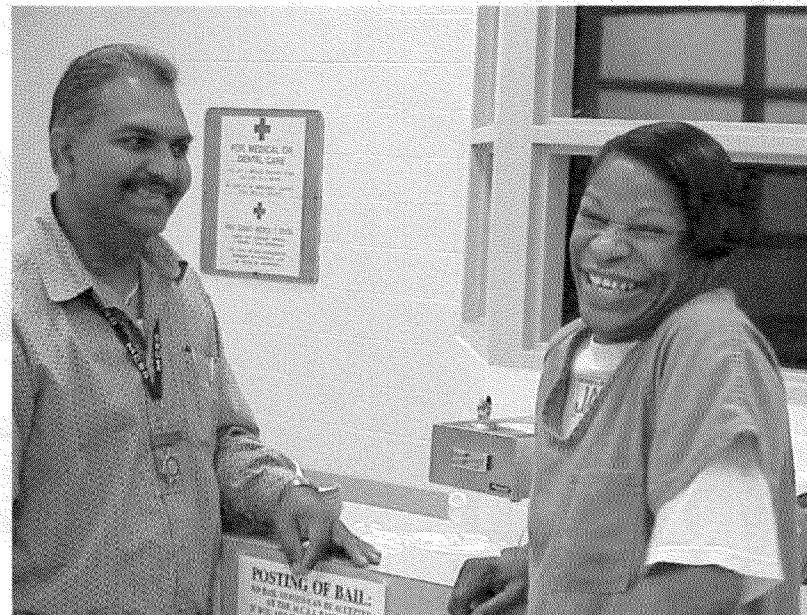
MCIJ Programs

- ◆ We conduct work crew intakes...200 per month.
- ◆ We conduct 25-30 work release intake and placements at MCRC monthly.



MCIJ Programs

- ◆ Inmates will be moved from custody to the community with a plan to meet their needs.
- ◆ We encourage educational testing and services.
- ◆ Multnomah County Sheriff's Office provides alcohol and drug assessment and referrals...average of over 100 per month.



MCID Inmate Workers



MCIJ Auxiliary Services

- ◆ Our Property Storage Building stores clothing and personal property for inmates housed throughout the jail system.
- ◆ We transport inmate property to MCDC upon an inmate's release.



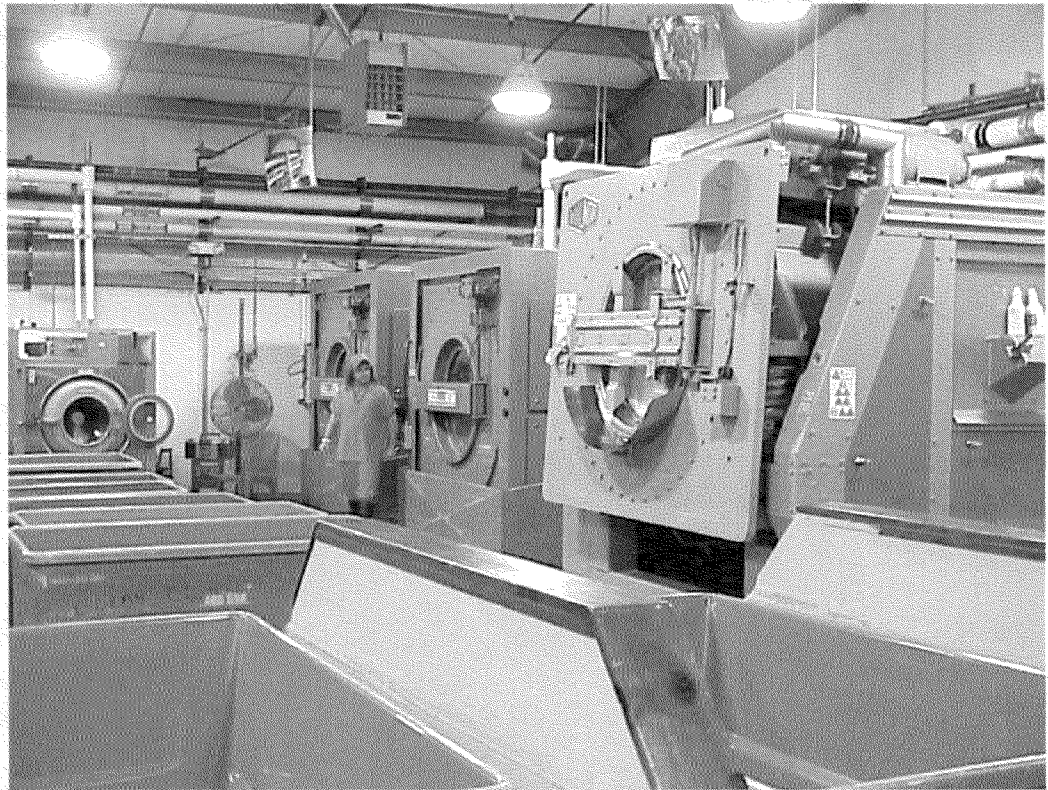
MCIJ Auxiliary Services

- ◆ Staff ensure the correct property is transported for those inmates processed through the Hub.



MCIJ Auxiliary Services

- ◆ The Laundry trains inmate workers on industrial machine operation, product processing and shipping and receiving.
- ◆ We provide laundry service for 5 adult facilities and for Juvenile detention.



