



**Commission of
Correction**

THOMAS A. BEILEIN
Chairman

PHYLLIS HARRISON-ROSS, M.D.
Commissioner

THOMAS J. LOUGHREN
Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSION MEMBERS
FROM: Brian Callahan, General Counsel *BC*
RE: AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING
DATE: November 15, 2016 at 11:00AM

I. MINUTES

SCOC

October 18, 2016

CPCRC

November 10, 2016

MRB

Administrative Closures

II. VARIANCES

- A. Onondaga County Penitentiary**
02-V-10
(Section 7040.3 Facility Population Limitation)

III. MFC

- B. Greene County Jail**
- C. New York City Department of Correction**
North Infirmity Command
- D. New York City Department of Correction**
West Facility

IV. CONSTRUCTION

- E. New York City Department of Correction
Anna M. Kross Center**
Direct Supervision Resign of Modular Housing
Buildings No.'s 17, 18, and 19

- F. New York City Department of Correction
Rose M. Singer Center**
Modification of Housing Area No. 11 into a PACE unit.

- G. Plattsburgh City Court**
Modification of Court Feeder Holding Pen

V. DIRECTIVE

- H. Greene County Jail**



Commission of Correction

THOMAS A. BEILEIN
Chairman

PHYLLIS HARRISON-ROSS, M.D.
Commissioner

THOMAS J. LOUGHREN
Commissioner

MINUTES

LOCATIONS:

STATE COMMISSION OF CORRECTION
Alfred E. Smith State Office Building
80 So. Swan Street, 12th Floor
Albany, New York 12210-8001

STATE COMMISSION OF CORRECTION
Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building
163 W 125th Street, (5th Floor)
New York, New York 10027

DATE OF MEETING: October 18, 2016

Chairman Beilein called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

PRESENT:

- Thomas Beilein, Chairman
- Thomas Loughren, Commissioner
- Phyllis Harrison-Ross, M.D., Commissioner (**Participated from NYC Office Above**)
- Tricia Amati, Assistant to Chairman/Commissioners
- Richard Kinney, Director of Operations
- Brian Callahan, General Counsel
- Debbie Slack-Bean, Senior Attorney
- Terry Moran, Deputy Director of Operations
- Bill Benjamin, Supervisor of Central Region
- Deborah Clark, Supervisor of Hudson Lakes Region
- Keith Zobel, Supervisor of Metro Region
- Justin Mason, Deputy Director of Public Information
- Janine Kava, Director of Public Information

DATE: October 18, 2016 at 11:00AM

I. MINUTES

SCOC September 27, 2016	Approved Unanimous Loughren/Ross
CPCRC October 13, 2016	Approved Unanimous Loughren/Ross
MRB Administrative Closures	Approved Unanimous Ross/Loughren

II. VARIANCES

- A. **Onondaga County Penitentiary
02-V-10** Approved Unanimous
(Section 7040.3 Facility Population One (1) Month
Limitation) Ross/Loughren
- B. **Saratoga County Jail
08-V-05** Approved Unanimous
(Section 7040.3 Facility Population Four (4) Month
Limitation) Loughren/Ross
- C. **Saratoga County Jail
13-V-06** Approved Unanimous
(Section 7040.3 Facility Population Four (4) Month
Limitation) Loughren/Ross

III. MFC

- D. **New York City Department of Correction
Brooklyn House of Detention** Approved Unanimous
Ross/Loughren
- E. **New York City Department of Correction
Manhattan Detention Center** Approved Unanimous
Ross/Loughren
- F. **New York City Department of Correction
Otis Bantum Correctional Center** Approved Unanimous
Ross/Loughren

IV. CONSTRUCTION

- G. **New York City Department of Correction
Anna M. Kross Center** Approved Unanimous
Resdesign of (8) Outdoor Areas to Recreation Ross/Loughren
Spaces
- H. **New York City Department of Correction
George Motchan Detention Center** Approved Unanimous
Pace Housing Project Ross/Loughren
- I. **New York City Department of Correction
Otis Bantum Correctional Center** Approved Unanimous
Redesign of (12) Outdoor Holding Pens Ross/Loughren
to (3) Outdoor Recreation Spaces
- J. **NYS Department of Corrections and
Community Supervision** Approved Unanimous
Woodbourne Correctional Facility Loughren/Ross
Rebuild Existing SHU Walls and Replace Fixtures

V. REGULATORY REFORM

K. **Notice of Proposed Rule Making**
Addition of Subdivision (e) of
Section 7001.1 of Title 9 NYCRR

**Approved Unanimous
Ross/Loughren**

Commissioner Loughren made a motion to go into executive session at 11:13am to discuss Construction and MRB items, which was seconded by Commissioner Harrison-Ross, M.D.

