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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Follow-up to December 11 and 16, 2019, Subcommittee meetings

Dear Director Stirling:

The Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee appreciates the S.C. Department of Corrections' (SCDC) continued partnership in the oversight process. As follow-up from the December 11 and 16, 2019, Subcommittee meetings, below are questions of interest to various members of the ad hoc subcommittee. Please provide this information by Tuesday, January 14, 2020. In SCDC's responses, if the information applies differently to male and female inmates, please indicate any differences. Please do not include information in SCDC's responses, which may endanger the safety of inmates or agency staff.

Cell Phones

1. Are there any revisions to S.156 that SCDC suggests to obtain court orders terminating cell phone use in the facilities?

Security Staffing

2. Please provide the security staffing report prepared by Dr. Roth.
3. Has SCDC implemented any recommendations from the security staffing report? If so, which ones?

Inmate Grievances, Health, and Re-Entry

4. Please provide the number of inmate grievances received by SCDC, separated by type, during the last three years?
5. What benefits could be obtained if SCDC was authorized (e.g., by statute or court order) to apply for Medicaid on behalf of an inmate without the inmate's consent?
6. Please indicate if inmates who are anticipating re-entry into the community are acclimated to current technology as part of the re-entry program. If so, how is this done?
7. What potential programs, which represent costs to the state, may an individual need if they leave incarceration and are unable to support themselves?

Remote Release

8. For inmates that could have been remote released (e.g., processed for release at a local jail but were transported to SCDC for SCDC to process the release), please provide the following for the last three years: (a) total number and (b) number by county.
9. When SCDC releases an inmate, how does the individual get back to their home county?
10. Would SCDC support a recommendation that would mandate local facilities utilize remote release? If so, what statutory or proviso language would SCDC recommend?

Facility Management

11. How many corrections institution managers are trained and certified in mold abatement?
12. Please explain the SCDC indoor air quality protocol for when mold is discovered.
13. How many personnel are needed to identify and inspect holding cells throughout the state?
14. How many personnel are needed for the Management Review Program?

Procurement

15. Please provide the exemption request SCDC submitted related to internet advertising for open employee positions and the response received from the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.
16. What other exemptions to procurement does SCDC currently recommend (e.g., boilers, healthcare, etc.)? Please list the potential benefits of these recommendations in comparison to the drawbacks in the current system.

Fuel Depot

17. Please provide a list of agencies that currently utilize the SCDC fuel depot.
18. What is the price comparison between the SCDC fuel depot and private sector gas stations?
19. Please list the cities in which SCDC currently has a fuel depot.

Uniform Purchases

20. Please list which local detention facilities have and have not purchased uniforms from SCDC during the past three years.

LAC Audit and Updated Information

21. Please provide the status of implementing changes recommended in the Legislative Audit Council's audit of SCDC.
22. Please provide an updated version of SCDC's Program Evaluation Report.

Workforce Programs

23. Please provide a table, similar to the example below, which provides information related to the three main workforce programs.

Workforce Program	Examples of jobs available	Inmate Earns Work Credit	Inmate Earns Work Skills	Inmate Paid Money	Who is the service/product available to? (potential customers)	Is the customer charged for service/product?	Applicable statutes
Traditional		✓	✓	X	- SCDC - State agency - Local government - Non-profit		
Service				✓	- Private sector		
Prison Industries Enterprise				✓	- Private sector		

24. During the past three years, how many items did agencies purchase from SCDC and what types of items did each agency purchase?
25. Please provide the revenue and costs from prison industries for the past three years.
26. State statute requires agencies to provide SCDC information on products the agencies anticipate purchasing from SCDC in the coming year. Please provide a list of agencies which provided this information to SCDC in each of the last three years.
27. Please list which prison industries are, and are not, financially self-sustaining.
28. In the SCDC Office of the Deputy Director for Administration presentation, why does the pie chart on slide 28 not add up to 100%?

Drug Testing

29. In other southeastern states, how many personnel are responsible for conducting drug testing of employees?
30. Please indicate whether SCDC has an annual benchmark number of staff to drug test.
31. In regards to pre-employment drug tests, what is the approximate number of positive versus negative results for job candidates during each of the last three years?

Employee Grievances and Recruitment

32. What were the five most commonly received employee grievances, by year, from 2016-2019 and number of each?
33. How does SCDC track which employee recruitment methods are most effective?
34. Approximately how many law enforcement personnel have been lost to local detention facilities during the last three years? Of those, for how many has SCDC been able to recover training costs?
35. Please describe the SCDC intern program and number of persons who have participated in the last five years.

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In responding to these questions, please remember the Committee's expectations, which are provided in the Committee's Standard Practice 9. The Subcommittee looks forward to working collaboratively with SCDC during the oversight process. Thank you and your team for your service to the citizens of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward R. Tallon Sr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward R. Tallon Sr.
Subcommittee Chair

cc: Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee