




CENTRE COUNTY
 PENNSYLVANIA



CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
Board of Inspectors
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022

Michael Pipe <small>Commissioner / Chair</small>	Steve Dershem <small>Commissioner</small>	Mark Higgins <small>Commissioner</small>	Katherine Oliver <small>Judge</small>	Bryan Sampsel <small>Sheriff</small>	Bernie Cantorna <small>District Attorney</small>	Jason Moser <small>Controller</small>
Christopher Schell <small>Warden</small>	Melanie Gordon <small>Deputy Warden</small>	Glenn Irwin <small>Deputy Warden</small>	Margaret Gray <small>County Administrator</small>	Vanessa Billett <small>Reentry Specialist</small>		
Karri Hull <small>Criminal Justice Planning</small>	Cathy Brown <small>CentrePeace</small>	Janet Irons <small>Prison Society</small>	Connie Martin <small>Prison Society</small>	Mark Kissling		

- I. Call to Order
 - a. The public Board of Inspectors virtual meeting was convened at 8:02 am by Chair of the Board, Commissioner Michael Pipe.
- II. Public Comments
 - a. There were no public comments.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board of Inspectors voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the January BOI meeting.

- IV. Monthly Reports
 - a. Mental Health 34
 - i. Amy Miller 13
 - 1. Refer PSU..... 2
 - 2. Refer CR 4
 - ii. Crossroads Drug/Alcohol..... 17
 - 1. Males 13
 - 2. Females 4
 - iii. Crossroads Mental Health 4
 - 1. Males 2
 - 2. Females 2
 - b. Facility Programs..... 34
 - i. COMPASS 22
 - 1. Males 15
 - 2. Females 7
 - ii. Decision Points 12
 - 1. Males 8
 - 2. Females 4
 - c. WR / Community Reentry 11
 - i. CentrePeace 4
 - ii. County Maint..... 1
 - iii. Grounds 2
 - iv. Work Release 4
 - d. Facility Population 225

i.	Centre County	133	
1.	Unsent	78	
2.	County Sent.....	42	
3.	State Sent.....	13	
ii.	Tenant County	92	
1.	Unsent	51	
2.	County Sent.....	40	
3.	State Sent.....	1	
e.	Data Collection (01/31/2022)		
i.	Centre County Unsent.....	76	
1.	New Chg	41	
2.	Probation	13	
3.	Prob w/New Chg.....	22	
f.	Behavior Modification Status	18	
i.	Tier 0: 4 Tier I: 0 Tier II: 1 Tier III: 0 Tier IV: 13		
g.	Co-Occurring Disorder	21	
i.	Total Monthly Intakes	62	
ii.	Taking Meds upon Intake	8	
h.	Suicide Watch.....	15	
i.	Centre County	12	
1.	Suicide w/Detox.....	5	
i.	Detox Total.....	24	
i.	Centre County	21	
j.	FIMAT Totals	27	
k.	PrimeCare Report ADP.....	235	
i.	Hospital	1	
ii.	COVID Test Results		
1.	Symptomatic Testing		
a.	Pending.....	0	
b.	Negative.....	281	
c.	Positive.....	3	
d.	Recovered ...	98	
2.	Asymptomatic Testing		
a.	Pending.....	0	
b.	Negative...	1915	
c.	Positive.....	20	
d.	Recovered ..	105	
iii.	Physician/PA	148	
iv.	Med Transports	23	
v.	MH Clinician	271	
vi.	Psychiatrist	69	
vii.	Psych Medication	111	
viii.	MH Diagnosis	140	
1.	Category C.....	123	

2.	Category D.....	17
ix.	MH Stability Ratings (01/31/2022)	
1.	Total Population.....	225
a.	Code A	44
i.	Centre	29
b.	Code B	40
i.	Centre	21
c.	Code C.....	123
i.	Centre	70
d.	Code D.....	18
i.	Centre	13
l.	Grievance Report Total.....	52
i.	Grievable	17
ii.	Found.....	0
m.	CBC Report	199
V.	Old Business	
a.	COVID-19 Correctional Facility's Operation	
i.	Programming	
1.	Continuing current programs.	
2.	Process of Adding	
a.	Leadership Program w/ CentrePeace	
b.	Ridgelines Language Arts	
ii.	COVID 19 Future Consideration	
1.	Facility visits are currently suspended due the increase in positive COVID cases and more residents being on quarantine.	
a.	The suspension will be reevaluated weekly.	
2.	Connie Martin asked what the policy was on vaccine versus testing at the facility. She also questioned if the policy increased employee vaccinations.	
a.	Warden Schell stated that the Correctional Facility follows the County policy. Anyone not vaccinated, unless they tested positive in the last 90-days, must be tested weekly. PrimeCare does the testing prior to each shift.	
b.	The Warden said vaccinated employees are now required by policy to submit proof of vaccination, therefore, more employees confirmed they are vaccinated. Before the new policy, employees were not previously required to inform him of their vaccination status.	
iii.	COVID 19 Vaccine & Booster Clinic / Rapid Testing	
1.	Clinic 10 – February 11	
2.	Clinic 11 – March 14-18	
3.	J&J will no longer be offered.	
4.	All residents receive an incentive of \$25 for first vaccine.	
b.	Presentation on Work Release	

