

To: Alvis House Staff
From: Denise M. Robinson
Date: February 28, 2007
Subject: President's Report

Even with the terrible weather we've experienced over the past few weeks, it's good to be in Ohio, at least if you're a corrections professional. I recently had the opportunity to provide some technical assistance to a work release program in Louisiana. That state spends just \$32.67 per day to incarcerate adult offenders, compared to \$67.17 in Ohio and the national average of \$62.05. Louisiana has the highest incarceration and the highest inmate mortality rates in the nation. The work release program I visited received a per diem of just \$13.00, which is a windfall compared to the \$1.98 per day average that the state pays to supervise an offender on probation or parole. I returned very grateful for the support that community corrections programs have in Ohio and our state's commitment to providing evidence-based programs that reduce recidivism. Four staff from the Louisiana program are planning to visit Alvis House programs and observe our operations in April.

Alvis House has been fortunate during the recent bad weather. Staff did a tremendous job of pulling together to ensure 24-hour coverage. Some stayed on shifts longer and others worked extra shifts to make up for the staff who were not able to get to work. I also want to commend the maintenance staff for all of their extra work, which included keeping areas clear of snow, quickly restoring heat at Price Hall, and even helping some staff get to work.

ADMINISTRATION

40th Anniversary Celebration: So far, we have firm commitments to buy five tables and have collected \$650 for advertising. We only have 20 more tables to go. The photographer was at Alvis House on February 12 to take client and family pictures for the annual report, as well as pictures of the board of trustees and executive management group. Many thanks to everyone for all the time and effort they've contributed so far on this event.

Talking points, the cost sheet and other resources can be found on the L drive of the server, in the folder titled AH 40th Anniversary. That folder is immediately followed by a folder called AH Client, Program Pictures, so as you take pictures of clients at outings, doing community service, etc., they can be saved there for use in materials for the 40th Anniversary. Please let Gloria Iannucci or Heather Hines know if you need more information or resources to sell tables and/or advertising.

Finance: Alvis House ended January with a net fund balance of \$30,246.43 - wonderful news considering that January has historically not been a profitable month. Thank you to all whose efforts to control expenses contributed to the surplus.

Nipps, Brown, Leppert and Collins, Inc., CPAs, began its fiscal audit of the agency for 2006 this month. The results of the audit will be presented to the Finance Committee and board of trustees in March.

Training: In conjunction with the new contract with the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) at OhioLink, Dr. Randy Shively is providing training to the staff on supervising “high needs” young adult offenders.

Agency staff have attended several trainings recently at ODRC. The staff at both reentry programs attended “Faith-Based Programming, Reentry and Recidivism,” a full day training sponsored by ODRC’s Institute on Correctional Best Practices and OSU’s Criminal Justice Research Center. Five management staff attended “The Extraordinary Leader: Going from Good to Great,” and three staff attended computer courses at the Correctional Training Academy.

PROGRAMS

Children of Incarcerated Parents (CIP): CIP staff and Alum Creek staff have worked together to add Transitional Control clients who did not go to London Correctional Institution (where CIP institutional programming has traditionally taken place) to the program. This has been approved by ODRC and will help to increase the number of program participants and maximize the grant.

Young Adult Reentry (YAR): One client has now been out of a DYS institution for 38 days, the longest he has stayed out of an institution in four years. Three clients have been accepted to begin higher education programs: one at Central State University; one at Wright State University; and one at Columbus State Community College.

We are in the process of completing a proposal to provide pregnancy prevention services to youth in the program. If approved, the project will be funded through the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services.

Veterans Residential Program (VRP): There are eight relatively new volunteers at the program. Four will help clients with their employment needs by helping clients prioritize, write resumes, and make calls to employers. The other four volunteers are willing to help transport clients to and from work

We have overcome some technical difficulties with our equipment, enabling all clients who had been previously on “passive” global position satellite (GPS) monitoring to be transferred to “active” GPS units. On a passive system, the client’s movement and history is transmitted when the unit is placed into the charging stand. The active system enables Alvis House staff members or other authorized individuals to log onto a secure web site and view client movement in real time, as well as their movement history.

MR/DD Programs: Most of the program residents seem to like and benefit from the new programs recently instituted. At the same time, both the Supportive Living program and Wittwer Hall program have seen an increase in residents’ display of maladaptive behaviors, such as aggression, suicidal threats and leaving the facility. We have increased staffing levels and are working closely with parole officers and County Boards of MR/DD Services to appropriately address these issues.

Employment: The Employment Department saw a total of 54 new clients in January. There were seven clients enrolled in the TANF employment program and 17 enrolled in the COWIC program.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Alum Creek: Because of the severe cold temperatures, a water supply line leading to the sprinkler system in the attic of the facility burst on February 2, allowing water to spill into a bathroom below. The piping will be repaired when the temperature reaches the mid-40s. The drywall ceiling will also need to be repaired.