MCIJ Auxiliary Services

- ◆ We have sewing specialists to maintain inmate clothing and to supplement stock items.
- ◆ Inmate clothing is exchanged for clean 2 times a week, bedding once a week.



MCIJ Auxiliary Services

- ◆ Inmate commissary is processed by the Auxiliary Services Unit to be delivered to inmates at all facilities.
- ◆ We maintain inmate accounts from receiving funds to deducting from their accounts based on medical care, commissary, postage and disciplinary fines.



MCIJ Chaplains

- ◆ Respond to requests from inmates, their families and staff(300 per month) and phone calls (200 per month).
- ◆ Conduct emergency notifications to inmates of death, serious injury and perform follow-up.
- ◆ Screen religious diet requests.
- ◆ Provide religious services (30 per month) with 17 volunteer chaplains and one staff chaplain.



MCIJ Food Service

- ◆ Provides 19,400 meals each week including special diets and sack lunches



MCIJ Food Service

- ◆ The Kitchen is staffed with 3 Aramark employees, 1 Corrections Deputy and 22 inmate workers per shift.
- ◆ Use of inmate workers saves around \$39,000 per month.

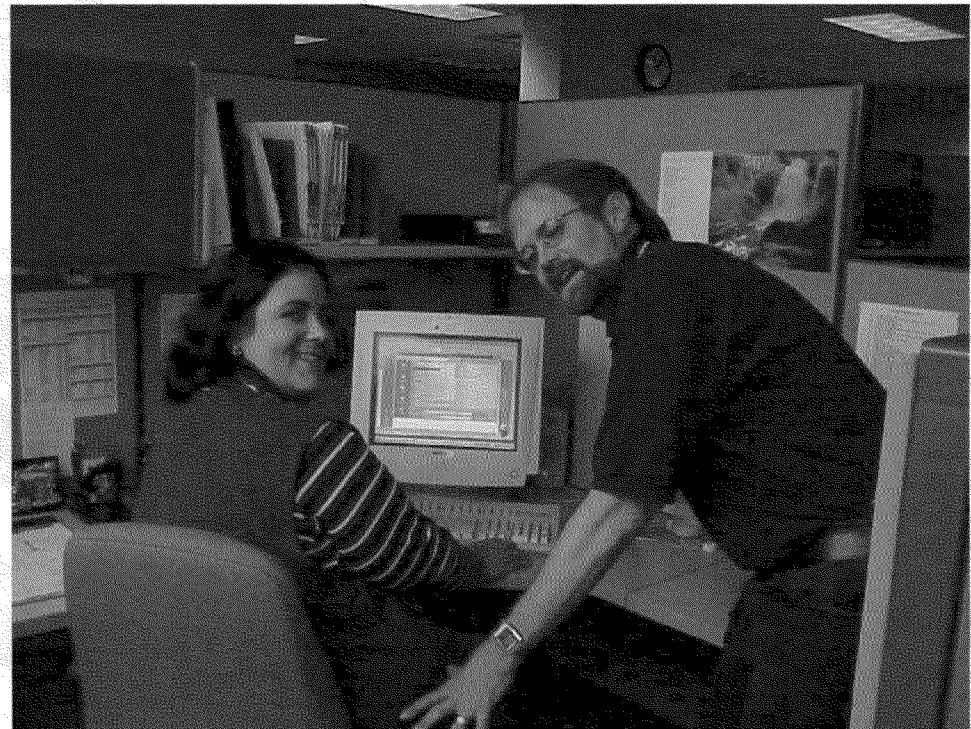


MCIJ Food Service

- ◆ We have a Culinary Training Program to provide inmates with specific training in Safety, Sanitation, and Equipment Operation.
- ◆ Upon completion of the first phase, select inmates are transferred to MCCF for phase-two training on recipes and cooking.