Commissioner Harrison-Ross, M.D. made a motion to exit Executive Session and return to general session at 11:55am, which was seconded by Commissioner Loughren.

The meeting resumed at 11:56am. Motion was made by Commissioner Loughren to ratify actions taken in Executive Session regarding MRB and Construction items, seconded by Commissioner Harrison-Ross, M.D.

Commissioner Harrison-Ross, M.D. made a motion to adjourn at 11:56am which was seconded by Commissioner Loughren.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Amati
Assistant to Chairman/Commissioners



Commission of Correction

THOMAS A. BEILEIN
Chairman

PHYLLIS HARRISON-ROSS, M.D.
Commissioner

THOMAS J. LOUGHREN
Commissioner

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MINUTES

LOCATIONS:

STATE COMMISSION OF CORRECTION
Alfred E. Smith State Office Building
80 So. Swan Street, 12th Floor
Albany, New York 12210-8001

STATE COMMISSION OF CORRECTION
Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building
163 W 125th Street, (5th Floor)
New York, New York 10027

DATE OF MEETING: October 18, 2016

PRESENT:

Thomas Beilein, Chairman
Thomas Loughren, Commissioner
Phyllis Harrison-Ross, M.D., Commissioner (**Participated from NYC Office Above**)
Tricia Amati, Assistant to Chairman/Commissioners
Richard Kinney, Director of Operations
Brian Callahan, General Counsel
Debbie Slack-Bean, Senior Attorney
Terry Moran, Deputy Director of Operations
Bill Benjamin, Supervisor of Central Region
Deborah Clark, Supervisor of Hudson Lakes Region
Keith Zobel, Supervisor of Metro Region
Justin Mason, Deputy Director of Public Information
Janine Kava, Director of Public Information

Commissioner Loughren made a motion to go into executive session at 11:13am to discuss Construction and MRB items, which was seconded by Commissioner Harrison-Ross, M.D.

Commissioner Harrison-Ross, M.D. made a motion to exit Executive Session and return to general session at 11:55am, which was seconded by Commissioner Loughren.

The meeting resumed at 11:56am. Motion was made by Commissioner Loughren to ratify actions taken in Executive Session regarding MRB and Construction items, seconded by Commissioner Harrison-Ross, M.D.

Commissioner Harrison-Ross, M.D. made a motion to adjourn at 11:56am which was seconded by Commissioner Loughren.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Amati
Assistant to Chairman/Commissioners

CITIZENS' POLICY AND COMPLAINT REVIEW COUNCIL

November 10, 2016

NYS Commission of Correction
at
Alfred E. Smith Office Building
80 South Swan Street, 12th Floor
Albany, NY 12210,
And
Williamsville, NY

PRESENT:

Commissioner Thomas J. Loughren

Council Members:

Albany:

Doug Landon

Nick LaBella

Tom Cross

Williamsville

Julie Scalione

Also Present:

Deborah Slack-Bean

Terry Moran

Theresa Crystal

Vicky Walker

Commissioner Loughren opened the meeting at 10:59 A.M.

Commissioner Loughren asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting. Doug Landon made a motion to approve the minutes and Tom Cross seconded. Carried.

Doug Landon reviewed (36) Expedited with Comment grievances for the month of November 2016. Doug made a motion to return Westchester County Grievance # 75363 and to deny the remaining grievances with the appropriate comments. Seconded by Nick LaBella and unanimously passed.

