

FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Stafford Creek Corrections Center Date: Sat. 6/14/2025 Time: 9-11 AM

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MEETING ATTENDEES

Stefanie Bloomingdale, Assoc. Superintendent
 Department/facility co-chair

VACANT
 Family co-chair

Amber Carlson, Administrative Assistant
 Facility/council secretary

VACANT
 Family secretary, if applicable

Members present: CPM Tyson Hulbert, Nola, Nola and Michael, LBA Hilliard Mellin, CPPC Branwyn Mansford, Catherine Antee, Shawnte Davenport Holmes, Tammey Bertrand, Elsie McKinnon, Michael Kundu

Non-council member attendees: Greg Gourlie and Charlie Norris from Fiesta

AGENDA

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps
	See Action Items Form	
Dishwasher	Arnold: No Updates	Remains Open

New business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps / Questions
Fiesta Food Services Greg Gourlie – Operations Manager at Fiesta	<p>Regarding higher priced items in the vending machines: Fiesta's margins are the same though all accounts, but are a little lower at Stafford Creek.</p> <p>The \$75 limit is not set through Fiesta, but we can reach out to see if it can be raised.</p> <p>On Tuesday, 6/10, we replaced all 6 cold vending machines. We hope to fit more of the requested fresh items in the machines now.</p> <p>In 2 weeks, we are going to be bringing in fruit smoothies, protein drinks and cold pressed drinks.</p>	<p>Family Member: Is there any way we could bring back the fajita chicken strips? Also, how often do you restock?</p> <p>Gourlie: Restocks happen on Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon each week. Veggies are provided by Charlies produce and they are supposed to be good through Monday. But we have heard reports that they are sometimes no good and we are working on that.</p> <p>Family Member: Do you set those prices or are they done in partnership with the facility?</p> <p>Gourlie: It is all based on our costs.</p> <p>Family Member: If we could revisit the \$75 limit because with the fresh items, we can</p>

	<p>Contact number for G. Gourlie: (360) 470-7713. This number can be used to make requests for new vending machine items.</p>	<p>easily spend \$20 on a bag of chicken and a bag of chips. Gourlie: We have done some math, and I can get it cheaper, but then we can't always guarantee the availability. That's why you may see a price difference from the machine to stores in town.</p> <p>Family Member: Salads...One of the salads had diced up tomatoes and cherry tomatoes. We think the diced tomatoes are altering the cheese and lettuce and since those are made fresh could we bring up only using the cherry tomatoes. Gourlie: What salad was it? Family Member: It was the chef's salad</p> <p>Family Member: Monroe has a \$100 card. But even there their stuff was always out. Gourlie: It is not us who controls that limit; we are not sure who it is, but we will reach out and see what we can do.</p>
<p>Family Friendly Updates</p> <p>CPPC Branwyn Mansford</p>	<p>Celebrate Support is coming up next weekend (6/21). It will be an outside event with inflatable ax throwing, boat races, tournaments, and a large dart board. We will be bringing up the ice cream machine for the 1st time.</p> <p>The next family fun night is July 11th.</p> <p>Our Back-to-School event will be July 16th. Signups are open now through the 27th. We usually average 80 kids and we have lots of back-to-school supplies to cover that amount! Our final budget will not be received July 1st like previous years, but we will still be getting it later in the month. However,</p>	<p>Family Member: Is it too late to be added to the Celebrate Support event? Mansford: Yes, the event packet is completed 45 days in advance which does not allow for last-minute additions</p> <p>Family Member: Is there still going to be an opportunity to allow those who could not make the event to pick up a backpack in visit. Mansford: No, not this year. This was brought up with HQ...However, since we are limited with the IIBF spending and because it is to be used for direct impact between the adult and child, we are not able to do this.</p>

	<p>this will NOT impact the July events.</p> <p>Family Member: Who can we contact about this?</p> <p>Mansford: Dawn Taylor at HQ since this is not a facility level decision.</p> <p>Family Member: Getting a gift in the mail from your father/uncle means the world to children. Children are aware of the situation, but it does matter, and this would build onto their relationship even if it comes through the mail.</p> <p>Family Member: On the events that don't end up full, even though they usually do, the new people on chain miss out on an opportunity to participate. Is there a work around for those people?</p> <p>Mansford: Our event packets require 45 days in advance due to there being so many steps from many different departments.</p>
<p>Program Overview: Christian Group Offerings at SCCC</p> <p>CPPC Branwyn Mansford</p>	<p>We currently have 16 groups offering Christian religious services, including non-denominational service on Saturday and Sunday mornings and various denominations throughout the week, as well as several Bible studies and religious based self-awareness classes offered from many different viewpoints. There are also groups that offer Russian and Spanish support and two volunteers who are available to go into RHU if needed.</p>
<p>Financial Overview / IIBF</p> <p>LBA Hillard Mellin</p>	<p>Report as of 5/31/2025. See attached slides document</p> <p>Family Member: Unit activities. There are 2-line items what is the difference?</p> <p>Hilliard: 1 of these is for use in the living units the other (F104) is almost completely spent.</p> <p>Family Member: In the past we have made requests for more than the basic games dominos, checkers yatzee etc...could we please keep in mind the new types of games that they are requesting?</p> <p>Bloomingtondale: We have seen a variety of different game requests, and we can send out a survey to the population to gain more insight on that.</p>