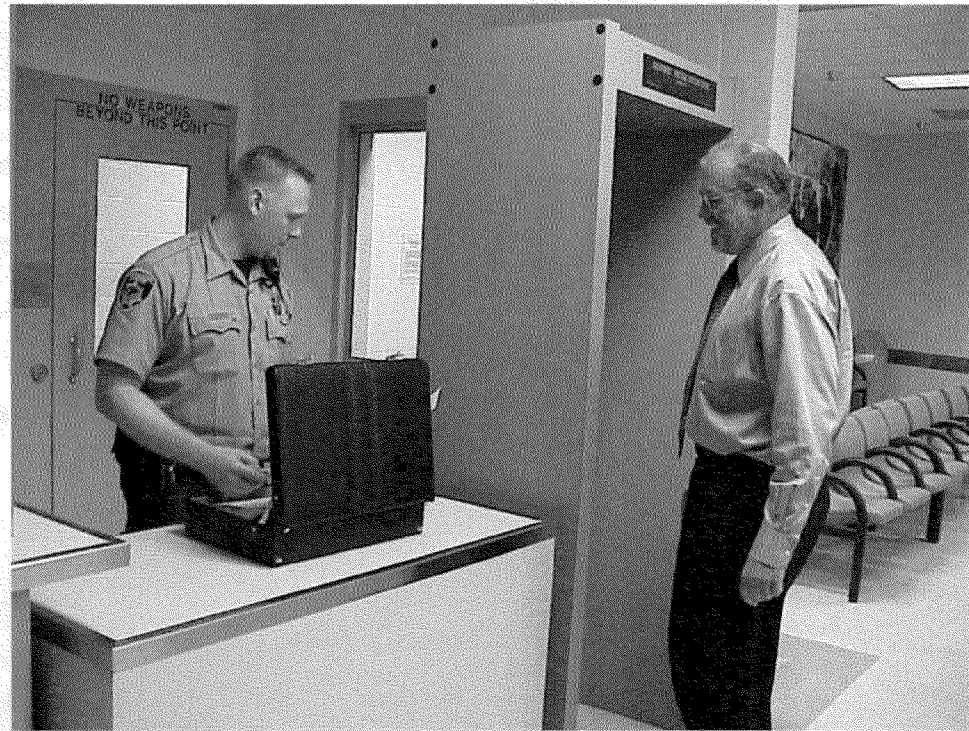
MCIJ Information Systems

- ◆ Ensure that computers are available and functioning for staff use.
- ◆ Train staff on computer use.
- ◆ Maintain and support inmate educational use of computers.



Facility Security Unit

- ◆ Ensure prompt service for community members and visitors
- ◆ Process Inmate visiting cards
- ◆ Facilitate 2858 social visits per month and 1049 official visits per month



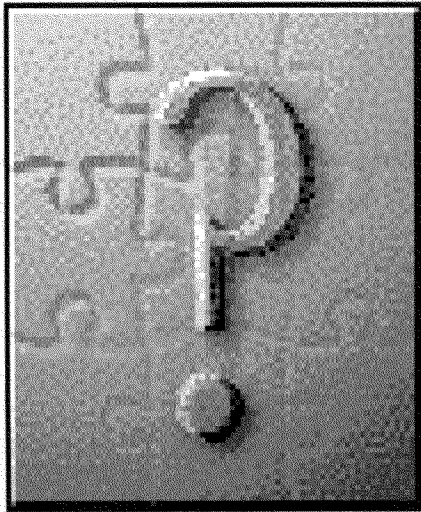
Jail Terms

- ◆ Kytes - Officially known as an "Inmate Program Request Form", the shorthand term "Kyte" may have derived from an inmate being told to fly a kite and see if someone responds to it!
- ◆ Roll-up – The action of having an inmate gather all their property and bedding because they are moving or being released.
- ◆ Commissary – Jail version of on-line shopping. A listing of items available for inmate purchase is maintained. Twice a week an inmate can order candy, hygiene items, envelopes, etc. Hygiene items are available for order by inmates with no money.

Jail Terms

- ◆ Sally-port - A series of two doors with an area between the doors that prevents direct access through the entrance/exit. The first door must close before the next door opens. From the French "Salle-Porte" (room door).
- ◆ Rec yard – The area adjacent to the housing areas that allow inmates access to fresh air and exercise space.
- ◆ Corrections Deputy – The preferred term used to describe the professionals in charge of inmates in a secure correctional setting. Opposite of the outdated objectionable terms such as "jailer", "guard", "turn-key", (and for James Cagney fans "screw")!

Detention



Why do we offer all these services to the inmates?

Why do they get TV?

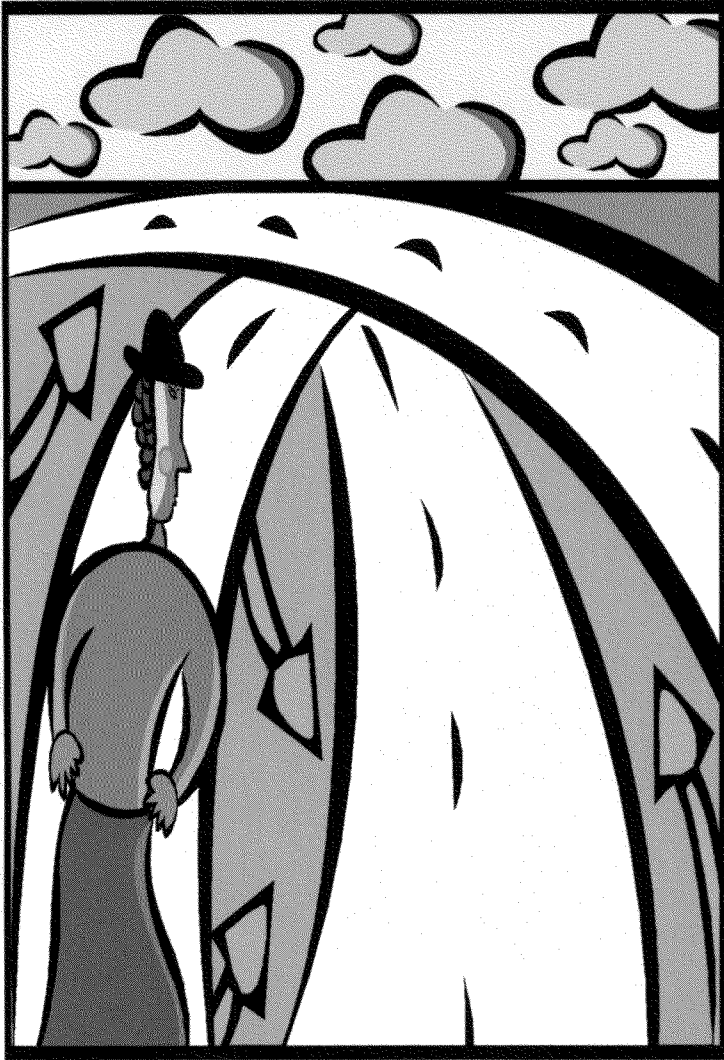
Why do we give them this nice clean temperature controlled jail?

