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New Budget Restores Funds to Keep Correctional Facilities Open

Hudson Correctional Facility and Camps Gabriels, Mt. McGregor and Pharsalia will remain open as a result of a \$10.7 million legislative addition to the 2008-09 State Budget.

The Department of Correctional Services announced Jan. 11 it intended to close the four correctional facilities in response to a steadily declining State prison population that has resulted from a drop in crime and an array of early release programs for certain non-violent felons approved by the State Legislature since the late 1980s.

The Department announced the plans in accordance with Correction Law 79-a and 79-b. That 2006 statute established a formal mechanism for DOCS to follow in closing facilities, requiring a one-year notice and adherence to procedures aimed at protecting employees and exploring potential re-uses of the physical structures and grounds.

The closures were to take effect in January 2009, although the Work Release Building at Hudson and Mt.

McGregor, the medium security prison adjacent to the camp, were not part of the closure plan.

The Governor's 2008-09 Executive Budget, proposed in January 2008, reflected \$10.7 million in savings that would have been achieved through closure. The money was restored in the Public Protection and General Government Budget Bill adopted by the State Senate and Assembly April 2 and approved by Governor David A. Paterson. The total represents the cost to



Hudson Correctional Facility, top, and Camp Mt. McGregor

Governor Paterson Takes Office



David A. Paterson was sworn in as New York's 55th Governor on March 17. Elected to the State Senate to represent Harlem in 1985, Governor Paterson became Senate Minority Leader in 2003. He was elected New York's 74th Lieutenant Governor on Nov. 7, 2006. Legally blind, Governor Paterson, 53, lives with his wife and their two children. He was the State's first non-white legislative leader and its first African-American Lieutenant Governor. He is New York's first African-American Governor and is scheduled to serve the remainder of the term that runs through 2010.

Department of Correctional Services Commissioner Brian Fischer said DOCS expects a continued strong and cooperative working relationship with the Governor's Office under Governor Paterson.

operate the four correctional facilities through March 31, 2009 – the end of the 2008-09 fiscal year.

Earlier this year, DOCS reached agreements with the unions that represent civilian staff giving their members at closure facilities transfer preference, in seniority order, over other Department employees. The agreements with the Civil Service Employees Association and the Public Employees Federation also give such members who transferred similar preference to return to their former facilities.

Message from the Commissioner

As a new State fiscal year begins, this is a good time to look ahead to where the Department of Correctional Services is going.

We will continue to establish residential mental health treatment units of varying sizes and programmatic approaches to address the needs of our mentally ill inmates, and we will move ahead with needed treatment as part of our sex offender program, already the most comprehensive in the nation.

Budget-permitting, we will aim to undertake new initiatives, including a family reunion program at Albion, the continued conversion of Edgecombe into a drug treatment facility for parolees, the establishment of three new re-entry units on the scale of the 60-bed program at Orleans and the addition of staff in our Management Information Service unit to advance our use of technology.

But we must also continue to meet our often difficult and sometimes confusing everyday operational needs, keeping in mind the agency's primary goal: to operate



Commissioner
Brian Fischer

safe and secure institutions where we offer programs designed to meet inmates' needs while helping them prepare for the future. We have our critics – some internal – but we cannot be sidetracked by criticism or temporary setbacks.

During the coming fiscal year, we will be asked to hold the line on expenditures, reduce our use of overtime and look for savings wherever possible. We can only do this if everyone works together and communicates. To that end, I believe we have already made significant strides. DOCS/TODAY is one example; our extended use of the agency's web site is another. Beyond those efforts, I urge superintendents to seek input from their executive teams, and Central Office will continue to reach out to all facilities with as much information as possible.

Vince Lombardi once said: "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor." To paraphrase the famous football coach, I believe the quality of our agency is in direct proportion to all of our employees' commitment to doing their job to the best of their ability.

Inmates' Medicaid to be Suspended, not Terminated, Under New Law

New inmates entering State prisons and local jails will have an easier time accessing health care and mental health care after they're released, thanks to a new State law that suspends, rather than terminates, Medicaid upon a participant's incarceration.

The "Medicaid Suspension" law covers any inmate who entered a State or local correctional facility April 1 or after. Approved on July 18, 2007, the law puts those inmates who had been covered by Medicaid prior to their incarceration back on the Medicaid rolls automatically once they are released from prison.

Reapplying for Medicaid benefits can take anywhere from several weeks to three months. That time is critical, particularly when an ex-offender has just left prison and is trying to readjust to life in the community. Many offenders have substance abuse or mental health issues and need immediate treatment but cannot pay out of pocket as they wait for Medicaid benefits and look for a job. Some ex-offenders resort to costly hospital emergency rooms, with their visits ultimately paid by taxpayers. Others, unable to get the help they need in a timely manner, return to criminal activity.

"Automatically restoring Medicaid benefits to those who were already receiving them before incarceration will remove a key obstacle to offenders' successful reintegration into the community," said Commissioner Brian Fischer. "Health and mental health coverage is critical to establishing a productive and crime-free life after prison."

