

**Minutes for the
Correctional Staff Health and Safety Sub-Committee**

Thursday February 4th 2010, 1:00pm

State Capitol, Room 410

Hartford

Members Present: Joe Vecchitto, Moises Padilla, Kevin Brace, Chief Joel Hurliman, Shayne Wilson, Donna Flores, Renee Cote, Lt. Brian McLean (Department of Public Safety), Director Michael Lajoie (Department of Correction), Brett Owen, Sabrina Trocchi (Department of Mental Health and Addictions Services), Marie Desousa, Captain Mark Verdone (for Lt. Osten).

- A motion to call the meeting to order was made by Kevin Brace, Chairperson of the Correctional Staff Health and Safety Sub-Committee at 1:10 pm, and accepted by Chief Hurliman, and seconded by Director Lajoie.
- All members introduced themselves
- The minutes from the January meeting were presented. Shayne Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Director Lajoie seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by consensus.
- There were no public comments.

- Cell Phone Jamming
 - Information was presented on *H.R. 560/S. 251, the Safe Prisons Communications Act of 2009*
 - Shayne Wilson made a motion to have the Sub-Committee to support *H.R. 560/S. 251, the Safe Prisons Communications Act of 2009* because it had the support of Commissioner Murphy and AFSCME International.
 - Director Lajoie stated that in the spring the FCC will discuss the bill at a conference he is attending and he would report back to the Sub-Committee. He would also review upcoming technology and report findings to the Sub-Committee at a future meeting.
 - Chief Hurliman voiced a concern that emergency responders cell phones would not work if they responded to an emergency at a facility.
 - Marie Desousa voiced concern that Staff's cell phones might not work in the parking lot when Staff makes calls during their lunch breaks.
 - Shayne Wilson withdrew his motion.

- Overview of CT DOC Facilities
 - A handout of all DOC Facilities was given to all Sub-Committee Members
 - No Discussion

- Administrative Directive 9.5 Code of Penal Discipline
 - Can not take an inmate's recreation at Northern because of the OPNA agreement.
 - Discussion about the new changes at Northern regarding the ability to remove mattresses from inmates who use it to obstruct their windows, and the "black boxing" of inmates who manipulate their in-cell restraints.
 - Joe Vecchitto stated he felt that this was a labor management issue.

- Assault Summaries

- Discussion about the Assault on Staff Summary form.
- A suggestion was made by Captain Verdone to add a summary of the assault box on the form..
- Chief Hurliman noted that there should be a category if in inmate tries to choke a Staff member. Director Lajoie said he would make that recommendation when a review of the form was conducted.

- Other Business
 - Correctional Managed Healthcare
 - Donna Flores requests a total breakdown of expenditures.
 - Logo for letterhead.
 - A letterhead design was presented to the Sub-Committee by Kevin Brace
 - Marie Desousa and Sabrina Trocchi felt that the design was to intimidating because of the folger adams key and the handcuffs.
 - No vote was taken, and it was left to the Sub-Committee to submit designs for a letterhead.

- A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Brace and seconded by Shayne Wilson. Motion to adjourn was passed by consensus, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:33pm