	<p>Family Member: Do we know how bill 1468 is going to impact the IIBF? They call it something completely different...so is this going to impact the facility?</p> <p>Hilliard: I have been in some meetings on how IIBF is going to look next fiscal year and unfortunately, we are not certain what that is going to look like. Due to it going to go into a treasury fund we are under the assumption we will have to ask for the funds, but nothing is for sure on what it will look like. At the facility level, the hope is that nothing will change but I have not received and final information on this.</p> <p>Family Member: Is this in response to the new SFC ruling?</p> <p>Hilliard: I don't think they are connected, we did communicate that we use those funds, but we will still be able to tap into those. I know the IIBF funds as well as the 795 funds are all state funds, and they still apply to all state rules. The legislature does have the ability to swipe those funds, but once we figure out what all this will look like we will let people know.</p>
<p>Statewide Family Council Update</p> <p>Facility Co-Chair ASP Stefanie Bloomingdale for SCCC LFC State Rep. Daphne Nolte</p>	<p>Daphne's May 17 2025 SCCC SFC Notes</p> <p>Fundraising Update: Residents have made many requests in the past to restart fundraising events, and I am happy to report that there have now been fundraisers in each of the last three quarters. On offer at the most recent fundraiser was a rather upscale offering assorted cheesecakes, assorted cold cuts, and assorted cheeses.</p> <p>Upcoming events: Continuing on the food theme, Stafford is hosting a new event to celebrate the success of those who are doing well, called the Bite of Stafford, which is Stafford's answer to the Bite of Seattle. Residents who have had no serious infractions in the past year will receive a coupon for this year as well as coupons for each of the prior consecutive infraction-free years. Participants will be able to choose from a variety of ethnic foods in exchange for their coupons.</p> <p>Stafford Creek is also hosting a Juneteenth event open to all residents who have been infraction-free for the previous year. This event will celebrate the national holiday with art displays, dancing, and speeches highlighting the historical significance of Juneteenth as it relates to the announcement of the end of the slavery in Texas in 1866. The event runs from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Tuesday June 17th, which means it won't interfere with regular visiting hours.</p> <p>As many of you may know, May is Mental Health Awareness Month, which has been observed since 1949. Stafford Creek residents have long voiced concerns regarding the availability of mental health services at Stafford Creek, which is still experiencing a shortage of mental health professionals. Importantly, they still don't have a Psych Associate 4 who manages the other psych associates. This potentially creates a very difficult situation, as the practitioners who <i>are</i> there are trying to accomplish as much as they can without a manager to coordinate their daily work. This shortage of mental health</p>

providers has the potential to contribute to residents utilizing maladaptive coping skills at Stafford Creek.

In an ongoing effort to address this, Stafford Creek Health Services and residents have rolled out yet another support system as part of the Wealth of Wellness initiative known by its acronym as WOW. They have added a more focused mental wellness component called **CARES**, which stands for Community Awareness Recovery Education Support, expanding the reach and impact of the Wealth of Wellness mental wellness pillar. This partnership is a collaborative effort between Wealth of Wellness, Violence Prevention, and Health Services. The CARES meetings take place once a week for two hours, with the first hour being open to anyone who has signed up in advance to attend. There is much interest with meetings at full capacity of about 35.

This first hour of CARES covers topics related to life events, where participants can discuss challenges, choices, and consequences, some of which have led to substance abuse and incarceration. The goal of these discussions is to get beyond the symptoms to the causes, delving into the types of things the participants need to recover from. Wellness coaches, peer support specialists, and health services staff co-facilitate this group.

The second hour of CARES specifically provides a specific educational component and is dedicated to those struggling the most with any of an entire range of behavioral health challenges. Many residents are clamoring to attend this second hour as well, but due to a capacity limitation of 20 participants, priority is being given to those who have recently experienced challenges and consequences, mostly related to substance use, as well as those who have self-identified as needing mental wellness support. One of the participants, who had recently transferred from custody in Utah, said that he felt that he had finally found a home in the CARES group. The Asst Superintendent of Operations, Mr Van Ogle, recently attended a full two-hour meeting, and said he found it insightful and powerful, and said he would be back for more. The residents really appreciated his participation, where they were able to exchange their points of view with Mr Van Ogle and to hear him explain why he was doing things in the manner he was doing them in order to keep them safe.

Another man who had recently transferred from a facility in Texas, told the CARES group that the drug problem is rampant both in and outside of prison in Texas. People in the custody of the DOC there are using illicit substances in such an alarming number that the guards are completely overwhelmed dealing with all the drugs, intoxication, and overdoses. This man said that he sees Stafford Creek's efforts to prevent this, and he feels protected now that he is a resident there. He personally thanked Mr Van Ogle for all the work he is doing to support this cause.