Hunter College conducted a study showing that in the year after release from a New York City jail, women with Medicaid coverage were less likely to be re-arrested, more likely to participate in residential drug treatment and more likely to receive needed medical care. Officials estimate 20 to 30 percent of inmates have Medicaid coverage immediately before entering prison.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the National Medicaid Commission and The National Commission on Correctional Health Care have all urged States to suspend rather than terminate Medicaid for the incarcerated. For New York State taxpayers, an added advantage of the suspension law is elimination of unnecessary and costly administrative burdens caused by the re-enrollment process.

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SHU Exclusion Law Limits Segregated Confinement for Mentally Ill

Seriously mentally ill inmates previously placed in Special Housing Units will receive more treatment and therapy outside their cells in special programs under a law approved this year.

The SHU Exclusion law, signed Jan. 28 as Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2008, builds on efforts the Department of Correctional Services began last year to enhance the care of the mentally ill. The law expands and makes permanent through statute many of the provisions in the April 2007 Private Settlement Agreement of the lawsuit brought against the State by the public interest group Disability Advocates Inc. (DAI)

The new law aims to balance enhanced treatment with safety and security in correctional facilities. Its key provisions do not begin to take effect until DOCS completes construction on and readies for occupancy a non-disciplinary, therapeutic Residential Mental Health Unit (RMHU) at Marcy Correctional Facility.

The law requires that seriously mentally ill (SMI) inmates in segregated confinement be offered at least four hours of out-of-cell therapy and/or mental health treatment, in addition to exercise, each weekday. Unless such inmates pose a safety or security threat, they will be housed at Residential Mental Health Treatment Units (RMHTU), which will be operated by DOCS and the Office of Mental Health (OMH). Under the new law, the RMHTU concept not only includes the RMHU but also the Behavioral Health Unit (BHU), the Intermediate Care Program and the Intensive Intermediate Care Program.

The law does allow DOCS to maintain the 38 Phase I BHU beds at Great Meadow Correctional Facility where inmates will be limited to two hours of out-of-cell therapy and/or treatment on weekdays. But it prohibits DOCS from adding any more Phase I BHU beds.

DOCS plans to open the 100-bed RMHU at Marcy by spring 2009. The need for any additional RMHUs will depend on the number of SMI inmates who will require a heightened level of care when the law takes effect. As required by the DAI private settlement agreement (PSA), DOCS and OMH are currently reviewing Special Housing Unit (SHU) confinement sanctions for all SMI inmates to determine whether some should be removed from SHU. Ongoing treatment and programs under the PSA could limit the number of additional RMHU beds needed.

The DAI settlement requires that two hours of out-of-cell time, five days per week, be offered to SMI inmates in SHUs but also requires that SMI inmates transferred to the Marcy RMHU be offered four hours of out-of-cell time. The SHU Exclusion law goes further by requiring the offering of four hours of a heightened level of care for SMI inmates both in SHUs and in separate lock units.

The main provisions of the law must begin to take effect either two years after the Commissioner certifies that the Marcy RMHU is ready to accept inmates or July 1, 2011, whichever is earlier.

DOCS anticipates eventually hiring new staff to provide the additional programming and security the new law requires. Employees that will work in RMHTUs will receive additional training, some of which may be provided by staff with OMH and the Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities.

The law's statement of legislative intent underscored the need for balance, declaring that "inmates with serious mental illness should be offered therapeutic care and treatment in residential mental health settings when doing so will not compromise the safety of inmates or other persons or the security of the facility."

The statute requires SMI inmates to be moved to an RMHTU from segregated confinement if such confine-



The new law aims to increase out-of-cell therapy, including group rooms like Sullivan's BHU, above.

ment could exceed 30 days, though existing rules and regulations for disciplinary hearings would be unaffected. The statute sets up a series of administrative reviews to ensure proper placement of inmates but requires that those to be placed in an RMHTU are moved there within three days of the ultimate determination.

Inmates in RMHTUs will get property, services and privileges similar to what general population inmates receive, though DOCS will retain some latitude for restrictions, including access to programs. Subject to DOCS and OMH Central Office review, facility superintendents, in conjunction with OMH, will have the authority to deny heightened out-of-cell therapy or programming for certain inmates.

DOCS will be able to keep SMI inmates in segregated confinement if they pose a substantial safety or security risk, or if mental health clinicians - psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and nurse practitioners - determine their mental condition would benefit by remaining segregated. In those cases, such inmates would

24th DOCS Olympics Coming to Albany June 3-7

More than 1,500 DOCS employees are expected in the Albany area June 3 through 7 to compete in 74 different athletic events as part of the 24th annual DOCS Employee Olympics.

The DOCS Olympics will coincide with the Department's annual Memorial Service and Medals Ceremony, to be held on Thursday afternoon, June 5, at the Albany Training Academy. The Olympic picnic is scheduled for that evening on the Academy grounds.

Employees participate in the Olympics on their own time. This year's major change involves replacing the 36-hole golf event with two 18-hole events at the re-



quest of a number of competitors. An individual 18-hole tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4 at Van Patten Golf Course, and a two-person best ball tournament is slated for the Western Turnpike Golf Club on Thursday, June 5, marking a return by the Olympics to Western Turnpike after nearly 20 years. This year, golf events will be limited to 144 competitors for all

events and there will no longer be handicap divisions in all individual events. Medals will all be awarded immediately after the events are finished. All golf events will start at 8 a.m. this year with shot gun starts. Sign-in will remain at 7 a.m.