Julie Scalione, Tom Cross, Don Nadler, and Nick LaBella, as Expedite sub-committee, reviewed the SharePoint expedited grievances. Julie Scalione reviewed Albany County grievances to Franklin County Grievances (43), Tom Cross reviewed Fulton County grievances to Steuben County Grievance # 75068 (43), Don Nadler reviewed Steuben County Grievance # 75534 to Warren County Grievance # 75978 (43), and Nick LaBella reviewed Warren County Grievance # 76371 to Westchester County grievances (43). Julie Scalione, Tom Cross and Nick LaBella made motions to deny the expedited grievances that they reviewed. These motions were all seconded by Doug Landon, and unanimously passed. Upon Don Nadler's recommendation, Doug Landon made a motion to deny with comment the Tompkins County Grievance # 75817, and to deny the remaining grievances from Steuben County Grievance #

75534 to Warren County Grievance # 75978. This motion seconded by Tom Cross and unanimously passed.

The Council reviewed the remaining grievances.

ACCEPT

76301
Clinton CJ Unanimous

75803
Steuben CJ Unanimous

ACCEPT IN PART

74826
Chautauqua CJ Unanimous

76007
Chenango CJ Unanimous

75247
Franklin CJ Unanimous

75436
Onondaga DOC Unanimous

75194
Onondaga JC Unanimous

74916
Ontario CJ Unanimous

75011
Rockland CJ Unanimous

75017
Warren CJ Unanimous

76088
Wayne CJ Unanimous

75942
75944
Westchester DOC Unanimous

DENY WITH COMMENT

75664
75667
Chautauqua CJ Unanimous

74914
Nassau CJ Unanimous

75983
Wayne CJ

Unanimous

ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURES

DENY

75864
Albany CJ

Unanimous

75854
75994
Broome CJ

Unanimous

75815
Cattaraugus CJ

Unanimous

75734
75463
75874
75615
75295
75694
75665
75654
75666
75735
75736
75737
75565
Chautauqua CJ

Unanimous

75668
Chemung CJ

Unanimous

76006
76035
75934
75935
75936
Chenango CJ

Unanimous

74554
Clinton CJ

Unanimous

75937
Delaware CJ

Unanimous

75995
75996
75997
76014
75998
76015
Dutchess CJ

Unanimous

75341	
75340	
74812	
74813	
75477	
75550	
75551	
75563	
75825	
75553	
75245	
75698	
Franklin CJ	Unanimous
75796	
Fulton CJ	Unanimous
76141	
Genesee CJ	Unanimous
75875	
75865	
76082	
Herkimer CJ	Unanimous
75938	
76117	
75939	
Monroe CJ	Unanimous
75797	
75858	
74957	
75799	
74797	
74915	
Nassau CJ	Unanimous
75556	
Niagara CJ	Unanimous
75940	
Onondaga DOC	Unanimous
75195	
75357	
Ontario CJ	Unanimous
76136	
75897	
76216	
75898	
75859	
74006	
76137	
75899	

76138 76174 75860 Orange CJ	Unanimous
76176 76165 Otsego CJ	Unanimous
76142 Putnam CJ	Unanimous
75868 76085 75158 76258 76154 74683 Rockland CJ	Unanimous
75739 Seneca CJ	Unanimous
75441 75283 75075 75068 75534 75519 75741 Steuben CJ	Unanimous
75416 75438 75419 75439 75440 75870 75656 75999 76000 76017 75871 St. Lawrence CJ	Unanimous
75160 75175 75358 74800 75161 74879 76094 Suffolk CJ	Unanimous
76086 76118	

76119
76120
76095
75818
Tompkins CJ

Unanimous

76036
75900
75795
75286
Ulster CJ

Unanimous

76037
76195
76008
76196
76009
75974
76038
75975
76010
75977
75978
76371
76039
75979
76040
76012
75980
76041
76217
75981
76218
76302
76326
76042

Warren CJ

Unanimous

75982
76156
76177
76178
76089
76144
Wayne CJ

Unanimous

75360
76043
75542
76044
75941
75804
75557
75376
75901
75902

75359
75543
76045
76046
76013
75361
75362
75558
75364
76179
75943
75559
75720
75807
Westchester DOC

Unanimous

DENY WITH COMMENT

75282
75674
75003
Chautauqua CJ

Unanimous

75695
Delaware CJ

Unanimous

75857
Herkimer CJ

Unanimous

75236
75014
75259
Nassau CJ

Unanimous

74815
74816
74817
74799
Onondaga DOC

Unanimous

75163
75164
75517
Orleans CJ

Unanimous

76175
Oswego CJ

Unanimous

75535
Steuben CJ

Unanimous

75418
75570
St. Lawrence CJ

Unanimous

76087
75817
Tompkins CJ

Unanimous

76075
76011
Warren CJ

Unanimous

76143
75573
Wayne CJ

Unanimous

75618
75697
75619
75521
75544
75545
75805
75718
75719
75806
Westchester DOC

Unanimous

RETURNED TO FACILITY

75363
Westchester DOC

Unanimous

The next CPCRC meeting will be held on Thursday December 8, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at SCOC, AESOB 80 S. Swan St. 12th Floor, Albany, NY 12203 and at Williamsville, NY 14221.

