



CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

NO. 22-98 September 28, 1998

TO: SHERIFFS, JAIL ADMINISTRATORS, SUPERINTENDENTS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION, SECURE CENTER DIRECTORS

RE: NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COMMISSION'S FIELD STAFF

The Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of several new staff members to the Bureau of Field Operations. All were carefully recruited and screened for their wealth of relevant experience, their exceptional skills and their ability to work smoothly with correctional and juvenile justice executives and staff throughout New York State. The Commission believes each of them will be an excellent resource for New York's correctional and juvenile justice establishments for many years to come.

Richard Colon

Richard Colon comes to the Commission from his former position of Inmate Grievance Program Supervisor at the Sing Sing Correctional Facility. Richard served as the Grievance Program Supervisor for nearly seven years where he was responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Grievance Program Office. He also served as a member of the facility's Critical Stress Debriefing Team and Quality of Work Life Committee. Prior to this position, Richard worked as a correction officer at Sing Sing. He is a 1977 graduate of Queens College, New York City, and is currently studying for an M.P.A. degree at Pace University. He resides in Harriman, New York and is assigned to the Commission's New York City Office.

Thomas Cowin

A graduate of Niagara University, Thomas most recently served as a correction officer and counselor at the Mecklenberg County Sheriff's Department in Charlotte, North Carolina. There, in addition to his regular duties, he was assigned responsibilities related to the county's work release program. Previously, he was employed by the Hillcrest Juvenile Detention Center in Syracuse, New York, where he supervised youth held for family court and county court. Thomas will work out of the Commission's Albany Office and is currently assigned to the Central Region Team.

Todd D'Alessandro

Todd is a former correction officer and inmate service specialist at the Albany County Correctional Facility. He began his career as an officer in 1984 where he worked virtually all posts in the facility. In 1986, he became a corrections counselor and advanced to inmate service specialist in 1987 where he remained until moving to the Commission. As an inmate service specialist, he conducted intake interviews, made referrals to both in-house and community programs and supervised several facility programs. Todd is a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College and resides in Watervliet. He is assigned to the Commission's Albany Office and works as part of the Western Region Team.

Dawn Kryk

A native of Rochester, New York, Dawn is a former resident counselor at St. Joseph's Villa in Rochester. While at St. Joseph's, Dawn supervised female residents and also worked on the facility's internal audit program to ensure consistent compliance with all applicable state and agency rules and regulations. Dawn is an honors graduate of Elmira College. She will work with the Commission's Standards Development Unit which is formulating minimum standards for the management and operations of the secure centers for juveniles operated by the State Office of Children and Family Services (formerly the Division for Youth). She is assigned to the Commission's Albany Office.

Joan Quinlan

Joan comes to the Commission from the State Council on Children and Families where she has served as a Research Associate since 1996. A Certified Social Worker, Joan worked as a social worker and later program manager at the Western New York Children's Psychiatric Center in West Seneca, from 1986-1996. She also held previous clinical positions at other Office of Mental Health treatment facilities in Western New York as well as Parsons Child and Family Center in Albany.

Joan received her Undergraduate degree at the State University College at Oswego and her Master's degree in Social Work at the Graduate School of Social Welfare, Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs, University at Albany.

Joan directs the Commission's Standards Development Unit which is tasked with formulating minimum standards for the management and operations of the secure centers for juveniles operated by the State Office of Children and Family Services (formerly the Division for Youth). She is assigned to the Commission's Albany Office.

Alan J. Croce, Chairman/Commissioner