Team events including softball, basketball and volleyball have drawn good numbers in the past, as have firearm events, bowling and golf. Newer events such as flag football and indoor soccer have witnessed increased participation since they were introduced. Texas Hold'em, Darts and other less strenuous events continued to be popular as well. Other events range from arm wrestling to bocce, chess to paintball and go-carts to rollerblading. Fishing derbies will be held on Saratoga Lake and the Hudson River.

"I encourage all employees to consider participating in the DOCS Olympics, which promotes fitness,

teamwork and morale," said Commissioner Brian Fischer. "Plus, it's just plain fun."

Last year, Clinton Correctional Facility took home the coveted Commissioner's Trophy, awarded annually to the facility that demonstrates outstanding participation, camaraderie and spirit in support of the Olympics.

"Clinton showed teamwork, effort, sportsmanship and skill pay off," said Olympic Director Dave Barringer.

This year's volleyball event is being moved to the brand new Raymond A. Ciccotti Family Recreation Center off Wolf Road in Albany. The tennis event has been moved to Friday, June 6 at 1 p.m.,

with the sports trivia competition moving to Wednesday, June 4 at 4 p.m.

The Civil Service Employees Association has again agreed to assist its members with application fees and plans to cover the entire \$30 base application fee for 2008. CSEA members who plan on entering events that have additional fees must include the additional amount with their application.

Olympic applications were mailed to facility coordinators on March 3. Employees who miss the May 9 application deadline should contact the Olympic Office to inquire about the possibility of late entry.

Albany's Best Western Hotel will again serve as the home away from home for the 2008 Olympics. Participants should call the hotel early to reserve rooms and should mention their affiliation with the DOCS Olympics to receive a discount rate of \$88 per night.



Above and at left: DOCS employees compete in the 2007 Olympics. Top: The 2008 logo.

Edgecombe Being Converted to Facility for Technical Parole Violators

Edgecombe Correctional Facility is undergoing a makeover as DOCS converts the 263-bed, minimum security Work Release center in Upper Manhattan to a new residential Technical Parole Graduated Sanction facility.

Edgecombe Residential Treatment Facility began offering 30-day treatment programs in April that will serve up to 100 male parolees who commit technical violations of their parole involving substance abuse. The treatment and services represent alternatives to additional incarceration in a general confinement facility and are being tailored to address the specific reasons an offender violated parole. To be run in conjunction with the Division of Parole, Edgecombe is expected to hold up to 230 technical parole violators ultimately.

“A short-term, treatment-intensive program makes more sense than another stay in

an upstate prison both for technical parole violators and State taxpayers,” said Commissioner Brian Fischer. “The conversion of Edgecombe will allow us, by partnering with the Division of Parole and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, to provide the treatment these violators need in a controlled and closely supervised setting without unnecessarily tying up much more costly general population prison space for longer periods of time. The goal is to be able to get parolees back into their communities, where they can continue treatment and supervision necessary for their success.”

Medical staff examine parolees entering Edgecombe, and counselors assess participants for placement in a drug intervention, cognitive behavior or drug prevention program, with case management follow-up planned in the community after their release. To be eligible for Edgecombe, a parolee must minimally have a technical violation of drug use with no pending criminal charges. Participation is based on a contract between the parolee

and the Division of Parole. Inmates with mental health or serious medical problems, or those with histories of sex offenses, will be excluded.

Providers licensed by the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) will provide treatment programs. A treatment team made up of staff from DOCS, OASAS and the Division of Parole closely monitors participants’ progress and assesses their needs. The participants’ assigned Parole Officers keep in close contact with facility staff to ensure parolees comply with



Then-Superintendent Cynthia Morton supervises as inmates help prepare Edgecombe Correctional Facility for its new mission as a parole sanction center. Superintendent Morton retired March 31.

treatment goals. Plans call for Edgecombe to provide group and individual counseling, with group topics to include relapse prevention, family integration and other topics. Programs run from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Edgecombe’s accessibility by public transportation and its central location in Manhattan make visiting easy for family members, who form a crucial

part of parolees’ support systems.

Parolees may be referred for transitional or permanent jobs and/or other services to help them return to society drug- and crime-free.

Edgecombe’s Work Release inmates were transferred in March to fill vacancies at the Lincoln and Fulton Work Release facilities, in Manhattan and the Bronx, respectively. The transfers are allowing those to be discharged to the metropolitan area to continue Work Release in New York City. Staff training for DOCS, the Division of Parole and OASAS began March 18.

Edgecombe’s conversion brings the facility full circle, in a sense. Before it became a Work Release facility 33 years ago, it operated as the Edgecombe Rehabilitation Center. Established during the administration of the late Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, Edgecombe Rehabilitation Center was part of the Narcotic Addiction Control Commission, the forerunner to today’s OASAS.

New Hats for COs, Sergeants; Grant to Provide New Duty Boots

New acrylic winter hats and new duty boots, free of charge, are in store for correction officers and sergeants this year.

DOCS will replace the traditional “arctic hats” with blue acrylic knit caps in time for the winter season. The new caps will be embroidered with the agency’s logo, eliminating the need for metal hat badges. Like the old hats, the new caps are being purchased from the State’s preferred source vendor, New York State Industries for the Disabled. NYSID is obtaining the caps from Standard Manufacturing of Troy.