Commissioner Loughren requested a motion to adjourn the meeting which was made by Doug Landon, seconded by Tom Cross, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Walker
Secretary

Name of Facility: Onondaga DOC

Variance # 02-V-10

New: Renewal:

Relief from Standard: 7040.3

Application by: Commissioner Hanna

Date Request Rec: 10/31/16

Last Approved: 10/18/16 Length of Approval: 30 days Expiration: 12/1/16

Write-up Prepared by: Elisha Hamilton

Recommendation by Field Staff:

Approve for a period of **120 days**, with a modified condition #10 and a new condition #11.

Condition #10 - Any of the plumbing modifications to housing area #10, as outlined in your variance application, must be first approved by the Commission before the project is advertised for bids. If it is not contemplated that a bidding procedure is to be followed, approval must be obtained before any construction or renovation is undertaken.

Condition #11 -

The county shall include with any future extension request a status report on its efforts to secure additional permanent beds by modifying the plumbing in the Unit 10 housing area and relocating current exercise equipment.

Recommendation at Briefing:

Final Recommendation:

SUMMARY OF VARIANCE REQUEST

Commissioner Hanna is requesting a four month extension to Variance #02-V-10, which authorizes 36 beds via the use of double ceiling in four housing areas. He stresses that the county continues its efforts in reducing the population of the facility through discussions with local judges, courts, probation, and the Department of Correctional Services and Community Supervision (parole violators). Commissioner Hanna also offers the following options to secure additional permanent beds for the facility. This includes:

1. Making the necessary plumbing modifications to the bathroom area of Unit 10 to allow for an additional 12 beds. Commissioner Hanna anticipates obtaining the funding for the project and completing the necessary work within four months.
2. Commissioner Hanna will be requesting a revision to the facility's Maximum Facility Capacity formulation to allow for the conversion of 14 variance beds #99-V-16 into permanent beds. #99-V-16 currently allows 7 additional beds in each of the Unit #1 A Section and Unit #1 C Section dayspaces for a total of 14 beds. In order to meet the requirements of 7040.5, the facility would permanently vacate one cell in each of those sections. Commissioner Hanna submitted request for the MFC revision under separate cover.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS IF APPROVED

HOUSING UNIT	CELLS	MFC	INCREASE	TOTAL
2A	12-15	16	4	20
2	33-40	32	8	40
3	8-33/33-38	48	12	60
4	8-33/33-38	48	12	60
TOTAL:			36	

1. Those inmates who are housed in the above-noted areas **must** be provided with a mattress and bed frame to be used as a bed.
2. That "active supervision" must be provided on a 24-hour basis, pursuant to 9NYCRR Section 7003.2(c) when inmates are housed in any of the above-noted areas.
3. That inmates housed in these areas receive the same services and programs as the general population.
4. That the facility maintain information on all double-celled inmates which shall include, but is not limited to: (a) name and location of the inmate; (b) date of entrance into and release from double-celling; and (c) reason for release. These records shall be made available to Commission staff upon request.
5. That the facility will monitor its double celling plan by tracking rates of incidents, grievances, and complaints directly related to double celling. These records shall be made available to Commission staff upon request.
6. That the county shall continue double-celling according to the double-celling plan submitted and approved by the Commission. That the county shall advise the Commission of any substantive changes to the double celling plan.
7. That the county must comply with an operational capacity for the Onondaga County Penitentiary. When the county experiences and overflow, inmates must be boarded out to other counties.
8. That the county shall not exceed the operational MFC for the purpose of boarding inmates. The Commission does not approve variances for the purpose of generating revenue.
9. Inmates assigned to a double cell must be the same security classification.
10. Any of the plumbing modifications to housing area #10, as outlined in your variance application, must be first approved by the Commission before the project is advertised for bids. If it is not contemplated that a bidding procedure is to be followed, approval must be obtained before any construction or renovation is undertaken.