In addition to these CARES meetings, WOW continues to offer its traditional mental wellness component for the next ten weeks. These workshops focus on trauma, trauma responses, the

	<p>healing process, and recovery towards wellness. As always, guest staff attend as full participants alongside the residents, creating an environment where all learn as part of a community where everyone lives and works together, sharing personal experiences and supporting each other.</p> <p>Through the leadership of Superintendent Arnold and her dedicated support staff -- in particular Amber Carlson -- SCCC is hosting a new training for Certified Peer Support Specialists, formerly known as Certified Peer Counselors. Thirty residents will be selected to take the training, which is now 88 hours long. At the completion of the training and testing, they will be certified by Washinton State to provide peer support services. There are currently approximately 50 Certified Peer Support Specialists at Stafford Creek, thanks to Ms Arnold's serious commitment to this program. Stafford Creek is the only major Washington facility to have provided this training so far.</p> <p>Finally, coming in June, Wealth of Wellness will be offering workshops for residents of the skill builder unit (the SBU) tailored specifically to those who have special needs. I'm sure I'll have more to report on that in July.</p>
Roundtable / Open discussion	
<p>Family Member: Every time I attend visit and then the LFC meeting, this happens to be a problem and I would like it as an action item. The free picture program is still not done properly. Even though we are a party of 5 we still only got 2 pictures. We haven't had an entire family picture for 1 year because of the proper process not being completed. This has allegedly been addressed and resolved but every time I attend visit the process of 2 pictures, per person is not being followed. I have been bringing this up for over a year</p> <p>Bloomingdale: We cannot add it as an action item because we do not have another Co-Chair, but we will be adding this to the minutes, and I will be looking into this as well on Monday</p>	
<p>Family Member: The need for psychiatric consults...what is the process for getting these completed.</p> <p>Bloomingdale: This is a hard one because I do not have full specifics on this case, and I would have to reach out to our Health Services Provider. We do have an urgent care clinic that in the event that there is an issue getting in with the provider.</p> <p>Family Member: Who could I reach out to about this?</p> <p>Bloomingdale: Blaine MacDowell</p>	
<p>Family Member: There has been a number of deaths at SCCC. Has SCCC requested outside support for researching/reporting on what has been going on and the why? If there has...have any actions plans been put into place? We are hearing this from staff and those who live there. What type of plan or support has the facility requested for remedying this?</p> <p>Bloomingdale: I understand your questions but unfortunately, I am not able to answer that. We are well aware of what is going on at the facility and what is happening in the community, but I am not able to answer that today.</p>	
<p>Family Member: The Juneteenth event and those who were requested to attend...everyone who was formally incarcerated was denied attendance. Those who planned the event are very concerned.</p>	

Bloomingtondale: The event is primarily put on for the incarcerated population and we are allowing the population to fill as many seats as they can before we allow visitors in.

Family Member: No, to clarify, it was anyone who was previously incarcerated...even if they were on a visit list. So, if it was a family of 5 and 1 was previously incarcerated that person was denied even if they were on a visit list.

*Note: Questions regarding the Juneteenth event screening can be directed to ASO Dan Van Ogle's office

Family Member: Can Amber send out a new job tree for the movement at SCCC?

Bloomingtondale: Yes.

Family Member: Can we also include the emails if possible.

*See attached documents. Note: There have been changes since the signing of this document...CPM Tyson Hulbert is now the interim Correctional Program Manager S259.

Family Member: Can you send out memos? This has been brought up before as well and it would really help us understand when they are telling us what they are seeing

Bloomingtondale: I am new in this position, and I will definitely check up on that.

*Note: All official memos are also being sent to the LFC email list. However, kiosk announcements sent from various departments, CI, HQ, etc are not eligible for the same process.

Family Member: The visit tables now have the "if you see something, say something" in red. If it is on the website, and posted other places why does it need to be on the tables? What was the reasoning and why was it put there? We now have to have explain this to children. It feels very accusing.

Bloomingtondale: It was not done to accuse anyone. It was done to offer information. As you know, we are facing a crisis in our prisons, and we want to offer the information to everyone. Those are uncomfortable discussions with children, but we want to make that information as available as possible. That was done at the request of the previous Superintendent before he left.

Family Member: The tv in the waiting area by minor control is very outdated, can we get that updated. We have the signs up saying grownups cannot be trusted to play video games. Did those games come from IIBF or the Hands-on Children's Museum grant? Most of the time the space is not being utilized so can we make it usable for all again or remove them and place tables back in that space.

Hilliard: I can look into how the games were funded and can address this at the next meeting.

Family Member: It's somewhat lonely over there. Now that so many people are not using it. It also becomes too much of a focal point of the visit.

Family Member: The new play area that was put in. Can we put bumpers on the edges; the corners are sharp.

Bloomingtondale: We will look into that.

Family Member: Pool noodles work really well for those corners.

Family Member: Playpens for the visit room and liners for diaper changing station. Other facilities have them. I have brought this up before and it was denied for sanitation, but we have highchairs, and they have to be wiped down as well. At least having the liners for the changing station would be really helpful instead of using paper towels.

Family Member: I did see those at WCC. They have them.

Roundtable open discussion

Next meeting location: Stafford Creek Corrections Center via Microsoft TEAMS Date: 8/09/2025
Time: 9-11AM

Comments: 0905 Facility Co-Chair Stefanie Bloomingdale requested whoever was recording the meeting to stop. Recording started at 08:58:54 by read.ai.meeting notes (Unverified). User did not stop recording and was removed from the meeting at 09:12:51.
Meeting ended at 10:33 am.

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	Regular	Supplement	Total
• Total FY2025 Budget:	*\$113,990	\$39,291	\$153,581
• Total FY2025 Expenditures:	\$107,870	\$37,542	\$145,412
• Recovery Fees	<u>\$(35,599)</u>		<u>\$(35,599)</u>
• Balance:	\$41,719	\$1,749	\$43,468

* \$1,400 increase in Pop-Up Funds.



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- Recreational Supplies - \$2,100 in additional recreational supplies.
- Television Purchases & Supplies - \$20,191.
 - Supplies for TV repairs and installation.
- Visit Room Supplies - \$6,046
- Free Photo Program – Received additional \$177 in budget.