Taxpayers will save about \$40,000 because of the switch; approximately 20,000 security staff will receive the new caps, which cost \$9 apiece, \$2 off the \$11 price of the old hats. Under Department rules, hats are replaced every five years.

DOCS’ budget also includes \$1 million for the purchase of new duty boots, at \$50 per pair, for officers and sergeants who were on the payroll as of April 1. Normally, employees purchase their own boots, which must meet specifications. But Senator Michael Nozzolio, who chairs the Crime Victims, Crime and Correction Committee, negotiated a one-time appropriation for new boots into the State budget.

“New York’s correction officers walk the toughest beat in law enforcement today,” Senator Nozzolio said. “It is only right that we do everything we can to ensure their safety, and it was a pleasure to fight for funding for boots that are essential to protect New York’s correction officers.”

The New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPBA), the union that represents officers and sergeants, chose 13 styles of boots from which members can select. DOCS negotiated through NYSID, which will obtain the boots in bulk from Gall’s, a major law enforcement equipment supplier based in Lexington, Ky. NYSID’s Human Technologies Corp. workshop in Utica will package each pair based on orders completed and submitted by each officer and sergeant.



“We are pleased to be providing essential equipment such as boots and hats that will help our officers and sergeants continue to do an outstanding job keeping our correctional facilities among the safest and most secure in the nation,” said Commissioner Brian Fischer.



- Galls

NYSCOPBA will send order forms to its members. The union is picking up the additional cost to have each pair of boots sent to employees’ homes, rather than their facility, from DOCS’ Support Operations unit.

“We’re very pleased that the Senate and Assembly pushed to secure this critical funding,” said NYSCOPBA President Larry Flanagan Jr. “We worked tirelessly with Senator Nozzolio, Assemblyman (Jeffrion) Aubry, DOCS Commissioner Fischer and NYSID to provide this critical equipment.”

Parole Hearings Moved Up to Aid Re-Entry Efforts

Inmates will go before the Parole Board four months prior to possible release, rather than two months, beginning in May 2008. The change is intended to give staff more time to prepare inmates for re-entry, preparation that is critical to the offenders’ successful return to the community.

All correctional facilities provide re-entry services, and DOCS also opened a specialized, 90-day re-entry unit at Orleans Correctional Facility in August 2007 in conjunction with the Division of Parole and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). The 60-bed unit accepts inmates between three and four months before their scheduled release to nearby Erie County and affords them the opportunity to meet in person with the parole officers, OASAS case managers, family members and representatives of community and faith-based organizations who will serve as support systems in the community. The Department hopes to open similar units at other correctional facilities. The change

in Parole Board scheduling will give inmates time to complete re-entry services.

“Holding Parole Board hearings two months earlier to provide additional time for inmates to prepare adequately for their return to the community is a common-sense change,” said Commissioner Brian Fischer. “It will greatly assist our important re-entry initiatives, which are aimed not only at helping the inmates but, most significantly, enhancing public safety.”

The change in scheduling applies to any inmate with a Parole Eligibility, Merit Eligibility or Supplemental Merit Eligibility release date. Correction counselors will continue to conduct Earned Eligibility Program reviews three months prior to Parole Board hearings.

Inmates who have not had a chance to complete their Merit program when scheduled for a Parole Board appearance four months prior to possible release may be rescheduled to allow them sufficient time to finish. Such rescheduling would be done so no inmates miss their earliest possible release date.

Children's Center, Theater Program, Yoga, Dance Come to Bayview

It's a new look at Bayview Correctional Facility, with a children's center, a theater program and auxiliary activities including yoga and modern dance debuting at the medium security women's prison in Manhattan within the last year.

Bayview's children's center opened in November 2007. Maintenance staff and several inmate maintenance workers spent three to four weeks repainting and installing furniture, games, books and a TV/VCR in space that had been vacant for several months after being used for Day Reporting and parent-child visits under the Family Dynamics program. The new space accommodates 18 people, including children 16 years old and under and two inmate caregivers who graduated from Bayview's parenting program. The center is open during weekend and holiday visits and some Tuesdays by arrangement through Family Dynamics, which is directed by Charlene McMullen.

Inmate caregivers do puzzles, read books and engage in other activities with the children. Inmates sign up with the Family Dynamics Coordinator to visit with their children in the center.

"We are well aware that it is important to do what we can to keep family ties as close as possible," said Ken Colao, Assistant Deputy Superintendent for Programs. "This center helps to achieve this goal. It gives children a place to grow both socially and educationally while adults are visiting, and secondly, it gives the incarcerated mother a chance to schedule special visits where they can meet with their children in a positive environment and participate in positive activities together."

Tracy Anthony called the center a big improvement over the Conference Room, where her two daughters used to visit her. "They have more games for the kids, a TV for the kids," she said. "We read books, we do story time."

The Theatre Connections program came to Bayview in late spring 2007. A spinoff of the Westchester County-based Rehabilitation Through the Arts program, which operates at Beacon and a number of male correctional facilities, Theatre Connections is affiliated with John Jay College in New York City under the direction of Professor Lorraine Moller and Mr. Colao.