11. The county shall include with any future extension request a status report on its efforts to secure additional permanent beds by modifying the plumbing in the Unit 10 housing area and relocating current exercise equipment.

VARIANCE HISTORY

- 2016- Recommendation Approval
 Action Taken Approved at 10/16 Meeting
 Length of Variance 30 days
 Conditions, if changed: Submit plan to comply with 7040.3
- 2016- Recommendation Approval
 Action Taken Approved at 7/16 Meeting
 Length of Variance 3 months
 Conditions, if changed: Submit plan that addresses overcrowding
- 2016- Recommendation Approval
 Action Taken Approved at 1/16 Meeting
 Length of Variance 6 months
 Conditions, if changed: Submit plans that address overcrowding
- 2015- Recommendation Approval
 Action Taken Approved at 4/15 Meeting
 Length of Variance 1 year
 Conditions, if changed:
- 2014- Recommendation Approval
 Action Taken Approved at 4/14 Meeting
 Length of Variance 1 year
- 2013- Recommendation Approval
 Action Taken Approved at 4/13 Meeting
 Length of Variance 1 year
 Conditions, if changed:
- 2012- Recommendation Approval
 Action Taken Approved at 4/12 Meeting
 Length of Variance 1 year
 Conditions, if changed:
- 2011- Recommendation Approval
 Action Taken Approved at 8/11 Meeting
 Length of Variance 9 months
 Conditions, if changed:
- 2010- Recommendation Approval
 Action Taken Approved at 8/10 Meeting

Length of Variance 1 year
Conditions, if changed

2009- Recommendation Approval
Action Taken Approved at 8/09 Meeting
Length of Variance 1 year
Conditions, if changed:

2008- Recommendation Approval
Action Taken Approved at 8/08 Meeting
Length of Variance 1 year
Conditions, if changed:

2007- Recommendation Approval
Action Taken Approved at 8/07 Meeting
Length of Variance 1 year
Conditions, if changed:

2006- Recommendation Approval
Action Taken Approved at 8/06 Meeting
Length of Variance 1 year
Conditions, if changed:

Length of Variance 1 year
Conditions, if changed from first variance: SAME

CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION PLANS

None.

OTHER VARIANCES IN EFFECT

99-V-16 (16 beds) approved for one year in April 2016.

STAFF INFORMATION AFTER SITE VISIT (DATE OF LAST VISIT TO FACILITY):

On October 7, 2016, Commission staff members William Benjamin and Elisha Hamilton visited the Onondaga County Penitentiary. During the visit, they identified current housing areas in which potential additional beds-at-standard could be realized. These areas were discussed with Commissioner Hanna and his Executive team. Subsequently a letter outlining these areas was forwarded to Commissioner Hanna.

DATE OF LAST CYCLE VISIT THAT STANDARD VIOLATIONS WERE IDENTIFIED:

January 2015

ANY OPEN MINIMUM STANDARD VIOLATIONS:

Full Compliance

ANY VIOLATIONS WHICH PERTAIN TO THE VARIANCE'S CONDITIONS:

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR WHY VARIANCE SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE EXTENDED:

Extension of this variance for 120 days will allow the facility to properly classify inmates while moving forward with its plans to secure additional permanent bed space by modifying plumbing in the Unit 10 housing area and requesting a revision to the Maximum Facility Capacity for the Unit 1 A Section and Unit 1 C Section housing areas.

REVIEWED BY REGIONAL SUPERVISOR:

TM

DATE:

11/7/16

OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

NOTES OF MEETING: _____



New York State
Commission of Correction
80 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12205
518-485-2465
518-485-2467 (Fax)

New	_____
Renewal	_____
Variance #	_____
(SCOC USE ONLY)	

Thomas A. Beilein
Chairman

Variance Application Form

INSTRUCTIONS TO SHERIFF OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Pursuant to New York State Minimum Standards Part 7050, Variances, please complete all portions of this form and mail or fax this form Attn: Chairman/Commissioner to the address or fax number listed above.