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- Visit Room Activities - \$971
- Family Focus Events - \$178
- Hotel Voucher Program - \$5,554
- Spring Event - \$523
- Special Adult Event – 1,484
- Pop Up Funds
 - Received \$7,550 in additional Budget
 - Spent \$1,478.



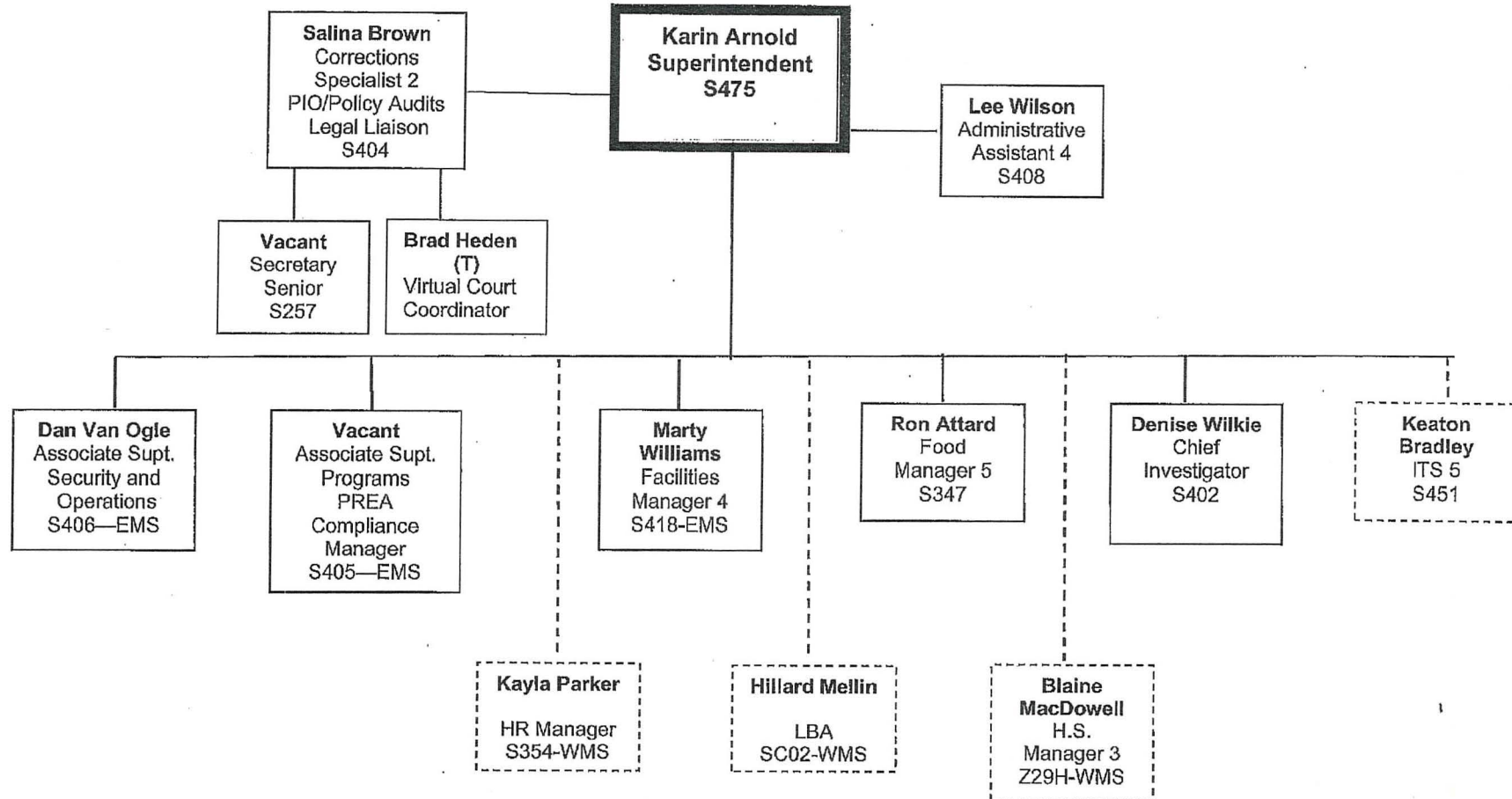
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- Supplemental Budget
 - All items have been purchased.

Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC)
Incarcerated Individual Betterment Fund (IIBF)
FY25 IIBF Budget and Expenditures