Last Sept. 5, about 20 Bayview inmates staged a production of "Metamorphoses," the Mary Zimmerman adaptation of the Greek poem by Ovid. The production won a Certificate of Merit award for excellence in Ensemble Performance by the Region 2 American College Theatre Festival. The facility is gearing up for a spring 2008 production of "Twelve Angry Women" – adapted from Reginald Rose's classic 1957 screenplay "Twelve Angry Men," whose focus on the deliberations of the

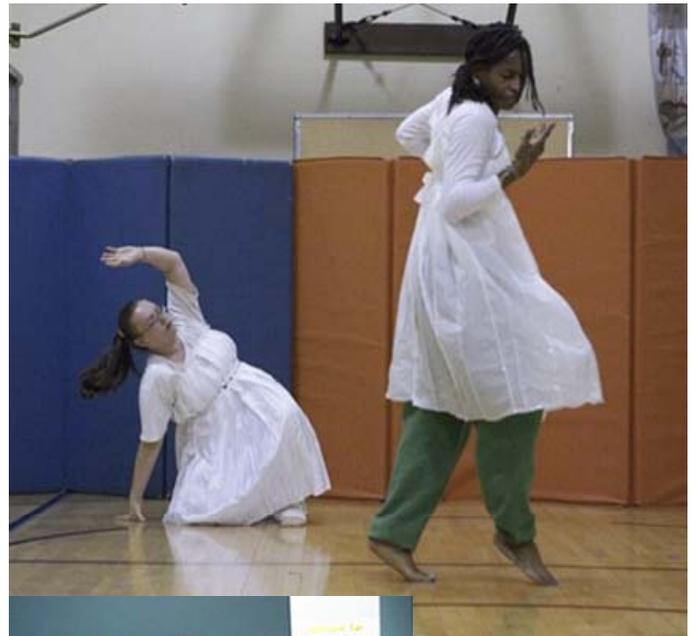
male jurors in determining whether an indigent minority with a criminal past was guilty of murder raised questions about the American system of trial by jury. This time, multiple performances are planned with outside guests invited to one.

Yoga also arrived recently at Bayview. About a dozen inmates are participating under instructor Heather Dolgin. The facility is looking to expand the Yoga program.

Modern Dance started at Bayview last April under instructor Helen Vangelina Gand of Vangelina Troup. The program has staged two performances, which featured singular expression-type dance to which outside guests were invited.

Also, the New York Junior League has been providing volunteers to conduct workshops dealing with personal empowerment, self esteem and financial issues.

"By fostering self-improvement and encouraging visits with children, these additions at Bayview embody key parts of DOCS' mission: strengthening family bonds and meeting the needs that will help inmates return to their communities better prepared to lead successful and crime-free lives," said Commissioner Brian Fischer.



Photos courtesy of Kristine Larsen

Mary Beth Hahn (left) and Shalonda Woods (right) perform as part of Bayview's Modern Dance Program, above.

At left, Bayview's children's center.

DOCS Staff Perform Acts of Heroism

At Franklin, Delivering a Life ...

When Franklin Correctional Facility registered nurse Tess Dumas reported for work on Sunday, Feb. 24, little did she suspect she would deliver her first baby – and become the first to do so inside a State correctional facility in memory.

Shanequa Fluellen had taken the bus to Franklin from Manhattan that day to visit her boyfriend, inmate



Pictured here at Alice Hyde Medical Center (left to right) are Lt. John Larry, Shanequa Fluellen, Nurse Phil Dabiew and Nurse Tess Dumas holding baby Kayvon Joseph Claybourne.

Keith Claybourne. As the two sat in the visiting room, Ms. Fluellen realized she was going into labor two weeks before her due date. Inmate Claybourne alerted Correction Officer Dean Harvey, and facility staff acted quickly.

Officer Harvey notified the Watch Commander, Lt. John Larry, and called Chart Sgt. Gerry Blow for an ambulance and medical staff to be dispatched to the visiting room. When Nurse Dumas arrived ready to tell Ms. Fluellen she would be transported to the local hospital, the expectant mother said she had delivered her two first children within 27 minutes of the first contractions. A quick assessment based on years of obstetric and gynecological experience convinced Nurse Dumas she had to act quickly.

After calling Nurse Phil Dabiew for assistance, Nurse Dumas orchestrated a makeshift delivery room in the visiting area between the visiting and package rooms. Officer Harvey secured blankets from the Special Housing Unit and held the oxygen for Ms. Fluellen. Inmate Claybourne, who had been granted permission to stay with his visitor during the delivery, held her head. Cor-

rection Officer Jason Phippen handed necessary implements to the nurses.

At 11:40 a.m., four minutes after the ambulance arrived, Nurse Dumas helped Ms. Fluellen deliver Kayvon Joseph Claybourne. He weighed in at eight pounds, three ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Nurse Dumas accompanied mother and baby to Alice Hyde Medical Center and reported both were doing well.

Ms. Fluellen praised Franklin's staff. "They were awesome," she said. "I felt very comfortable with them. They took good care of me and my baby."

"Tess is the hero," said Nurse Dabiew. "She was so calm and collected throughout the entire situation." Lt. Larry agreed, crediting the nurses and staff. "It happened so fast, and they were in control," he said.

"I knew I had to act fast," said Nurse Dumas, who joined DOCS in 2000 and recently took a refresher course on delivering babies when her granddaughter was born. "The officers were very helpful. I stayed positive and it was an easy delivery. The cord was wrapped around the baby's neck but I gently removed it. I'm just glad to know that mother and baby are okay."