Facility: Onondaga County Department of Correction

Person requesting: William J. Hanna III, Commissioner

(Sheriff/Chief Administrative Officer)

- A. State the specific part, section and subdivision of New York State Minimum Standards for which the variance is requested: Example: 7040.3 states that, the total number of inmates confined within each correctional facility shall not exceed the maximum facility capacity of such facility. To request a variance to house additional inmates within the facility the citation should be listed as:

Ex. Part: 7040 Section: 3 Subdivision: n/a

Standard for which the variance is requested:

Part: 7040 Section: 3 Subdivision: N/A

- B. In the space provided below include specific plans fully explaining and supporting the alternative manner of compliance. If you are requesting a modification to an existing variance please include that information in the area below as well. (Include or attach any relevant supporting documentation)

Cells used for double-celling are in close proximity to officer stations. All inmates are provide a bunk. Active Supervision is performed on a 24 hour basis in these areas. All inmates receive the same services as all others in General Population. Information/files are maintained on all double-celled inmates to include dates & times. Complaints are tracked. Facility double-cells in accordance with NYS Commission Guidelines. Variance beds will only be used when the inmate population deems necessary. Variance limits are never exceeded.



Commission of
Correction

THOMAS A. BEILEIN
Chairman

PHYLLIS HARRISON-ROSS, M.D.
Commissioner

THOMAS J. LOUGHREN
Commissioner

October 14, 2016

Commissioner William Hanna
Onondaga County Department of Correction
407 South State Street
Syracuse, New York 13202

RE: Overcrowding Management Site Assessment

Dear Commissioner Hanna:

On October 7, 2016, Commission staff members William Benjamin and Elisha Hamilton completed a site visit of the Onondaga County Penitentiary. The purpose of the visit was to assess the Department's compliance with the conditions of variance #02-V-10 and to review the facility's physical plant for feasibility of converting existing space into permanent inmate housing.

The Onondaga County Penitentiary boards in an average of 90 inmates daily from the Onondaga County Justice Center. As you know, the Commission currently authorizes a total of 52 variance beds at the Onondaga County Department of Correction and has recently notified your Department that the county must submit a plan to comply with Section 7040.3 as part of any future extension requests. Failure to do so could result in revocation of the variance. I urge you to examine the various capacity enhancement options outlined in this correspondence.

This correspondence will outline the areas assessed and the potential of each with respect to added capacity.

Unit 1, Section A Lower and Unit 1 Section C Lower

Both of these housing areas are currently authorized eight (8) additional beds in the day area via variance #99-V-16. As part of this authorization, one cell in each housing area is used solely as a bathroom for those inmates in the day area. This results in a net gain of 14 beds.

Based upon the overall size of the day areas, which exceeds the minimum required, these spaces could be converted into 7 permanent additional beds-at-standard for both housing areas. This would require the continued use of the converted cells as bathrooms.

Conclusion

The conversion of these spaces into additional permanent housing (14 beds) is practical, with no anticipated cost to the county.

Unit 10/Gymnasium

In 2012, the gymnasium was partially converted into a permanent 48-bed multiple-occupancy housing area two years after having housed inmates there as part of Commission variance #10-

V-12. This 3,628 square foot housing area is within the secure part of the facility and has natural light, three (3) toilets, two (2) urinals, four (4) sinks and five (5) showers.

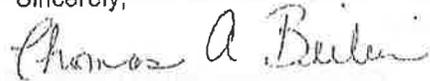
The remainder of the gymnasium includes a 1,200 square foot staff weight room (partitioned off) with various exercise equipment and lockers. The feasibility exists for an additional 12 beds-at-standard in this area if the partition, equipment, and lockers were removed, and at least one of the following occurs:

1. The two current urinals are removed and replaced with two toilet/sink combo units; or
2. One additional toilet and sink is installed.

Conclusion – *The expansion of this housing area by 12 beds is feasible, with the removal and relocation of the weight room, as well as the above-mentioned plumbing work. This would also increase the safety of the housing area by eliminating potential inmate access to the weight equipment.*

This information has been provided to Onondaga County as technical assistance in identifying a potential increase in capacity of 26 beds at the Penitentiary. Obviously, these steps alone may not fully address the long-term housing needs of Onondaga County. Any plans to add to the capacity of the Onondaga County Penitentiary would require prior Commission approval. The Commission remains available to assist in this endeavor.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Belleh
Chairman

cc: Assistant Commissioner Randy Blume
Captain George Manolis