



Members:

We hope you enjoyed our last issue! We have received many, many letters – keep spreading the word to others and family members!!!! We need to unite and show our support when issues arise that affect all of us. Remember, we CANNOT help in individual cases or legal work, but will focus on issues. We are continuing to form committees and secure board members.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to save postage, if anyone prefers to have these newsletters sent via e-mail, PLEASE respond to [missouricure@hotmail.com](mailto:missouricure@hotmail.com). Currently we have almost 500 people in our database, but many are not paid members. We want to continue to spread the word, but cannot do so without your support.

Some of the responses: Complaints of parole hearings and general parole board issues \* Education programs \* Job vocation \* Stronger prison-base affiliations \* MoSOP \* Education about law and policies.

~ Missouri CURE staff ~

INSIDE INFO	LEGISLATION																								
<p>Cry Justice Now is a newspaper that is <b>FREE</b> to inmates! Send your name, ID#, and address to: CJNN P.O. Box 2525 New Bloomfield, MO 65063</p> <p>(Family members can also receive this, but unsure of cost of subscription)</p>	<p>Family members: <b>REGISTER TO VOTE!</b> This is an election year and now is the time to focus on getting elected officials who represent the people!</p> <p>Candidates running for Governor:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Bob Holden – D</td> <td>Karen Lee Dee Skelton-Memhardt – R</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Claire McCaskill – D</td> <td>John D. Weiler – R</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jim LePage – D</td> <td>Matt Blunt – R</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jeffrey Emrick –D</td> <td>Jennie Lee (Jen) Sievers – R</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Martin Lindstedt – R</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Randall (Randy) D. Langkraehr – L</td> <td>Jeff Killian – R</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John M. Swenson - L</td> <td>Roy Lang – R</td> </tr> </table>	Bob Holden – D	Karen Lee Dee Skelton-Memhardt – R	Claire McCaskill – D	John D. Weiler – R	Jim LePage – D	Matt Blunt – R	Jeffrey Emrick –D	Jennie Lee (Jen) Sievers – R		Martin Lindstedt – R	Randall (Randy) D. Langkraehr – L	Jeff Killian – R	John M. Swenson - L	Roy Lang – R										
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BONUS OFFER!</b></p> <p>Refer 10 others to join Missouri CURE and get a free subscription! Make sure they list your name under "How did you hear about Missouri CURE?"</p>	<p>We NEED to find out where these people stand on criminal justice issues. Also, find out where your district representatives stand! If you can help research this or have good questions to submit, let us know!!!</p>																								
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find out information about the facilities and share pertinent information for families. Also as things come up, we can easily find out consistency among all facilities! Let us know if you can do this!!!!

SB 921 Review hearings to place offender in ad seg not contested case (Caskey)

**PASSED IN SENATE, SENT TO HOUSE AND PASSED THROUGH JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

## **Missouri CURE**

### *NEWS & NOTES*

#### **Medical Issues in the Corrections System Forum**

Tonya Ellis & Becky Williams

Approximately 20 people attended the forum held in Jefferson City including volunteers in correctional facilities, members of Missouri Association of Social Welfare (MASW), family members of incarcerated loved ones, and three people representing Correctional Medical Services (CMS), one being a legal counsel and two legislative lobbyists for the company. A local television station interviewed participants and taped the session. The St. Louis forum did not have any media coverage, but there were approximately 50 people in attendance.

The speakers at the forum all shared powerful and moving testimony. Mr. Andrew Skolnick, an author and founder of the Commission for Scientific Medicine and Mental Health, gave details and case studies from his research. He gave example after example of doctors who had licenses revoked in one state, then went to another state and hired by CMS.

Ms. Geri Drieling, a lawyer and free-lance writer, shared experiences in writing an article for the Riverfront Times in St. Louis. Ms Dreiling wrote her article after deaths at Vandalia last year. The Department of Justice was investigating, but have been "slowed" in their progress. In 1999, there were two hearings regarding CMS in front of the Joint Committee for Corrections. At that time, Senator Danny Staples said "In 18 years, I have only heard four complaints". At the second hearing, family members attended and testified. No changes were made. Ms Dreiling also stated that the reality is lawyers will not take medical malpractice suits against CMS.

Sister Fran Buschell from the Diocese of Jefferson City gave personal narratives of individual stories from incarcerated men and women. While the entire session was informative, in particular, points made by Sister Fran were highly notable. Among these are what she believes to be the "key" critical issues and themes facing people in prison related to healthcare:

- "Too little, too late" -- often care occurs far beyond the time that it is in the best interest of the patient and is not given consistently.
- There is an unfortunate assumption that many seeking medical care in the prison are lying or exaggerating their medical needs
- There is little or no pain management for people and many illnesses are "treated" with aspirin or other mild pain relievers.
- When surgery is given, may are released too soon, no thoroughly cared for, and infections and secondary issues arise
- Hepatitis C – biggest issues not dealt with – so many are affected.

