

**NEW YORK CITY
BOARD OF CORRECTION**

January 8, 1997

MEMBERS PRESENT

John R. Horan, Acting Chair
Canute C. Bernard, M.D.
Louis Cruz
Peter J. Johnson, Jr.
Stanley Kreitman
Barbara Margolis
David Schulte

Excused absences were noted for Chair William H. Booth and Member David Lenefsky.

The January meeting was devoted to discussing Board organizational and planning matters, and to a staff presentation of information on critical issues facing the Board in the coming year. The following topics were discussed:

- **Board budget and staffing:** Executive Director Richard Wolf announced that based upon discussions with City Council Finance Division staff it appears that the Board will receive \$300,000 for this fiscal year and most likely for the coming years. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) insists that since this additional funding is only for the current fiscal years, the Board cannot hire additional staff because it would be unable to fund these positions in FY 98. This difference will be resolved very soon, and Mr. Wolf will inform Board members of the decision.
- **Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA):** Mr. Wolf discussed in length the status of the pending litigation regarding the PLRA and its impact on the Minimum Standards. Board members expressed an interest in establishing a Board committee to conduct an internal review of the Standards.
- **Board's relationship with the Department of Correction (DOC):** A discussion was held regarding some difficulties in the relationship between BOC and DOC, and DOC's failure to comply with conditions attached to several recent variances.
- **Health and Mental Health issues:** Deputy Executive Director Cathy Potler provided an update on the current costs of providing health services to inmates and the possibility of a new vendor taking over the delivery of health care systemwide. Compliance monitoring is critical when the new vendor takes over.

Acting Chair John Horan adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. at which time the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel- related matters.

Mr. Horan reported that the following resolution, introduced by him and seconded by Board member David A. Schulte, was adopted unanimously by all members present during the Executive Session:

It was resolved that a Personnel Subcommittee be hereby created, and the Board affirmed that the Personnel Subcommittee be made up of three members of the Board, appointed by the Chair. It was further resolved that no action or recommendation of the Personnel Subcommittee regarding the appointment, disciplining, or termination of any member of the Board's executive staff shall be taken except pursuant to this resolution.

The Board also resolved to establish the following subcommittees, in addition to the Personnel Subcommittee: (1) Standards Review Subcommittee; (2) Health and Mental Health Standards Review Subcommittee; and (3) Employee Recognition Subcommittee.