Detention



- Detention is isolating members from the community to make the "outside" community a safer place.
- Approximately 60% of the people within the local jail system are pre-trial.

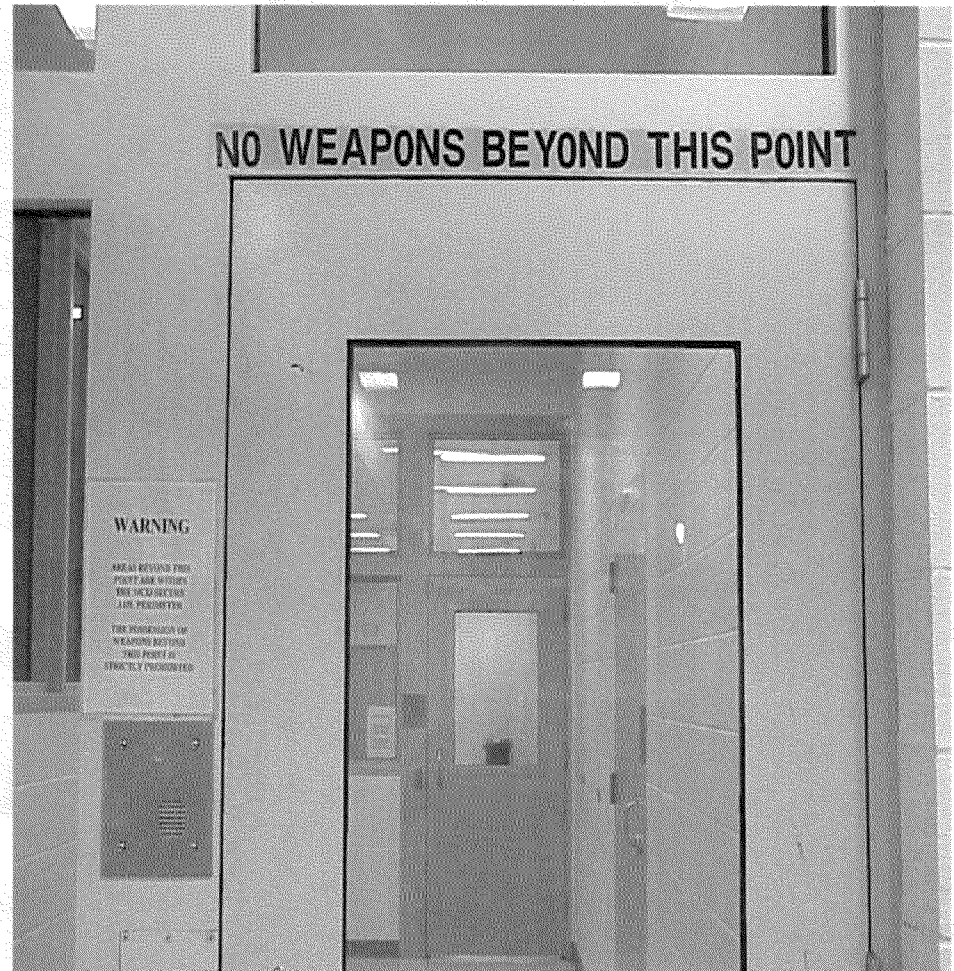
Punishment vs. Detention



- Basic humane treatment returns a person to the community who has learned that acting appropriately results in a positive reinforcement.
- We offer inmates the tools that make it possible to have a choice between their old lifestyle or a new more positive one.

Expectations and Security Guidelines

- ◆ Do not bring anything into the jail in your pockets.
- ◆ No pens, knives, pins, etc.
- ◆ Don't give anything to the inmates or leave anything behind.
- ◆ Don't accept anything from the inmates.
- ◆ Don't have conversations with inmates.
- ◆ Follow all instructions of your tour guide.
- ◆ Stay clear of inmate movement.



MEETING DATE: February 6, 2001
AGENDA NO: B-2
ESTIMATED START TIME: 10:15 AM
LOCATION: BCC Conference Room 635

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AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

SUBJECT: County Commissioners Information Sharing Opportunity

BOARD BRIEFING: DATE REQUESTED: February 6, 2001
REQUESTED BY: Commissioners
AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED: 30 minutes

REGULAR MEETING: DATE REQUESTED: _____
AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED: _____

DEPARTMENT: Non-Departmental DIVISION: Chair's Office

CONTACT: Diana Bianco TELEPHONE #: (503) 988-5797
BLDG/ROOM #: 503/600

PERSON(S) MAKING PRESENTATION: Commissioners

ACTION REQUESTED:

☒ INFORMATIONAL ONLY ☐ POLICY DIRECTION ☐ APPROVAL ☐ OTHER

SUGGESTED AGENDA TITLE:

Opportunity for County Commissioner Updates on Various Boards and Committees

SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

ELECTED OFFICIAL: _____

Beverly Stein

(OR)
DEPARTMENT
MANAGER: _____

ALL ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS MUST HAVE REQUIRED SIGNATURES

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Sent: Monday, February 05, 2001 5:04 PM
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Subject: Commissioner Assignments and Change in Board Agenda

I've attached a list of Commissioner assignments to committees, councils and commissions. This list will come before the Board for confirmation on the consent calendar on February 15th.

