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CORRECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL FOR SEXUAL MINORITIES
NEWSLETTER

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The committee has scheduled meetings for the remainder of the year. The first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. has been selected for the time. This means that the meetings will be: September 1, October 6, November 3, and December 1. The next meeting will be September 1 at 1:30 p.m. at the Bureau of Correction. The meeting will be held in the second floor conference room.

Directions for getting to the location are:

1. From Turnpike, get off at Exit 17 and follow North U.S. 15. Proceed to the second exit (Slate Hill Road). At the stop sign turn left, then right. Proceed to top of hill and at stop sign turn left. As you come down the hill, the Bureau of Correction is the first building outside the fence of the institution.
2. From Harrisburg, take Interstate 83 South to Exit 19 (New Cumberland). At light turn right. Go through the next two lights. Then make the first left possible (at end of cemetery). Proceed through the stop sign to the right turn (Lisburn Road). This will pass by the institution. The Bureau of Correction is the second building outside the fence.

There are some key issues currently being dealt with. One is the composition of the committee. Those approved by the council will continue. It has been decided that the committee should always have representatives from the following:

Sexual Minority Community
Governor's Council for Sexual Minorities
Bureau of Correction
Parole Board
Bureau of Youth Services

Members have certain responsibilities:

1. Regular attendance at meetings.
2. Responsible for tasks in their area of expertise or geographic area.
3. Regularly report progress to committee.
4. Be responsive to issues in geographic or work area.
5. Identify an alternate person if unable to fulfill the above.

Goals which are being considered include:

1. Identify problem areas for sexual minorities in corrections and juvenile justice.
 - A. Follow-up on individual complaints
 - B. Consultation with officials
 - C. Contact with other organizations sensitive to inmate problems
 - D. Inter-agency coordination to form committees to examine problems and propose solutions.

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2. Education

- A. Develop materials for training of employees in justice, perhaps by hiring a consultant.
 - B. Public information about the facts of sexuality in prison
 - C. Education of inmates about sexuality
 - D. Serving as a resource for education to organizations and agencies dealing with corrections
3. Coordination with the Council and other subcommittees on matters of mutual interest through close communication.
4. Identify and support other organizations involved with prison reform.

Another matter is a proposed new name for the committee - Committee on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

Give some thought to these issues as they will be discussed at the next meeting. Also bring any new business with you.

Those persons not officially on the committee can be of assistance by providing input to committee members and by being active in their respective committees.

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