

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY
MINUTES: May 24, 2010**

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COMMITTEE: Martin Rogowsky, Chair, William Burton, Peter Harckham, William Ryan, John Nonna, Judy Myers

In Attendance: **CEO:** Katy Delgado **DOC:** Justin Pruyne, William Mazzula **BOL:** Anne Reasoner, Bob Boland, Larry Goldstein, Melanie Montalto

MINUTES:

Chairman Rogowsky called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Justin Pruyne and William Mazzula of the Department of Corrections updated the Committee on the status of providing inmates healthcare since the Westchester Medical Center terminated their contract. They stated that in January the Department received a letter from the Medical Center stating that they are going to opt out of their third year agreement to provide inmate healthcare. The Department sent out an RFP for another provider, and they were able to get the applicant pool down to 4 organizations, all of which were interviewed and gave presentations. The Department chose Correct Care Solutions of Tennessee, mostly because they deal in large jail facilities, dealing with 60 jails across the country.

Mr. Pruyne and Mr. Mazzula stated that Correct Care Solutions will come in and replace all of the medical staff that is currently on the property, and that the company stated that they will try to retain the staff that currently works with the inmates, if they are interested in leaving the Medical Center.

Chairman Rogowsky stated that he understands that talks are still happening with the Medical Center and they may still work things out to provide the services. Everyone agreed that a decision would be made as to who is providing the healthcare services within the next few days.

The Committee discussed the possible cost of using this new out of state company, and how they can estimate the cost for the year, but it may be higher in the end and we have to be careful in spending. They discussed the possible costs of overflow when there is a shortage of beds as well.

With a motion by Legislator Harckham seconded by Legislator Burton the Committee on Public Safety and Security adjourned with a vote of 5-0 at 10:00 a.m.

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