On a related matter, there is a slight change to the Board's regular agenda items. Starting February 6th, on the first Tuesday of every month at the end of their regular briefing, the Board will have an opportunity to update each other on the work of the groups on which they sit. You can check the briefing agenda to get the specific time on Tuesday that these updates will be on the agenda. Also, the last item on the Thursday Board meeting agenda which provided for Commissioner comment and a discussion of legislative issues has been taken off the regular Board agenda.

If you have any questions about the assignments or the change in the agenda, feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

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BCC Assignments
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BOGSTAD Deborah L

From: BIANCO Diana M
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2001 11:45 AM
To: BOGSTAD Deborah L
Subject: FW: First Tuesday Opportunity for Commissioners to share information about committees, etc

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From: SPONSLER Thomas
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2001 9:45 AM
To: BIANCO Diana M
Subject: RE: First Tuesday Opportunity for Commissioners to share information about committees, etc

There are probably no public meeting notice problems for commissioner discussion of boards and committees as a regular agenda item on briefing Tuesdays. The Board cannot make decisions at such meetings and as long as it avoids "deliberations toward a decision" there should be no notice issues. If at the time the agenda it prepared the items to be discussed are known, then they need to be included in the agenda. For example, if a committee or board is going to make a report, then that needs to be on the meeting agenda. However, notice requirements do not prevent commissioners from bringing any matter before the Board. Other requirements may apply if the matter is more than sharing information. I would delete "county" and "various" from the proposed title. Please call if you would have more questions.

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From: BIANCO Diana M
Sent: Friday, 02 February, 2001 9:33 AM
To: SPONSLER Thomas
Subject: FW: First Tuesday Opportunity for Commissioners to share information about committees, etc

Hi Tom: As you can see from the emails below, we wanted to change a couple of things on the Board's agenda. Right now, on the regular Board agenda there's a time at the end of each meeting for "Commissioner Comment/Legislative Updates." This has barely been utilized and we've removed it from the agenda. A couple of Board members thought it would be more constructive to have a time once a month (first Tuesday of each month) at the end of those briefings for "Opportunity for County Commissioner Updates on Various Boards and Committees." We put it on the agenda for this coming Tuesday. Beverly has some concerns about what the Commissioners could discuss given the notice issue. What are your thoughts about this?

Also, as a follow up on Commissioner assignments we emailed about -- we decided to take the whole list we compiled and have it as a consent item on the 2/15 agenda for Board confirmation of Commissioner Assignments. Bill and I thought we should do all of them at once and not make the differentiation between Board appointed and Chair appointed.

Thanks much.

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From: STEIN Beverly E
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2001 9:22 AM
To: BIANCO Diana M
Subject: RE: First Tuesday Opportunity for Commissioners to share information about committees, etc

Is there a problem with an open ended agenda and the public notice requirements. it seems like we really can't discuss anything if it hasn't been noticed. please check. I think I would prefer that BCC members indicate a week in advance what they want to discuss if it is other than a report.

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From: BIANCO Diana M
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2001 5:00 PM
To: STEIN Beverly E; FARVER Bill M
Subject: First Tuesday Opportunity for Commissioners to share information about committees, etc

On Tuesday, 2/6, Commissioners will have the opportunity to share information with each other about the different groups on which they serve -- those where they are acting on behalf of the Board as well as those they serve on voluntarily. There will be time for this on each first Tuesday of the month. Both Lisa and Diane thought

this would be a good use of the Board's time.

You might want to start the discussion by asking everyone how they would like to use the time each first Tuesday. Do folks want to do it in free form fashion and just bring up different issues they want to share with other Board members? Are there some groups for which there should be regular updates like LPSCC and MHCC? Also, there may be Tuesdays where the Board doesn't have things they want to share, but we'll have it on each 1st Tuesday agenda.

Also, by Tuesday, I will have met with all of the Commissioners about the different assignments and hopefully have finalized everything. I'll be sure you have a final document to distribute. The Board will ratify the assignments at the 2/15 Board meeting.

I'll be at the briefing, but let me know if you have questions in advance. Thanks.

BOGSTAD Deborah L

From: SPONSLER Thomas
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2001 11:49 AM
To: BOGSTAD Deborah L; BIANCO Diana M
Cc: FARRELL Delma D
Subject: RE: Today's briefing

There is no legal problem with listing all the boards and commissions on each briefing meeting agenda. However, the list is a long one and since time is limited only a few will be reported on at each meeting. Interested people will not know which will be reported on by looking at the agenda. This list notice not much more informative than the general heading. It is a good practice to list those that are known will be reported on at a specific meeting and not to list all the others. This would not prevent a commissioner from reporting on a board or committee not on the agenda if that becomes important after the agenda deadline.