The nurses' heroics won them "Cheers" in the Plattsburgh Press-Republican's "Cheers and Jeers" column. "Congratulations to the new parents and the medical staff, which came through under extremely unusual circumstances to become the only tandem in many decades to deliver a visitor's baby in a state prison," the Press-Republican declared. "It's heartwarming to see people from different walks of life and different backgrounds come together to further the cause of a human being in need -- even in a prison."

And Saving a Life ...

Greg Janisewski has worked as a correction officer since 1984 and served 14 years on the Chateaugay Fire Department. But he never had to attempt the Heimlich Maneuver until Jan. 23 at Franklin Correctional Facility.

During the evening meal, Inmate Troy Snell began



CO Greg Janisewski

choking on a piece of food that had become lodged in his throat. Officer Janisewski dislodged the food and inmate Snell began to breathe freely again. Medical staff examined inmate Snell and cleared him to resume normal activities.

"It happened so fast," said Officer Janisewski. "I was just doing my job." But his actions both saved and

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changed inmate Snell's life, according to Lt. Jody Johnson. "The inmate stated he feels he was given a second chance at life and wants to approach the way he does things differently," Lt. Johnson said in a memo to Superintendent Darwin LaClair successfully nominating Officer Janisewski for Employee of the Month for March. "The impact of Officer Janisewski's actions have a wide reaching impact on the lives of inmates and co-workers."

In his own memo to Superintendent LaClair, inmate Snell wrote: "I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for his (Officer Janisewski's) quick response in saving my life."

Gouverneur Sergeant Executes Thin-Ice Rescue

A day off for Gouverneur Correctional Facility Sgt. Clay F. Bressette turned into a day he – and the teenage girls whose lives he helped save – will never forget.

A 22-year DOCS veteran and a 10-year volunteer with the Edwards Fire Department in St. Lawrence County, Sgt. Bressette received word through his wife on Dec. 9, 2007 that two girls had broken through thin ice on the Oswegatchie River in Edwards. It was nearly the same spot where, more than 17 years ago, Sgt. Bressette and others had been unable to prevent the drowning of a 14-year-old boy who had gone fishing.



Sergeant Clay Bressette

In this case, the girls had pulled themselves out of the frigid water and onto the ice when Sgt. Bressette arrived. He directed them to lie down so their body weight would be more evenly distributed and less likely to break the ice.

He secured a clothesline from a bystander, threw the line to the girls and pulled them to safety.

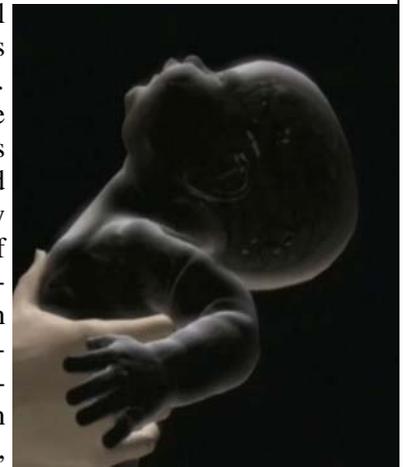
Sgt. Bressette didn't even mention the incident to colleagues at Gouverneur, who read about it in the Watertown Daily Times. "It was nothing big," he said, though he acknowledged it was a better feeling than the sense of helplessness 17 years earlier.

Inmates Learn About "Shaken Baby Syndrome"



These images are part of a DVD that DOCS acquired through the Department of Health to educate inmates on the recognition and prevention of "Shaken Baby Syndrome." Produced in Minnesota, the DVD has been sent to each facility to be shown as part of Phase I and Phase III of the Transitional Services Program as required by a 2007 law.

The 8 ½-minute film features interviews with couples who had to deal with the deadly consequences of Shaken Baby Syndrome and instruction on the specific vulnerabilities of young infants. Shaking can cause brain injury, cerebral palsy, blindness, learning and behavior problems, seizures, paralysis, and even death. Babies' heads and necks should always be supported when they are held. Four out of five shaken baby cases are caused by men in their early twenties, in most cases the father or the mother's boyfriend. There are 1,000 to 3,000 cases per year in the United States. In New York, about four in five victims are under the age of one.



Injuries From Shaken Baby Syndrome

- Brain Damage
- Blindness
- Paralysis
- Seizures
- Fractures
- Death

Transitions

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NAME	TITLE	FACILITY	NAME	TITLE	FACILITY
DEATHS			CIVILIAN RETIREMENT		
Daryll F. Paquette	Corr Officer	Adirondack	John W. Dirks	Assnt Dir of Education	Main Office
Thorne Davis	Corr Officer	Arthurkill	Jean Botta	Director of Library Svcs	Main Office
William R. Marr	Corr Officer	Auburn	Mary Anne Klein	Agency Labr Rel Rep 2	Main Office
Keith C. Johnston	Corr Officer	Bare Hill	Martha Yourth	Senr Correction Cnslr	Main Office
Orville T. Mateer	Plant Util Engr 1	Coxsackie	Kenneth F. Shannon	Assoc Budget Anlst	Main Office
Antonio Knight	Corr Officer	Edgecombe	Robert E. Fiore	Infection Cntrl Nurse	Main Office
David A. Beach	Electrician	Franklin	James Matthews	Ind Install and Repair	Main Office
Peter Comstock	Nurse 2	Gowanda	Leslie Lansing	Assoc Persnl Admr	Main Office
Anthony Dashner	Corr Officer	Gowanda	Sandra Brooks	Teacher 4	Marcy
Tommy Dodson	Alch&Subst Abuse Asst	Livingston	Robert Fisher	Deputy Supt Admnv	Marcy
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D/T Shifts Publication Schedule

Beginning with this issue, DOCS/TODAY is shifting its publication schedule from the beginning to the middle of each calendar quarter to better coincide with the news cycles that impact the Department.