- i. Reentry Specialist Vanessa Billett explained the eligibility criteria for work release.
 1. Out of the 44 sentenced individuals, only 15 are vaccinated – to have clearance to go off facility grounds, they must be sentenced and vaccinated.
 2. Other requirements for WR: no active detainers, no warrants or open charges. They must be misconduct free for at least 30-days and be medically fit with no restrictions. The Returning Citizen must understand and sign the work release agreement prior to starting, therefore they understand all the rules and regulations and agree to abide by them.
 3. Inmates may be prohibited from participating if they have any of the following: sex offenses, escape related convictions, current felony assault related convictions, current domestic violence offenses, or other crimes deemed inappropriate or shows the inmate poses a risk to the community.
 4. Anyone on work release must be paid in a manner that follows all federal and state employment guidelines. They must maintain employment and turn in their check on time.
 5. There is to be no personal business, no use of any cell phones, no access to social media, and they cannot receive any personal visits at work.
 6. They must submit a clean urine before they are permitted to start work release and random drug screenings thereafter.
- ii. DA Cantorna had asked for the updates on work release. He stated he would like to get the work release program back on track. Looking at the unvaccinated status, it's going to be a challenge.
- iii. Commissioner Dershem specified more employers are seeking help at this time and wondered if they are more willing to hire Returning Citizens.
 1. RS Billett says employers are wanting to work with her, however some are willing to only hire certain individuals.
 2. RS Billett says another obstacle is the transportation. Currently the CATA bus is not coming to the facility. CATAGo will only transport as far as Boalsburg.
- iv. Cathy Brown stated she could discuss the possibility of CentrePeace helping with transportation. Cathy also asked about the work statistics after release of the Returning Citizens.
 1. The Jail currently does not follow-up on employment after release, however it would be possible to track this in the future.
 2. The Warden said Vanessa reached out to numerous new employers that would be substantiable work for the individuals after they are released. This will possibly help them continue working there after they are released.
- v. Janet Irons asked about the percentage of pay that goes to the jail.
 1. A 15% maintenance fee goes to the jail. In addition, Probation sets an amount for fines and costs owed. Janet followed-up

with asking if the probation fines are preventing the Returning Citizens from working. RS Billett stated most individuals would rather start paying on their fines.

- vi. Connie Martin asked about employment for a 30-day sentence.
 - 1. RS Billett stated work release could begin shortly after commitment if all the paperwork is completed prior to commitment.
- vii. Connie also enquired about the radius and transportation.
 - 1. Vanessa reported while on work release, there is a 60-mile travel radius for work, unless specified in the individuals sentencing order. They should have two drivers listed for transport so they will have a backup driver.

VI. New Business

VII. Monthly Reports

- a. Criminal Justice Planning
 - i. The final statistics from 2021 have not been received from the Coroner's Office.
- b. Prison Society
 - i. Connie Martin asked about the Parenting Report distribution. The report will be sent for Connie. Connie is looking forward to the next class.
- c. CentrePeace
 - i. The trainees have returned and CentrePeace will be starting the Friends and Family Support Group.
 - ii. A formally incarcerated intern is helping Cathy begin the Reentry Support Group.
 - iii. CentrePeace currently has three formally incarcerated individuals working for them.
 - iv. Cathy is also working on housing issues.

VIII. Announcements / Adjourn

- a. On a motion by Controller Moser, seconded by Judge Oliver, the Board of Inspectors voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 am.

IX. Next Meeting

- a. The next Board of Inspectors meeting will be through the virtual meeting Link on March 10, 2022 at 8:00 AM.

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Respectfully Submitted by: _____
dam Christopher A. Schell, Warden