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From: BOGSTAD Deborah L
Sent: Tuesday, 06 February, 2001 11:31 AM
To: SPONSLER Thomas; BIANCO Diana M
Cc: FARRELL Delma D
Subject: Today's briefing
Importance: High

Tom, I did not see the email you sent Chair Stein regarding the "Commissioner updates on Boards and Committees" on today's briefing agenda, however Beverly said you were concerned that the Board not discussion or deliberate towards a decision during the updates. Following a process discussion this morning, the Board decided that on the first Tuesday of every month the agenda language you suggested below would be amended to include the names of all the Boards and Committees the Commissioners might report on. The Commissioners agreed they would take only 6 minutes each to give a brief committee/board update on the first Tuesday of each month and that if a majority of the Board wanted further information and/or discussion, that issue would be submitted as a separate briefing item and posted on the following week's Thursday Board meeting agenda. Diana I believe that what you have submitted for the consent calendar next week is what I need to list on the agenda - is that correct? Thanks.

B-3 First Tuesday of Each Month: Opportunity for Commissioner Updates on Boards and Committees. 30 MINUTES REQUESTED.

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From: SODEN Stephanie A
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2001 12:05 PM
To: NAITO Lisa H
Cc: STEIN Beverly E; LINN Diane M; CRUZ Serena M; ROBERTS Lonnie J; BOGSTAD Deborah L; MATTIODA Gina M; BOYER Dave A; JOHNSON Cecilia; COMITO Charlotte A
Subject: PERS discussion

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Additionally, I will ask Dave to hold time on his schedule for the PAO Legislative Board Briefing on Feb. 20 in case you choose to discuss his recommendations further. In the meantime, his input should give us a good idea of how we need to proceed on this issue.

Please don't hesitate to page me at 503-921-4617 if you have any questions or concerns about this.
Thank you.

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BOGSTAD Deborah L

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Subject: Willamette Week Article



OpEd article by
Menashe.doc

Dear Community Leaders:

I want to express my deep concern regarding a quote incorrectly attributed to me in today's Willamette Week. I want to make it clear that I support Dr. Canada's vision and leadership for Portland Public Schools (please see attached Oregonian "In My Opinion" piece published last Sunday). While the last months have been difficult ones for the District, the School Board is working closely with District staff to navigate a course towards even greater achievement and community collaboration. Ongoing attacks by the Willamette Week are unproductive and are highly damaging to morale and focus within the District. I ask you to share my continued support for Dr. Canada and the staff of Portland Public Schools.

Thank you,

Debbie Menashe, Chair
Portland Public Schools Board of Education

IN MY OPINION

Debbie Goldberg Menashe, Chair
Portland Public Schools Board of Education
February 1, 2001

It's been especially grueling lately to be a school board member in Portland and, dare I say, a school superintendent in Portland. There have been board meeting protests and numerous media reports speculating on the future of Superintendent Benjamin Canada. However, the question of Dr. Canada's tenure with the district is not on the table. The board has not met to discuss Dr. Canada's job, nor has such a meeting been scheduled. I support the leadership and vision of Superintendent Benjamin Canada.

Nevertheless, as chair of the Portland Public Schools Board of Education, and as an active Portland Public Schools parent, I acknowledge that there are many unresolved issues and problems in the district.

Portland Public Schools, like school districts throughout the country, is struggling to close the achievement gap between middle-class white students and low-income and minority students. Closing this gap is our top priority. With the board's approval, Dr. Canada has set a goal of improving the achievement of all district students. Already, there are indicators we are moving in the right direction. Fully 70 percent of the district's 100 schools received a rating of 'strong' or better on the recently released state report cards. Schools received these high ratings because they are making significant progress in raising student achievement.

Does more need to be done to address the achievement gap? Absolutely.

In an increasingly competitive job market, the District must have the tools to retain and recruit highly effective teachers and principals for all our schools. It is particularly important that the District have the capacity to maintain a core of experienced, successful educators in its highest-need schools. To achieve this objective, we must gain support from the teachers' union to alter current contract language regarding assignment and transfers. Making this happen is one of Dr. Canada's priorities, and I support his leadership in this effort.

The district also must learn from recent mistakes in implementing its strategic plan. The first-year implementation efforts were slow and awkward. A more precise plan for change needs to evolve. However, the community's expectation for the pace of change must be realistic. I believe disappointment in the speed of implementation is behind much of the recent discontent, and are affecting morale and trust -- both within the district and between the district and the larger community. While the board will continue to push for improving student achievement, we also must recognize the extraordinary efforts of teachers and principals who are helping Portland students achieve at higher levels. Progress is occurring and we will continue our vigilance to press for high achievement for *all* students.

As a board member, I will maintain pressure on this administration to learn from mistakes, involve stakeholders, and move forward on implementing needed changes. I do not question Dr. Canada's commitment to the district's strategic plan, and I will support him in his continuing efforts to improve on the delivery of the vision.

Progress also is occurring in placing the district on sound financial footing. Under Dr. Canada's leadership and the direction of Chief Financial Officer Jim Scherzinger, the financial stability and credibility of the district have been restored. Dr. Canada has presented balanced budgets to the school board for the last two years. The district's past reliance on one-time funding infusions from city and county sources is being eliminated. In the Oregon Legislature, the district's reestablished financial credibility and Dr. Canada's enthusiasm for quality education for all Oregon children has resulted in greater bipartisan support for K-12 education funding. While funding challenges remain, Dr. Canada's team is working hard to find ways to reduce expenses, shift more money into instruction and stabilize overall funding.

Our challenge as a school board now is to chart a focused, stable course that fosters continued progress for all schools. Change will be difficult and not without controversy; it will not occur in a climate of instability. Historically, there has been great support for local schools in Portland. We need to continue to support our schools, our superintendent and this district's ability and potential to affect positive change in keeping with the community's strategic vision for Portland Public Schools.