Each year, the Governor outlines his annual priorities through the State of the State Message and Executive Budget in January. DOCS/TODAY will include reports on the Governor's annual initiatives for the Department and for public safety in the Winter issue, which will be delivered to facilities around mid-February.

New York's fiscal year begins April 1 and the State Legislature aims to adopt a final annual budget by then. Accordingly, DOCS/TODAY will include reports on the adopted budget with an aim of delivering the Spring issue to facilities around mid-May – beginning with this publication.

To keep to a regular quarterly schedule, DOCS/TODAY will plan to send Summer issues to the facilities by mid-August and Autumn issues by mid-November.

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Sullivan Leads Franciscan Fraternity Effort

It began with one inmate seeking a continuation of spiritual development after transferring to Sullivan Correctional Facility. It continued when the inmate's efforts inspired a Franciscan leader to switch his focus from an outside Secular Franciscan

Order to an emerging religious community at Sullivan. And it has developed into a bid to establish an SFO encompassing men throughout the State prison system.

Inmate

Larry Sieteski transferred from Great Meadow Correctional Facility to Sullivan in 1998. He had been Minister-in-Service at Great Meadow to an emerging community associated with the SFO fraternity at Siena College in Loudonville, just north of Albany. Seeking to continue his development as a Franciscan at Sullivan, inmate Sieteski wrote several letters to SFO fraternities in Orange, Greene and Sullivan counties expressing a desire to establish a program of Franciscan spirituality at the prison. At first, he got no visits. But his letters were eventually forwarded to Otto Schaefer, director of formation for the Solanus Casey Region of the SFO and a resident of Wappingers Falls in Dutchess County. Mr. Schaefer agreed to travel the 65 miles to Sullivan to meet with Father Stan Ogbonna, the prison's Catholic chaplain, inmate Sieteski and other inmates in October 2005. A member of the Secular Franciscan Order, Mr. Schaefer was moved by the inmates' request for assistance and eventually

declined re-election as director of formation for his SFO region to concentrate his efforts on assisting the "Friends of Francis" at Sullivan, visiting monthly to meet with 11 inmates desiring to become Secular Franciscans.



Volunteer Otto Schaefer, Community Chaplain Jack Moylan and Rev. Stan Ogbonna (L-R), with Larry Sieteski (back right) and fellow inmates.

For the last two years, the inmates have conducted a silent retreat on the Feast of Saint Francis (Oct. 4) and have contributed their artistic talents to create cards for children living in institutions such as the Cardinal Hayes Home in Millbrook. The inmates often provide coffee and pastries after Catholic mass at Sullivan and show monthly religious videos.

After reading "A Franciscan Approach to Prison Ministry," an article by Brother Jack Moylan published in 2006 in St. Francis College's alumni magazine, "The Terrier," Mr. Schaefer contacted Brother Jack. A member of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis (OSF), Brother Jack is also Director of the Office of Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Affairs for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, which covers all of Long Island. In that role, Brother Jack had already visited Sullivan and other State correctional facilities. After hearing from

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NAAWS Raising Funds for Katrina Children

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With Willard Drug Treatment Campus Superintendent Mel Williams taking the lead for New York, the North American Association of Wardens & Superintendents (NAAWS) is raising money and organizing volunteers to help the children of prison employees in Louisiana and Mississippi whose lives were disrupted by Hurricane Katrina.

In partnership with the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, NAAWS has launched "Make A Smile," a project to build playgrounds in three areas, hard-hit by the 2005 natural disaster, that are home to many correctional staff.

Superintendent Williams, Vice President - NAAWS, is challenging his fellow New York prison superintendents to donate personally, urge their executive team members to follow suit, encourage their employees and employee organizations to raise funds and ask their inmate organizations to make donations in accordance with inmate organization charters.

"These families will spend years trying to get back what they lost," Superintendent Williams said. "We will try and take away some of the pain of the parents by giving their children a

safe, healthy, fun place to go."

With a scheduled May 5 construction start, volunteers working with reduced-price materials provided by playground designer Cunningham Associates intend to build playgrounds and picnic shelters in New Orleans' hard-hit Ninth Ward and another in the nearby town of Bogalusa, near Rayburn Correctional Facility. The next goal is a playground in the Mississippi town of Moss Point, followed by rehabilitation of at least two more in New Orleans.

"I applaud Superintendent Williams and NAAWS for this humanitarian work, which demonstrates our solidarity with those in the corrections family whose lives were seriously disrupted by Hurricane Katrina," said Commissioner Brian Fischer.

Mr. Williams said the project will require more than \$100,000 in donations and 150 volunteers on site. All donations should be made out to "Make A Smile" and sent to NAAWS, P. O. Box 11037, Albany, NY 12211-0037. Those who wish to volunteer time and labor should email zukey5@aol.com and state their construction skills, from laborer to craftsman.