Account Code	Budget Category	Proposed Name - Programs/Events	Total FY25 Budget	Expenditures	Remaining Budget	Estimated May Fee Recovery	Balance
88115	NR14	MEAL ENHANCEMENTS	4,188.00	4,188.00			0.00
88160	NR19	RECREATION SUPPLIES	8,284.00	14,248.90	(11,357.00)		5,392.10
88170	NR23	TELEVISION PURCHASE / INSTALLATION SUPPLIES	0.00	23,746.05	(24,242.49)		496.44
88180	NR27	UNIT ACTIVITIES	3,478.00	2,609.28			868.72
88190	NR30	VISITING AREA SUPPLIES	2,660.00	1,100.87			1,559.13
89110	CULT	IIBF RESTRICTED CULTURAL EVENTS	9,230.00	417.08			8,812.92
89110	EFVC	EFV - CONSUMABLE ANNUAL ALLOCATION	9,000.00	8,965.76			34.24
89130	F107	IIBF FREE PHOTO PROGRAM	3,677.00	3,400.00			277.00
89130	F104	UNIT ACTIVITIES	1,000.00	983.02			16.98
89130	FF01	BACK TO SCHOOL	4,810.00	4,810.00			0.00
89130	FF15	FAMILY FOCUS EVENTS	2,550.00	821.95			1,728.05
89130	FF40	HOTEL VOUCHER PROGRAM	20,000.00	16,642.59			3,357.41
89130	FF61	SPRING EVENT	2,210.00	2,145.55			64.45
89130	FF69	WINTER EVENT	5,817.00	5,293.85			523.15
89130	FF91	VIDEO GREETING	500.00				500.00
89130	FF96	SIGNIFICANT OTHER APPRECIATION	1,233.00	1,012.35			220.65
89130	FF97	SPECIAL ADULT EVENT	2,210.00	1,484.01			725.99
89130	FPOP	POP-UP FUNDS	9,550.00	2,245.29			7,304.71
89130	FFFD	POP-UP FUNDS	450.00	217.21			232.79
89170	OP03	TELEVISION SERVICES	23,143.00	13,538.62			9,604.38
Total IIBF Budget			113,990.00	107,870.38	(35,599.49)		41,719.11
IIBF Supplemental Budget							
89110	SUNI	IIBF - UNIT FURNITURE - SUP BUDGET	23,945.75	23,945.75			0.00
89110	SUNI	IIBF - EVENT TENT - SUP BUDGET	980.10	900.00			80.10
89110	SUNI	IIBF - TV's FOR DAYROOMS - SUP BUDGET	6,198.40	6,198.40			0.00
89110	SUNI	IIBF - DAYROOM UNIT FURNITURE	3,671.00	3,671.00			0.00
89110	SVIS	IIBF - PICNIC TABLE FOR FAMILIES - SUP BUDGET	4,495.39	2,826.78			1,668.61
Total IIBF Supplemental Budget			39,290.64	37,541.93	0.00		1,748.71
Report Total			153,280.64	145,412.31	(35,599.49)		43,467.82

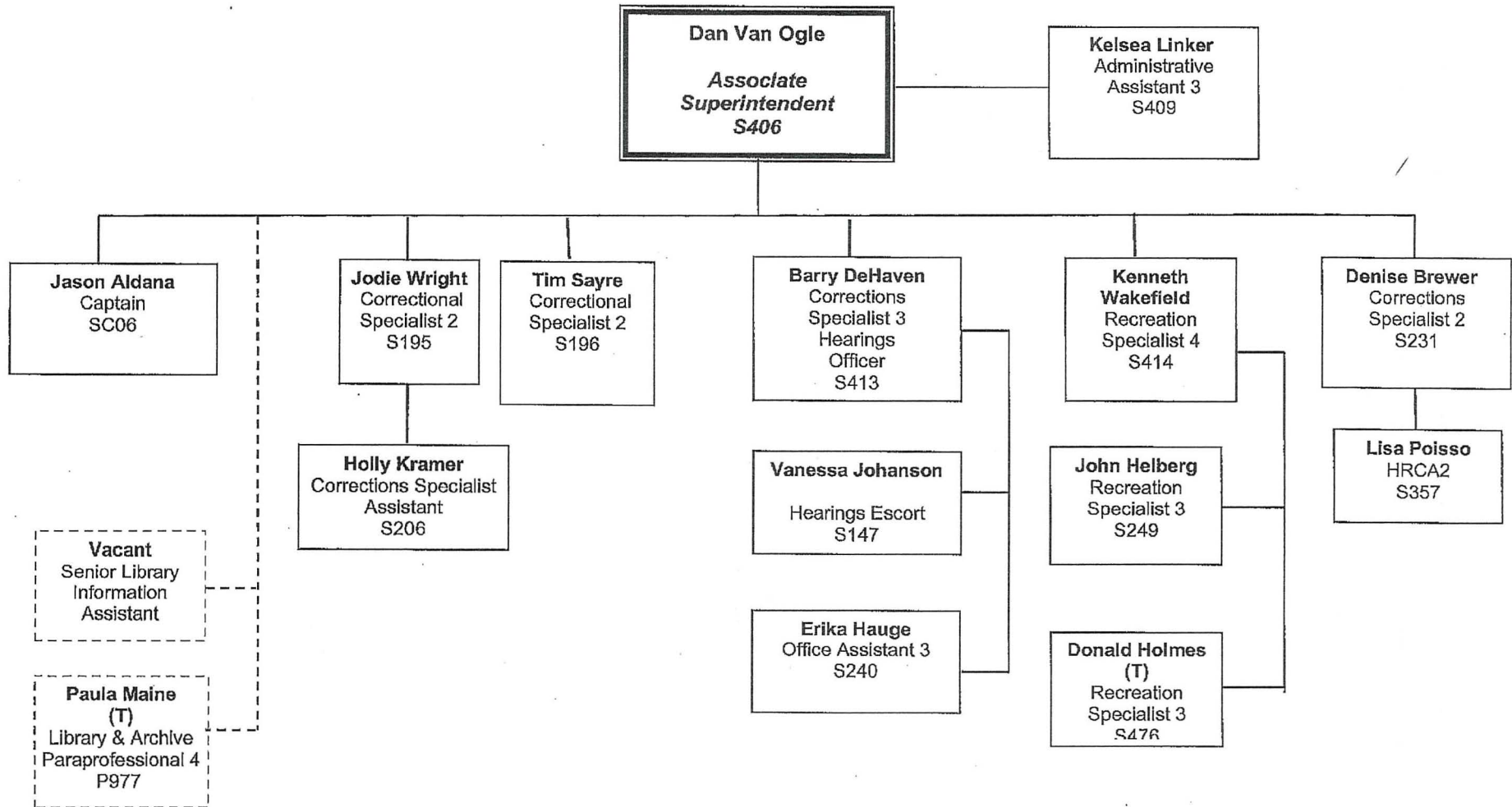
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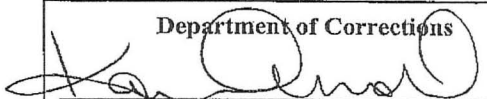