BOGSTAD Deborah L

From: BIANCO Diana M
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2001 3:51 PM
To: STEIN Beverly E; NAITO Lisa H; LINN Diane M; CRUZ Serena M; ROBERTS Lonnie J
Cc: SPONSLER Thomas; BOGSTAD Deborah L; FARVER Bill M
Subject: Commissioner Updates

I understand that on Tuesday, the Board discussed how it should structure its discussions on "Opportunities for Commissioner Updates on Boards and Committees." Because of concerns about notice requirements, you considered including in the notice a list of all the boards and committees on which you might report. I've consulted with Tom Sponsler and he doesn't think that's necessary. In fact, it would be fairly onerous because you all serve on so many different groups, not just those where you are acting for the Board. For example, on Tuesday, Diane talked about her school facilities work and Serena talked about the ROCS Task Force – neither of which appear on the list I recently finalized.

Tom believes it is fine for us to notice the agenda item as we did last week, without listing all of the groups about which Commissioners might report. If a Commissioner knows in advance something s/he wants to talk about, you can let Deb know by noon on the previous Wednesday. But if you don't know in advance, it's fine to just raise it during the reporting time. It is critical, however, that Commissioners only report to one another and not deliberate about issues or action. Further, if a Commissioner is asking the Board to take some action on behalf of a group, that should be on the regular Thursday board agenda.

The bottom line is that during the first Tuesday Commissioner updates, Commissioners can report to one another and ask each other questions, but cannot deliberate or request action from the Board.

Let Tom or me know if you have any further questions. Thanks much.



Media Advisory

MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

February 8, 2001

Governor Kitzhaber and Multnomah County Commissioner Naito to speak at early childhood forum

Contact: Wendy Lebow, Commissioner Lisa Naito's Office
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WHO: Governor John Kitzhaber, Multnomah County Commissioner Lisa Naito, City of Portland Commissioner Dan Saltzman, City of Gresham Mayor Charles Becker, the Early Childhood Care and Education Council of the Commission on Children Families and Community of Multnomah County, and early childhood development advocates; and 1 week old Ella Anne Kelsay, Baby of Honor.

WHAT: Second Annual Multnomah County Early Childhood Advocates Forum to discuss the latest advances and shape early childhood priorities for Multnomah County

WHEN: Friday, February 9, 2001
9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Governor Kitzhaber's remarks from 10:30 am to 11:00 am

WHERE: Portland Conference Center
300 NE Multnomah (adjacent to the Oregon Convention Center)
Portland, Oregon

COST: No cost to participants. All advocates for young children welcome. Lunch provided.

Multnomah County advocates for our youngest children will explore priorities, and develop goals and outcomes for children at this second annual forum. Commissioner Lisa Naito and the Commission on Children, Families and Community of Multnomah County will host the event with Gresham Mayor Charles Becker and Portland Commissioner Dan Saltzman. Governor John Kitzhaber will highlight the proposed Oregon Children's Plan. Researcher Dr. Clara Pratt will present findings on how informal community supports and professional service systems can work together to form a complete web of support for children and families.

Commissioner Naito states, "Our goal is to build on the strengths of the early childhood community to create a system of supports available to all families. Early identification and treatment can help to prevent future problems, like drug addiction, school failure, and delinquency. We want each child to have the opportunity to succeed in school and reach their full potential."

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Subject: RE: PERS discussion

Attached is a memo that updates you on the background of PERS and the current issues being discussed in Salem. I have also provided my recommendation on each issue. Please call me if you have questions.
Dave Boyer



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dave Boyer, Finance Director

DATE: February 9, 2001

SUBJECT: PERS

This is to update you on the status of legislation, changes in administrative rules, and discussions that are going on in Salem regarding PERS. I have broken this down into topic issues. I am also providing my **Support** or **Do Not Support** recommendations on each topic area. Please note that when I refer to a % increase, I am talking about a true rate increase. For example a 2% increase means that if the rate is 10% it is going to 12%.

Tier 3 (Do Not Support) (I don't think AOC has taken a formal position on this yet)

Over the last year and a half, the County has consistently taken the position that we would not support the creation of a Tier 3 if the PERS administrative rules and management practices that created the huge unfunded liabilities, which created the rate increases, were corrected. Over the last two years I have been a member of several PERS ad-hoc committees, have met with PERS staff and have attended nearly every PERS Board meeting to provide input to change the PERS administrative rules and management practices. In December 2000, the PERS Board adopted the last major administrative rules to correct the rules and practices that created the unfunded liabilities. The major changes that were made are:

- **Variable mismatch:** PERS employers accounts were credited with regular earnings rate but were required to match an employees account that is being credited at the variable rate. Employers dollars were required to make up the difference between the regular and variable difference. The Statewide mismatch dollar amount in 1998 was \$333 million **The PERS Board adopted rules to allow employer accounts equal access to the variable earnings rate and the 1999 actuarial valuation incorporated this change.**
- **Mid-Year earnings distribution inequities:** Employee accounts were credited but employer accounts were not credited with earnings when an employee retired during the year. Employers dollars were required to make up the difference for earnings not credited to the employers account when an employee retired during the year. The Statewide amount lost to employers accounts in 1998 was \$191 million. **The PERS Board adopted rules that amended the**

inequity of mid year earnings distribution and the 1999 actuarial valuation incorporated this change.