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have to be provided an alternative heightened level of care of two hours of out-of-cell time per day, though DOCS would be able to restrict an SMI inmate from such out-of-cell therapeutic programming if that would pose an unacceptable risk to safety and security or if OMH felt it was not clinically warranted.

All inmates moved to segregated confinement will be screened by a clinician for suicide risk. SMI inmates in segregated confinement will be regularly reassessed by OMH clinicians for potential placement in an RMHTU.

The law prohibits a restricted diet as a disciplinary sanction for inmates in RMHTUs. The law also prohibits the issuance of misbehavior reports to SMI inmates who refuse treatment and/or medication. However, SMI inmates can be disciplined if they refuse a direct order to go to the location where treatment is provided or medication is dispensed.

The statute also creates a "presumption against" disciplinary charges for self-harming behavior, including destruction of state property, or threats of such behavior, absent exceptional circumstances.

The Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities will be empowered to monitor mental health care of inmates, with direct access to inmates and department records. The Commission will be able to recommend that inmates in segregated confinement be evaluated for placement in an RMHTU. The new law allows the Commission to begin exercising its oversight authority on July 1, 2008.

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Mr. Schaefer, Brother Jack began making special visits to Sullivan twice a year to present afternoon retreats based on a Franciscan theme.

Mr. Schaefer has contacted the National Office of the Secular Franciscan Order about the Sullivan inmates and those at other New York State correctional facilities who had been members of SFO's before being incarcerated and want to continue their spiritual development by following a Franciscan way of life. Mr. Schaefer is seeking guidelines as he and Brother Jack try to establish an SFO fraternity that would encompass men across the State prison system.

Cook Chill Offered to Counties to Boost Nutrition, Savings

The Food Production Center at Oneida Correctional Facility will offer meals to any county jail requesting them in the coming year, saving local property taxpayers money and providing inmates in local jails with the same nutritious meals as State inmates.

It's the latest in a series of Food Production Center expansions since the Cook-Chill operation began in 1992. Then, Cook-Chill supplied about 5,000 inmates at the four nearby State prisons. Starting in October 2003, the Food Production Center began feeding all State inmates. It now produces nearly 83 million pounds of food and drink annually for the more than 62,000 inmates at all 70 DOCS facilities, in addition to supplying the Oneida County Jail with 1,200 meals per day.

DOCS currently feeds each of its inmates for \$2.28 per day. The Food Production Center, which has been accredited seven straight times by the American Correctional Association, has the physical capacity to serve every county in the State outside New York City for an average of \$3 per inmate per day, including the cost of transportation. County jails spend an average of about \$5 per inmate per day, and the State estimates counties could save up to \$730 per inmate per year by using Cook-Chill.

"We have worked hard to develop a food program that supplies State inmates with nutritious meals three times a day while saving State taxpayers money through an efficient, centralized operation," said Commissioner Brian Fischer. "We now have the means to supply all local jails in the State outside New York City and are pleased to offer the same advantages to them. The more counties that choose to participate, the greater the potential savings to both their own property taxpayers and to State taxpayers through economies of scale."

Oneida County, which began contracting with DOCS in 1998 to purchase Cook-Chill meals, saves about \$40,000 per year from the arrangement, according to Undersheriff M. Peter Paravati. "They have a superior menu to anything we've seen," he said. "There's (food) preparation involved, but it's simpler and more manageable. We had no reason to go for it except for cost and benefit. We really think it's good for counties. I would just advocate every county take a look at it."

The Cook-Chill operation's cost reflects only the production and transportation of the food, which is chilled immediately after preparation, shipped in large,

sealed plastic bags and easily reheated at the facilities just before it is served. This year, any county outside New York City can elect to participate and receive itemized menu offerings with a price per item.

"We're pleased that counties are exploring this opportunity," said Stephen J. Acquario, executive director of the New York State Association of Counties, who joined more than 40 officials from 19 counties across the State to tour the Food Production Center on April 10.

DOCS will offer additional support to any county in nutritional analysis development, working off the Department's or county's menu to develop the most cost effective food service program. Counties could also take advantage of State contracts for equipment and supplies.

As of early April, DOCS was in discussion with 36 county jails about providing their inmates meals.

A \$19 million physical expansion of the two-story Food Production Center two years ago increased its square footage by 15,000, to 47,000. With the expansion, DOCS is now saving \$6.2 million per year in food expenditure costs compared to the price for each correctional facility to produce its own meals and the additional disposal expenses that would result from smaller and more numerous packages required by a decentralized operation.

Although Cook-Chill food has a shelf life of up to six weeks, it is normally consumed within two weeks, helping to assure freshness and cut the need for costly refrigeration space. Approximately 140 inmates and 80 corrections employees work in the Food Production Center. To store and transport the food produced there, DOCS keeps 29 refrigerated trailers, two unrefrigerated trailers, a box truck and 10 tractors.

To supplement the Food Production Center, DOCS procures and/or processes food for religious holidays and inmate special events.



Above: Food Service Administrator Thomas Marchesane (right) supervises Angelo Meliti (left) and Roger Miller processing onions in the vegetable preparation room. Below: Head Cook Nicholas Gualtieri (left) looks on as Samuel Jimenez, Maurice Moody and Wilson Aleman (L-R) add ingredients to meatball stew.