The forum served to illustrate that while this issues can be frustrating and challenging, there are people working to make the concerns and circumstances known. This affords hope and courage to people in prison and their family members as well. Our part is to continue to stay informed and not become discouraged beyond continued positive activism and communication with all entities involved. MASW's goal is to sponsor an ombudsman program. We must support this effort and inform the public.

**NEW!**  
**Family support groups**  
**CURE-CARES (Coping And Relieving Each others Stress)**

We are starting monthly support groups for family members or anyone who wishes to come! There will be a coordinator who will plan dates, times, and locations. Feel free to just come if you can! It will be a good time to meet others and become even stronger! Once we get official Missouri CURE meetings arranged, we will have groups already forming around the state. If anyone is interested in starting other areas, contact Becky Williams at 314-578-8899.

The St. Louis coordinator is Susan Jokerst. The first meeting is May 20, Thursday, at 6 pm at Ramon's Salsa Bar (12653 Olive).

The Mid-Missouri coordinator is Sandra Brown. The first meeting is May 6, Thursday at 5pm at Missouri River Regional Library (214 Adams Street). Bring picnic to eat outside (weather permitting). Contact: 573-634-2021

Kansas City: In progress - **IF ANYONE INTERESTED IN FORMING THIS GROUP, CONTACT 314-578-8899**

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DID YOU KNOW?

**Website:** There is a great forum for people to join called "Prison Talk Online". Many issues are discussed here and there are separate forums for each state. [www.prisontalk.com](http://www.prisontalk.com)

**New visitation policy:** For anyone who was affected last May 20, 2003, with the new policy that anyone who had a crime against a child or sex offense could NOT have visits with anyone under 18 – A NEW POLICY CAME OUT ON JANUARY 29, 2004! D5-3.4 now states that restrictions will only be placed on sex offenders now (not for crimes against children), BUT sex offenders may be considered for visitation of biological, step, or adopted children who are not victims. This policy SHOULD be accessible to offenders. If anyone needs a copy, write to us and we will send. Superintendents must still approve and there have been glitches along the way.

**McIntosh:** For anyone interested – Craig McIntosh, former staff for MOSOP program, on February 20 filed a case against James LaBundy and the DOC in Cole County for administrative review. Case 04CV323645.

**Potosi Correctional Center:** There will be no visiting on May 2, 2004, per handwritten signs taped to the wall because there will be an open house for the officers and their families to have a BBQ.

**Parole:** According to D5-4.1 (MoSOP): Under Eligibility and Placement: "The parole board may, at its discretion, require **ANY** offender to complete MoSOP regardless of the offense for which the offender was convicted." Very scary thought – several men wrote that this has happened.

## FAMM UPDATE

At the April 22, 2004, meeting, guest speaker **Jerryl Christmas** was endorsed by St. Louis Chapter of FAMM. He is currently running for Prosecutor of St. Louis City against Jennifer Joyce. Mr. Christmas is AGAINST MANDATORY MINIMUMS, is FOR judicial discretion, and is FOR prosecutor discretion. He believes in fair punishment to deter criminal BEHAVIOR, not race or class.

\*Election is August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004\*

St. Louis FAMM is planning a conference later this summer. For more information, contact Ms Ollie Stewart at 314-664-5024.

If anyone wants to join FAMM, cost is \$10 for prisoners and \$25 for individual. Send information to: FAMM, 1612 K Street N.W., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20006

### **AROUND TOWN**

Contact Missouri CURE for more details

- May 3: Criminal Justice Task Force KC: 7 pm at St. Luke's United Church of Christ at 727 N. Main, Independence  
For more information, contact Sara Boyd at 816-453-2499
- May 5: MASW meeting in Jefferson City: 10:30 – 2:30 pm at 606 E. Capitol Drive  
For more information, contact Dianna Moore at 1-888-634-2901
- May 6: Jefferson City CARES support group: 5 pm at Missouri River Regional Library 214 Adams Street  
For more information, contact Sandra Brown at 573-634-2021
- May 15: FAMM (Families Against Mandatory Minimums) meeting in KC: 1 pm at Pentecostal Church of God in Christ.  
For more information, contact Melvin Strong at 816-763-4367
- May 20: FAMM (Families Against Mandatory Minimums) meeting in St. Louis: 6-8 pm at 3017 Park Avenue
- \* WE NEED A FAMM Coordinator\***
- May 20: St. Louis CARES support group: 6 pm at Ramon's Salsa Bar – 12653 Olive  
For more information, contact 314-578-8899
- May 20: EMCADP (Eastern Missouri Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty) in St. Louis: 7 pm at ACLU at 4557 Laclede Avenue. For more information, contact Mary Mifflin at 314-385-8344

- May 27: WMCADP (Western Missouri Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty) in Kansas City: 7 pm at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church at 2310 E. Linwood Boulevard. For more information, contact Cathleen Burnett at 816-756-0911
- June 5-8 National CURE Convention in Washington DC
- July 10: MADP (Missourians to Abolish Death Penalty) in Jefferson City: 10:30 am at 600 Clark Avenue  
For more information, contact Rita Linhart at 573-635-7239



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