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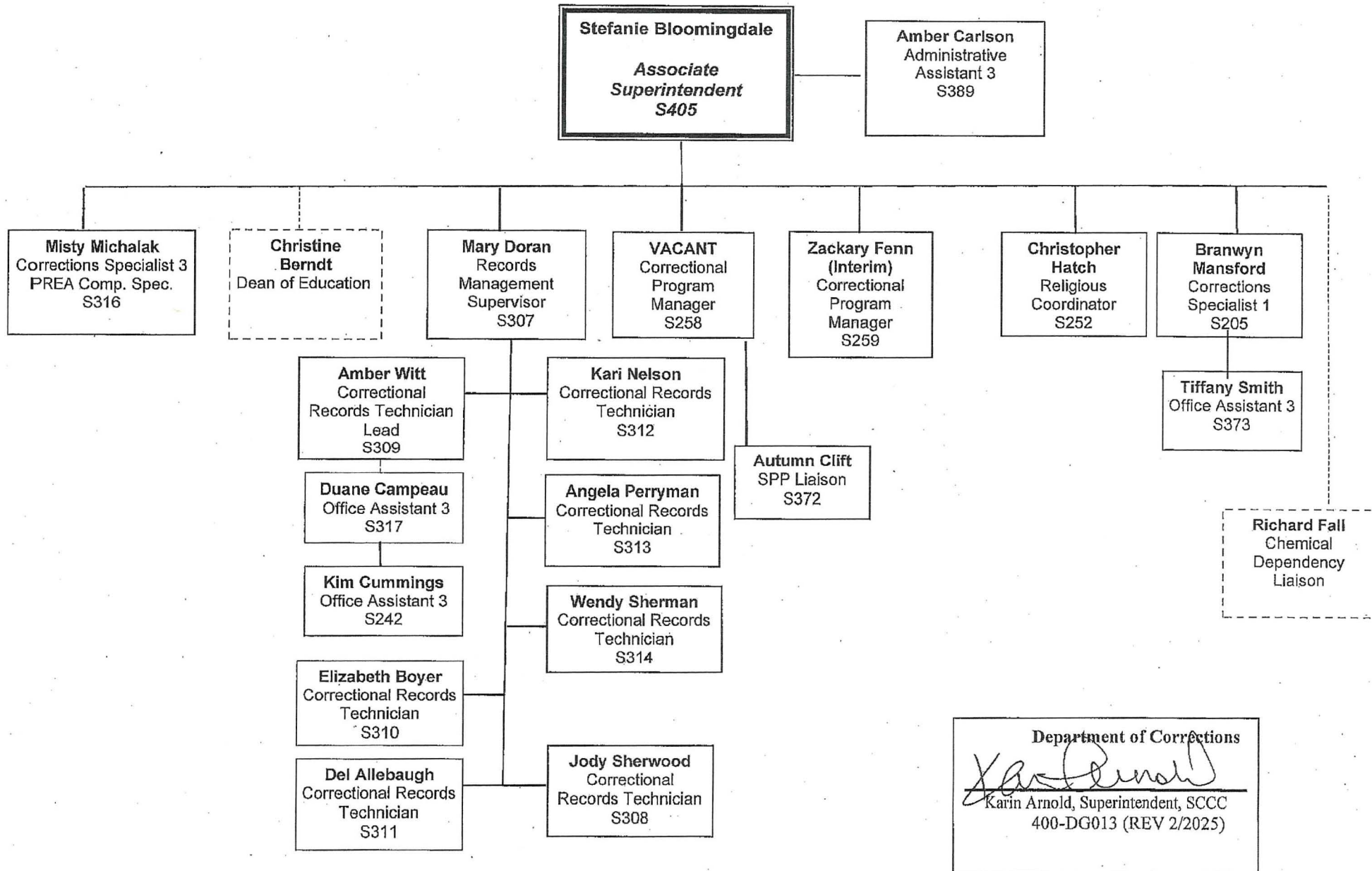
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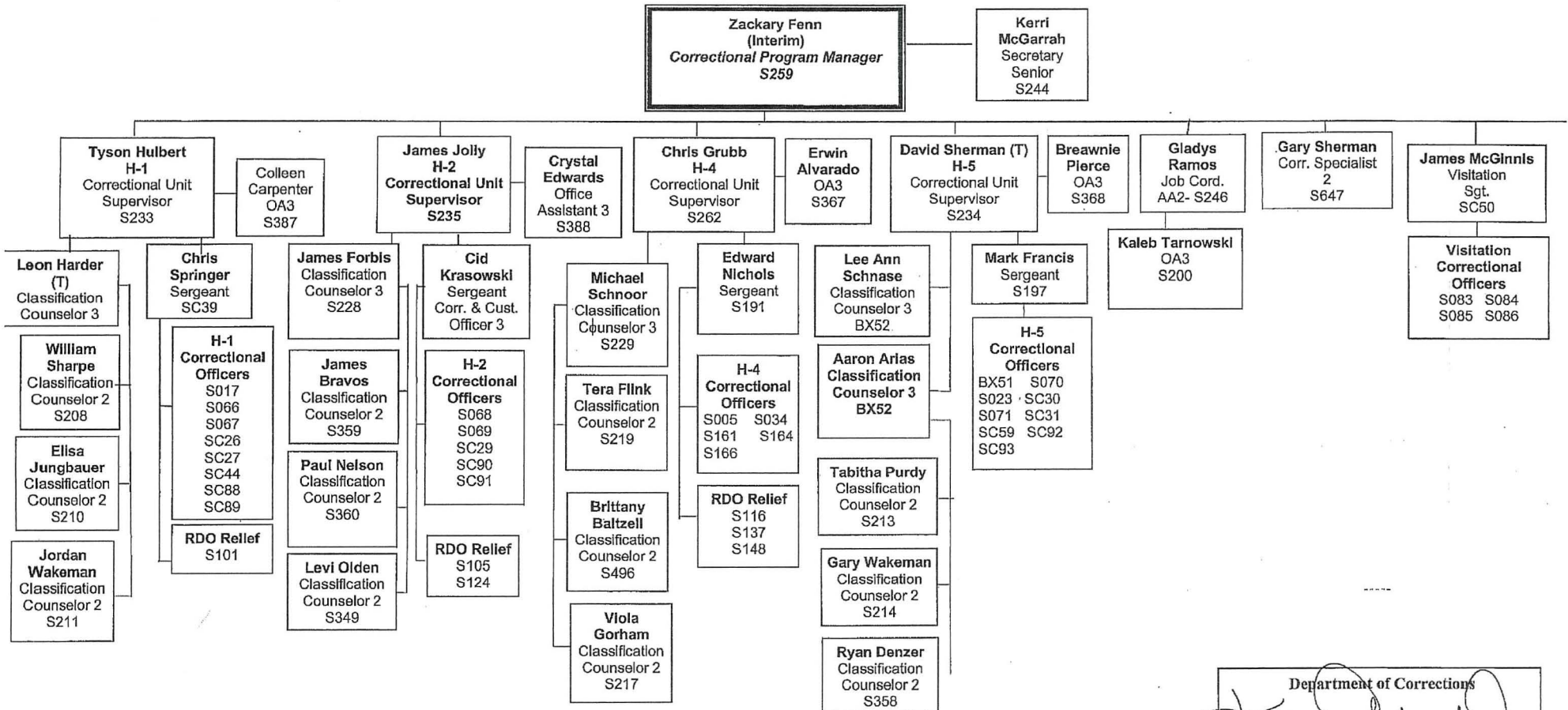