OhioLink: We temporarily had to use portable heaters in a portion of the facility due to a heating problem. The wing that holds the kitchen was very cold while the wing with the lounge was very warm. It turned out to be a faulty thermostat and has been corrected.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

The revised audit standards of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) require that all staff who interact with clients receive 24 hours of training specifically directed toward changing offender behavior. All direct care staff currently receive 40 hours of training, which is the standard for the American Correctional Association. We are reviewing the current training to ensure that both ODRC and ACA standards are being met.

Diann Lauderdale, the cook at our Cope facility in Dayton who has been with Alvis House since 1993, has been in the hospital for several weeks recovering from severe burns she received when a fire broke out in her house.

Community Service Notes:

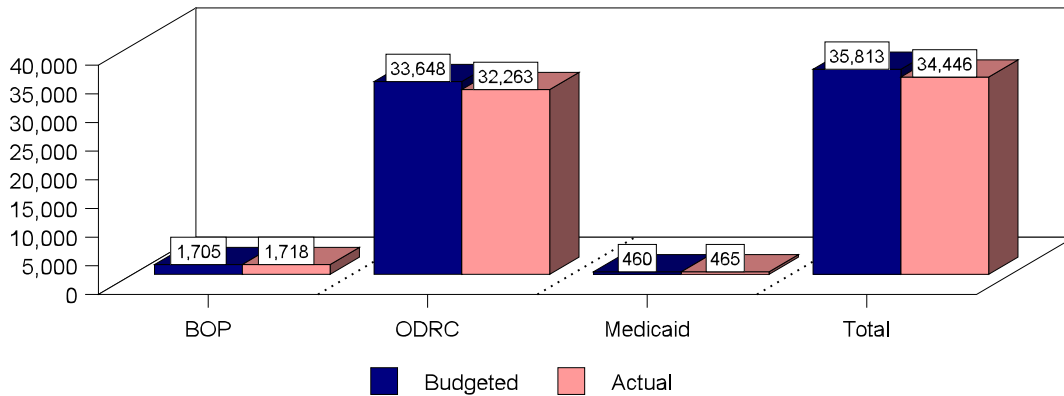
- One client is working off his fines and court cost doing community service at the Chillicothe Public Library.
- Alum Creek clients are continuing to volunteer at the Central Ohio Diabetes Association and the United Methodist Church Free Store. Sixteen clients completed 103 hours of community service.
- Clients in our women's programs did community service at the American Red Cross, United Methodist Free Store and Community Connection.

END OF REPORT

Monthly statistical information is attached.

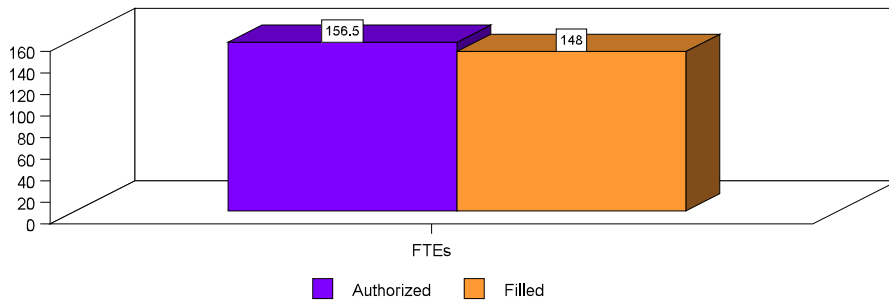
January 2007 Agency Statistics

Mandays as of January 31, 2007



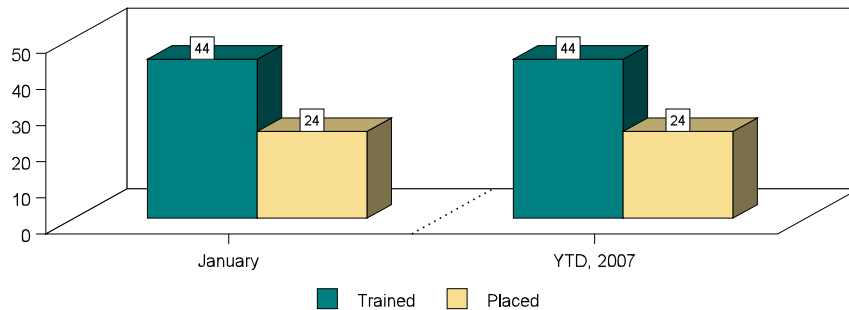
A Manday is equal to one day when a client was occupying a bed. The contract year for the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) and Medicaid is January - December, while the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) contract period is July - June. This does not include OhioLink, as it operates on a fiscal year for both BOP and ODRC occupancy.

Current Staffing Levels



This is the staffing level as of February 16, 2007. This graph represents FTEs (full time equivalents) at the agency. There are 152 budgeted full-time positions and nine budgeted part-time positions.

Client Employment Services



The average hourly wage of clients placed in January was \$6.75 and 4% of the placements provided the clients with access to major medical health care coverage.