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Paul Thissen, Speaker of the House
Minnesota House of Representatives
State Office Building
100 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Honorable Representative Thissen:

I received your request for information on the Department of Corrections (DOC) advisory groups and am happy to provide you with an update on the work they are doing.

You listed seven groups for the DOC: Battered Women and Domestic Abuse Advisory Council; Correctional Facility Site Selection Task Force; Female Offender Task Force; Health Care Peer Review Committee; Interstate Adult Offender Advisory Council; Interstate Compact for Juveniles Advisory Council; and Sex Offender Treatment Advisory Task Force.

The Battered Women and Domestic Abuse Advisory Council is not a DOC council. We believe this might be under the Department of Public Safety. Two other advisory groups, the Correctional Facility Site Selection Task Force and the Sex Offender Treatment Advisory Task Force, no longer meet or exist and were at the discretion of the Commissioner.

Four of the advisory groups you listed continue to meet and are still valuable. These are the Female Offender Task Force; Interstate Adult Offender Advisory Council; Interstate Compact for Juveniles Advisory Council; and the Health Care Peer Review Committee. The information for each of these advisory groups is on the following pages.

If you need any further information or would like to further review these advisory groups please don't hesitate to contact my office. Thank you again for your interest in the work of DOC advisory groups.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Roy", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Tom Roy,
Commissioner

Enclosure: DOC advisory groups

Department of Corrections Advisory Groups

260.515 Interstate Compact for Juveniles

Mission:

Under Minnesota statute 260.515, Minnesota is required to have this Advisory Council to be in compliance with the Interstate Commission for Juveniles. The Interstate Commission oversees the administration and operations of the interstate movement between compacting states for juveniles subject to this compact. The state advisory council provides guidance concerning the State of Minnesota's participation in Interstate Commission activities.

Membership:

Mr. Stephen King
Ms. Suzanne Elwell
The Honorable Michelle Larkin
Mr. Michael Downey
The Honorable Kathy Sheran
The Honorable Dan Hall
The Honorable Joe Mullery
The Honorable Jim Newberger
Ms. Jill Carlson
Mr. Jim Early
Mr. Pete Orput
Ms. Carolina Lamas
Sheriff Bill Bergquist
Ms. Midge Christianson
Ms. Rose Ann Bisch
Ms. Mical Peterson
Ms. Freddi Davis-English
Mr. Randy Hartnett
Mr. Ron Solheid
Mr. Tom Roy

The Advisory Council does not provide any compensation to its members.

Budget:

The Advisory Council does not have a budget.

Three most recent meetings:

September 9, 2013

June 3, 2013

December 10, 2012

Reports and Recommendations:

The Minnesota State Advisory Council has not issued any recommendations or reports to the Legislature or Governor.

Website:

The Minnesota State Advisory Council for Juveniles does not have a specific website. Information about the Advisory Council can be found on the website of the National Commission at www.juvenilecompact.org.

243.1606 Advisory Council on Interstate Adult Offender Supervision

Mission:

Under Minnesota Statute 243.1606, Minnesota is required to have this State Advisory Council to be in compliance with Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision. The Interstate Commission oversees the interstate movement of adult offenders in compacting states. The Minnesota Advisory Council provides guidance concerning the state's participation in the Interstate Commission activities.

Membership:

Mr. Stephen King, Chair
Ms. Suzanne Elwell, Vice Chair
The Honorable Michelle Larkin
Mr. Michael Downey
The Honorable Barb Goodwin
The Honorable Bill Ingebrigtsen
The Honorable Joe Mullery
The Honorable Jim Newberger
Ms. Jill Carlson
Mr. Jim Early
Mr. Pete Orput
Ms. Carolina Lamas
Sheriff Bill Bergquist
Ms. Midge Christianson
Ms. Rose Ann Bisch
Mr. Randy Hartnett
Mr. Ron Solheid
Mr. Tom Roy

The Advisory Council does not provide any compensation to its members.

Budget: The Advisory Council does not have a budget.

Three most recent meetings:

September 9, 2013

June 3, 2013

December 10, 2012

Annual report:

By March 1 of each year, the council provides a report to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the Senate and House of Representatives committees having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy on its activities and the activities of the interstate commission and its executive committee for the preceding year. The report must also include an assessment of how the interstate compact is functioning within Minnesota and across the country.

Website:

The Minnesota Advisory Council on Interstate Adult Offender Supervision does not have a specific website. The Advisory Council does post the annual report on the Department of Corrections (DOC) public website at www.doc.state.mn.us. Information about the Advisory Council can also be found on the website of the National Commission at www.interstatecompact.org.

241.71 Advisory Task Force on the Woman and Juvenile Female Offender in Corrections

Mission:

Promote and advocate for gender and culturally-responsive services for women and girls in the criminal and juvenile justice system.

This Advisory Task Force consults with the Commissioner of Corrections regarding choice of model programs to receive funding, reviews and makes recommendations on matters affecting female offenders, identifies problem areas, and assists the Commissioner in seeking improved programming for female offenders.

Membership:

Ms. Roxanne Sanderson, Chair

Ms. Jen Wright, Chair-elect

Mr. Scott Behrends

Ms. MerryWayne Elvig

Ms. Sandra Hahn

Ms. Maren Hardy

Ms. Vicki Hunter

Ms. Roberta Jones

Ms. Gwen Lerner

Ms. Renee Louck
Ms. Karmen McQuitty
Ms. Dawn Miller
Ms. Artika Roller
Ms. Julie Rud
Ms. Jan Scott
Ms. Carol Skradski
Mr. John Stuart
Ms. Cheryl Tigue
Ms. Esther Tomljanovich
Ms. Tracy Zabel

The Advisory Task Force is currently at full membership. It does not provide any compensation to its members.

Budget:

The Advisory Task Force does not have a budget.

Three most recent meeting dates:

The Advisory Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The three most recent meeting dates are as follows.

August 14, 2013

July 10, 2013

June 12, 2013

Recent reports and recommendations:

- Strategic Priorities 2011-2013, revised June 2013. This document includes the 2012 Annual Report to the Commissioner.
- Recommendation for use of the Gender-Responsive Program Assessment tool.
- 2011 Annual Report to the Commissioner.
- Gender-Responsive Curriculums and Targeted Domains.
- Strategies for Working with Female Inmates in Jail.
- 2010 Annual Report to the Commissioner.
- Strategic Priorities 2011-2013, December 2010.

Website:

The Advisory Task Force on the Woman and Juvenile Female Offender in Corrections website is located at <https://forums.doc.state.mn.us/site/fo/default.aspx>. The documents listed above are posted on this website.

241.021 Health Care Peer Review Committee

Mission:

To review and evaluate the quality of on-site and off-site offender care and treatment, including deaths of offenders, in order to evaluate and improve the quality of care and reduce morbidity and mortality.

Membership:

Dr. David Paulson

Ms. Lisa Staber

Mr. John Agrimson

Ms. Margaret Gemmell

Mr. Peter Menge

Mr. Steve Huot

Representative from the DOC Office of Special Investigations – membership varies

Physician at a DOC correctional facility – membership varies

Budget:

The Health Care Peer Review Committee does not have a budget.

Three most recent meeting dates:

July 16, 2013

June 18, 2013

May 21, 2013

Recent reports and recommendations:

Reports and recommendations are not public information.

Website:

The Health Care Peer Review Committee does not have a website.