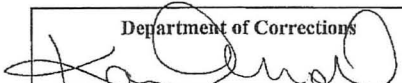
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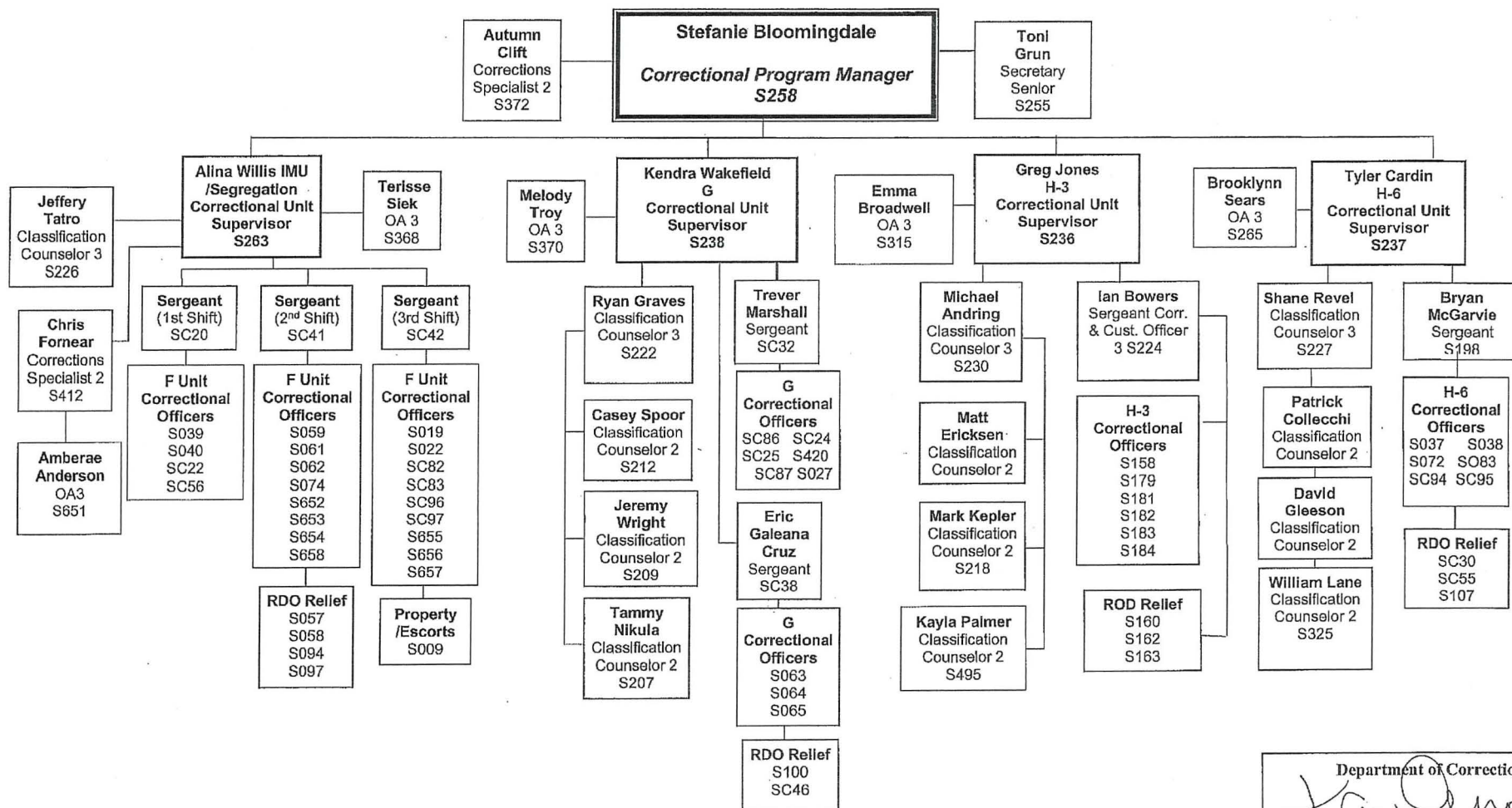


