

## ***Re-imagining Justice for Wisconsinites with Mental Illness 4/29/2019***

### Questions submitted by audience

1. How positive would reducing the prison population with early releasing non-violent offenders be?
  - a. Could at least one prison be closed?
  - b. Releasing staff for other assignments
  - c. Are there enough beds for community addiction – mental health residential treatment?
2. People held in solitary confinement who self-harm are sometimes encouraged or given the means to self-harm, by staff members. What should happen to staff who do this?
3. What are the two most impactful budget or policy changes for DOC that will improve outcomes for people with mental illness in the justice system?
4. What do you and Gov. Evers plan to do to depopulate and close MSDF (Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility) as Candidate Evers promised?
5. Gov. Evers made promises to reform our Criminal Justice System on the campaign trail. What has he done already an/or when can we expect these reforms?
6. Timeline for radically reducing WI prison population.
7. For Sec. Kevin Carr: The DOC has a partnership with DHS in the Wisconsin Resource Center. WRC is a model institution that treats inmates with mental health diagnoses. Is there an effort to incorporate best practices form WRC into the rest of Wisconsin's Correctional facilities?
8. How can Wisconsin address the shortage of mental health professionals in the DOC system – both at DOC facilities and in the community?
9. On Sept. 1, 2018 my nephew committed suicide at Columbia C.I. while on suicide watch.
  - a. What is being done to prevent this form happening to another family?
  - b. What percent of guards in DOC are Crisis Intervention trained?
  - c. Would DOC consider stopping the practice of group therapy? You create an ultra-masculine atmosphere & then want men to share their ACES & trauma? It's unrealistic.
  - d. In regards to crimeless revocation, how many Probation/Parole agents are trained to deal with mental health issues? AODA issues? Where do you think that # should be?

10. What is the relationship between mass incarceration, mental illness and the War on Drugs?
11. Rep. Bowen: All over the country, states are passing bold reforms around criminal justice, what will it take to get similar reforms here in Wisconsin and what can citizens in Wisconsin do to encourage this?
12. Texas has a number of courts directed toward mental illness, drugs, vets, but also in teen courts / mental illness. They are funded, and Wisconsin must get these courts FUNDED with judges who really are passionate.

I understand 60% of people in prison are non-violent offenders. Is this the correct % and why can't most of these people be put into regular society?

13. Mr. Carr: What can the DOC do to actually open up the parole system that Walker closed down, so that no one is paroled.
  - a. What about juvenile Lifers? They were children with not fully developed brains when they committed their crimes. Why not review their rehabs?
14. How many people are in ORR?
  - a. Are C/O going to be better educated regarding those housed in correction.  
(Sylvester Jackson)
15. For Secretary Carr: I want to know what's going on within prisons and at the D.O.C. at large. Open records requests are slow and don't necessarily answer my questions. To ensure accountability to the people of Wisconsin, what kind of transparency and access to staff and internal operations will this D.O.C. leadership make available to the public? Thank you.