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Thomas J. Diina, Superintendent
Jail Management Division
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Re: Second request for information about prisoners' programs

Dear Superintendent Diina:

Reference is made to the request for information about programs at the Holding Center and the Correctional Facility made in our letter to you dated June 6, 2013. A copy is enclosed for your convenience.

While you indicated that you would provide the Board with the information at our July 9th meeting, you did not. Instead you brought with you Ms. Nancy Rusinski and Ms. Diana Chutko, who spoke at length about the GED programs at the jails, but said nothing of substance. By the end of the meeting we knew only that there are about 20 adult prisoners currently enrolled in the GED Program at the Correctional Facility, and that while currently there is no waiting list, at times there is. Your "experts" could not even tell us the number of adult prisoners at the Correctional Facility that have not completed high school or do not have a GED.

Moreover, you have not responded to Reverend Pierce's phone message and email about these unanswered questions. Thus we now must make a second request that you provide the Board with the following information:

1. Each educational and rehabilitation program provided to prisoners at the Holding Center and each educational and rehabilitation program provided at the Correctional Facility;
2. The cost in dollars spent on each program;
3. The source or sources of funds for each program;
4. The number of adult prisoners at the Correctional Facility that have not completed high school or do not have a GED;

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5. Whether there are specific plans to reinstate the horticulture program at the Correctional Facility. If there are, please let us know what they include and any target date by which jail management intends to reinstate the program.

We ask that you send us the information in writing within 10 days of your receipt of this letter.

Yours truly,


Reverend Eugene L. Pierce, Chair


Nan L. Haynes, Vice Chair

Cc: Hon. Betty Jean Grant
Hon. Timothy R. Hogue
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