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Executive Committee highlights

• In order to strengthen accountability for the quality and timeliness of the preparation of cases for the National Parole Board, the Executive Committee has decided to place the primary responsibility for the preparation of cases for conditional release with the warden, and primary responsibility for essential community input to each case with the district director of the release community.

Commissioner **Ingstrup** announced the details of the decision to the wardens and district directors at the Senior Management Conference, June 19-21.

The regions will move toward implementation as opportunities present themselves, with a target implementation date of Dec. 31, 1992.

• **Frank Porporino**, director, and **Larry Motiuk**, research officer, Research branch, NHQ, made a presentation to the Executive Committee on the custody rating scale. The scale is a tool to assist in classifying inmates at warrant of committal and must be used with a set of guidelines. It will not be implemented until its policy framework is finalized.

CORCAN 10th anniversary

• This year marks the 10th anniversary of CORCAN. Celebrations are to be held throughout the year.

Festivities will begin the week of June 25 with the sale of custom-designed sweatshirts and T-shirts produced by inmates of Drummond Institution on behalf of the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind organization. Net proceeds from these sales will help fund training of a guide dog.

Sharing our Mission

• Quebec Deputy commissioner **Jean-Claude Perron** explained the Mission document to over 100 airport managers and employees from Transport Canada on June 14. Mr. Perron described the steps involved and results gained in formulating a mission statement. "A great sharing experience within the federal Public Service."

CSC welcomes 24 new CX officers

• Regional Correctional Staff College will hold a ceremony for 24 new correctional officers of CORP 302 on June 25. Pacific Deputy commissioner **Art Trono** will present the certificates and give the keynote address.

Handicapped Awareness Week

• About 20 Quebec regional headquarters employees met with **André Carboni** of "Option Travail" to promote the employment of handicapped people. Participants were told of the potential the handicapped can offer, once em-

ployers overcome prejudices and agree to make the minor adjustments required when hiring the handicapped. Information sessions such as this one help promote strategic objective 3.13 outlined in the Mission document, and everyone is encouraged to emulate this kind of activity.

Citizens' Advisory Committee meets

• Atlantic regional representatives of the Citizens' Advisory Committee met June 22-23, in Newcastle, New Brunswick. A presentation on "Dealing with the media" and an overview of the Cognitive Living Skills Program were some of the highlights of the meeting.

Appointment in the Prairie region

• **Bob Maguire**, former regional administrator, Technical Services, Prairie region, has been appointed director, Communications and Executive Services.

He is replacing **Dave Mills** who is seconded to the position of regional administrator, Community and Institutional Operations.

New communications committees

• New communications committees are being established in the Pacific region installations as a result of a recommendation from the regional Steering Committee on Communications.

The initiative is part of a plan to implement the regional Line Staff Communication Task Force Report.

The new committees will evaluate communications at each installation and submit a communications plan to the Steering Committee.

German Chaplain visits Atlantic

• **Dr. Hilmar G. Lorenz**, a German Federal Republic chaplain, visited the Atlantic region during the week of June 18th. He interviewed offenders and staff at Atlantic, Springhill and Westmorland Institutions to gain insight on new CSC programs and their effect on staff and inmate interaction. Programs studied include: Cognitive Skills, Substance Abuse, Occupational Development and Unit Management. Dr. Lorenz will share his findings with participants in a wrap-up session led by Correctional Programs' regional administrator **Ron Lawlor**.

New facility opens in Fraser Valley

• The Fraser Valley Regional Correctional Centre in Maple Ridge, B.C. will officially open on June 25. Pacific deputy commissioner **Art Trono** will attend the opening. This new provincial facility will, in part, replace Oakalla prison in Vancouver.