- **Interest crediting on lump sum payments:** PERS staff initially recommended that Employers would not earn actual interest earnings but receive a pro rata share of the annual interest earnings and would need to fund the gain loss reserve at 15% of the lump sum deposit. In December 1999 Multnomah County issued PERS pension bonds and deposited \$180 million dollars into our account. The difference between what PERS initially suggested the County receive in interest and pay into the gain loss reserve and what the County actually received in interest earned was \$27 million. **The PERS Board adopted rules that credit actual interest earnings on lump sum deposits and employers funding an unfunded liability did not have to pay into the gain loss reserve. The 1999 actuarial valuation incorporated this change.**
- **Pension Bonds** Multnomah County issued \$184 million in Pension Bonds in December 1999. The County's 1999/2000 PERS rate (excluding the 6% employee portion) was 12.28% of payroll and the rates were scheduled to increase to 13.89% July 1, 2000 and to 15.51% July 1, 2001. Because we issued the Bonds our rate was reduced from 12.28% to 9.21% (normal PERS retirement rate) on January 1, 2000. We did not reduce the rates charged to departments but put the difference into a fund to repay the bonds. Effective July 1, 2000 we increased the PERS rates to a total of 13.71% (9.21% normal rate plus 4.5% bond rate) instead of increasing it to 13.89%. The rate increase from 13.89% to 15.51% that was scheduled for July 1, 2001 is not needed. The net present value savings that the County realized by issuing these bonds was \$35 million.

When the County issued the pension obligation bonds in December 1999, our estimated **unfunded** liability was \$175 million. We recently received our 1999 Actuarial Valuation report from PERS and we now have a \$76.4 million **over funded** liability. Having an over funded liability is very beneficial to the County and has caused our normal retirement rate to be decreased from 9.21% of payroll to 8.12% of payroll effective July 1, 2001. The funding of the unfunded liability and PERS rate reduction was a result of the action that the PERS Board took during the last year and because we issued the pension obligation bonds. Effective July 1, 2001, the total Employer PERS rate, including the normal rate and bond rate, will be 12.42% instead of 15.51%. This is a favorable difference of 3.09%. The County's payroll is about \$200 million and when multiplied times 3.09% the County will be avoiding an annual cost of about \$6.2 million. I do need to remind you that the bond rate is scheduled to increase .12% each year until the bonds are paid off. (This is about \$240,000 in the first year and will increase by about that much each year)

Because the PERS Board addressed the interest crediting issues responsibly and we acted responsibly by issuing bonds, I believe that we do not need a Tier 3 and recommend that we do not support this type of legislation. During the 1999 legislative session the Unions opposed creating a Tier 3 and they were actively involved in the discussions and hearings over the last two years. Although we often disagreed the Unions accepted the open hearings process conducted by the PERS Board and I think that we may hurt our positive relations that we have built up over the last few months with the Unions and PERS if we supported a Tier 3.

Pension Bond Legislation HB 2113) (Support) (AOC/LOC Supports)

HB 2113, initiated by the State Treasurers Office, would specifically allow local governments to issue Pension Obligation Bonds and would also allow local governments to inter into intergovernmental

agreements which would allow some of the small jurisdictions to pool their unfunded liabilities and issue a large bond. The large bond would attract more competition, which would result in lower interest rates. This is good legislation that we should support. The County would not directly receive a financial benefit but the entire system would be better off financially and both employers and employees would receive benefits if all unfunded liabilities were funded.

The total State unfunded PERS liability is about a billion dollars and we need to encourage the State to analyze the benefits of issuing pension obligation bonds.

Pooling (Support) (AOC/LOC Supports if pooling is not made mandatory)

The PERS Board has initiated the Administrative Rule process to allow for the pooling of rates. The representatives of AOC and LOC favor this rule as long as it is not made mandatory. Based on the current financial data the County would receive a slight financial benefit by pooling rates. However this could change because we would have been slightly negatively financially impacted if the 1997 actuarial data was used. I recommend that we support this legislation whether we receive a benefit or a negative financial impact. The pooling of rates will help stabilize rates for all jurisdictions and would significantly help a jurisdiction like the City of Huntington that received double digit rate increases. The City of Huntington has two or three employees. There is also a bill in the legislation addressing this issue.

Fiduciary Responsibility (Support) (AOC/ LOC Supports)

There is a concept that is being discussed to add appropriate fiduciary responsibility language to a PERS Bill that would require the PERS Board to consider the financial impact to both the employee and the employer when they consider changing rules, enacting policy or making management decisions. The PERS Board currently believes that their fiduciary responsibility is to the members of the system only and not to the employers that pay the bill. Multnomah County, along with several other jurisdictions, believe that PERS should be responsible to both the members and the employers. We have joined these other jurisdictions in a law suit that addresses this issue along with the unfunded liability created by HB 3349 . (HB 3349 was approved a couple of sessions ago to address the retiree state income tax issue.) This lawsuit is still in the fact finding stage.

Miscellaneous

There many other PERS bills that are surfacing and I recommend that we generally take the stance that we do not support any legislation that will increase our PERS rates. I believe we need to give the system time to see if the changes made by the PERS Board and the few issues discussed above, if approved, have a positive impact on the system.

I would be happy to discuss this in more detail or would be available for a Board briefing.