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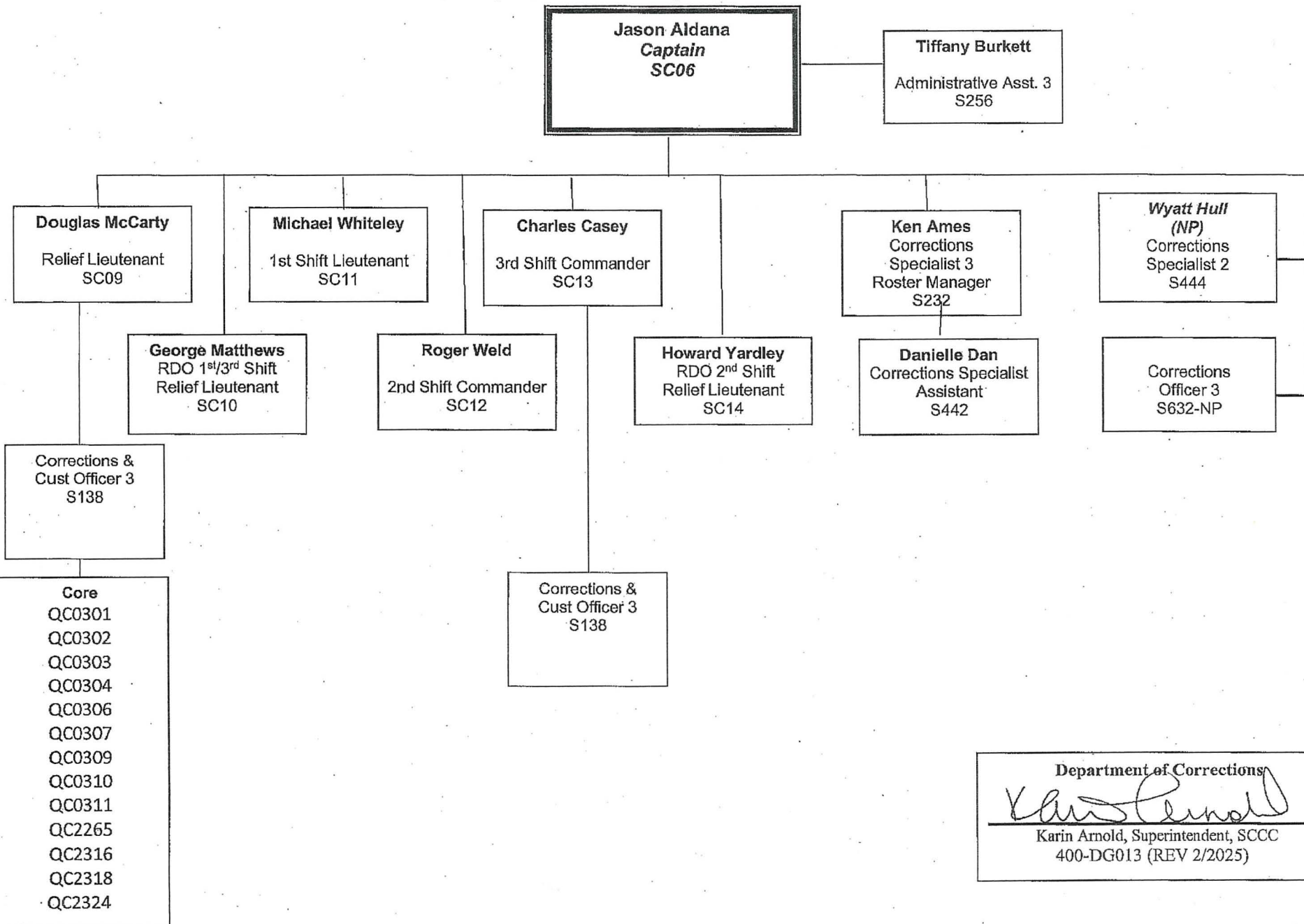


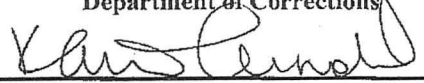
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