



CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Board of Inspectors

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2023

Jonathan Grine President Judge / Chair	Steve Dershem Commissioner / Vice-Chair	Mark Higgins Commissioner	Amber Concepcion Commissioner	Jason Moser Controller	Bryan Sampsel Sheriff	Bernie Cantorna District Attorney	
Glenn Irwin Interim Warden	Melanie Gordon Deputy Warden	Denise Murphy Administrative Assistant	Karri Hull CJP Director	Cassandra Nichols PrimeCare	Barbara Squires CentrePeace		
Janet Irons	Connie Martin	Mark Frailey	Marie Hamilton	Mark Kissling	Melanie Morrison	Katernia Kostadinova	
Rachel Summers	Ashley Hamlin	Susan Smith	Nanci Rommel	Sarah Potter	Jeff Davidson	Peg Dobrinska	Ken Kline-Smeltzer

I. Call to Order

- a. President Judge Grine called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

II. Public Comments

- a. Connie Martin: Some may not want to go to work due to the 15% fee or the liability agreement.
- b. Sarah Potter: The outdoors and fresh air are basic needs that should be provided to the inmates for their mental health.
- c. Jeff Davidson: Pills cannot replace being outside. Regular outdoor activity is needed for everyone.
- d. Susan Smith: They should be outside every day.
- e. Janet Irons: Prison Society expressed concern in 2018. The urban yard saved the county money, but a mistake was made by not building the outdoor rec. This mistake should be corrected.
- f. Rachel Summers: Figure out how to solve the money issue.
- g. Deb Dobrinska: It is enough to punish for crimes committed by taking away their freedom, give them outdoors.
- h. Ashley Hamlin: There is a need for outdoor rec.
- i. Katernia Kostadinova: An incarcerated loved one doesn't realize when it is raining. They should have outdoor rec daily.
- j. Marie Hamilton: Rec should be corrected sooner rather than later.
- k. Melanie Morrison: Rapidly growing advocates are for outdoor rec, take steps for outdoor rec. Failure to do so is inhumane. Shocked by finding out that most jails in PA do not have outdoor rec.
- l. Mark Kissling: This is a fundamental issue. The min standards state each inmate should have 2-hrs outside per day. Do you feel CCCF meets these standards. Even though the DOC approves, is it meeting the law? Create a new committee to study the possibility of outdoor rec. What would it take to have outdoor rec? This mistake can be corrected.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approve Minutes from March 9, 2023

- i. On a motion by Controller Moser, seconded by Commissioner Concepcion, the Board of Inspectors voted unanimously to approve the minutes from March.

IV. Facility Reports

- a. Population information 192
 - i. Centre County Population 124
 - 1. Sentenced43
 - 2. Unsentenced.....71
 - a. New Chg.....41
 - b. Probation 14
 - c. Prob w/New Chg.....16
 - 3. State Sent 10
 - ii. Tenant County Population 68
 - 1. Sentenced50
 - 2. Unsentenced.....17
 - 3. State Sent 1
- b. Mental Health Information
 - i. Monthly Average Population 192
 - 1. Stability Code A.....40
 - 2. Stability Code B.....31
 - 3. Stability Code C.....99
 - 4. Stability Code D.....13
 - 5. Awaiting Placement..... 9
 - a. Some refuse to meet with mental health
- c. Co-Occurring Disorder information
 - i. Monthly Intakes 91
 - ii. Intakes w/Co-Occur Disorder 32
 - iii. Med Compliant upon Commit..... 11
- d. Suicide / Detox information
 - i. Suicide..... 21
 - ii. Suicide / Detox 5
 - iii. Detox..... 29
- e. PrimeCare report
 - i. COVID Testing
 - 1. Total Test..... 183
 - 2. Positive.....3
 - 3. Vaccines 9
 - ii. Sick Calls 144
 - iii. Physician / PA..... 115

- iv. Med Transports 20
- f. Work release / Community Re-entry 21
 - i. CentrePeace..... 7
 - ii. Work Release 12
 - iii. Facility Grounds 2
 - 1. Awaiting Clearance 5
- g. New programming opportunity
 - i. The grant was issued to Community Conferencing for females only. The group and individual meetings will prepare them for a job. They will learn job readiness, resumes, and have access to CareerLink. Once released, they will continue to have support and follow-up for 18 months.
- h. Alternative Recreation Committee (Jason Moser, Bernie Cantorna)
 - i. Controller Moser gave a summary of the first meeting. He stated concrete suggestions are needed. It had been suggested at the meeting to partner with PSU athletics. Another idea was to have the inmates resume lawncare at the Union Cemetery.
 - ii. DA Cantorna discussed the population available for outside clearance. About 40% can be out working. The out of county inmates are not eligible; the tenant county courts are in charge of deeming them eligible for outside clearance. Additionally, there is currently no space for an outdoor rec yard. The DA wants to make the earned time credit fair and encourage participation in work release. The work release program has improved.
 - iii. Ken Kline-Smeltzer asked what a detainer is. It was explained it is a hold placed by another jurisdiction. Once the inmate is released from CCCF, they will be transferred to another facility.
 - iv. Mark Kissling is not sure of his role or the purpose of the committee since they are unable to approve an outdoor rec yard.
 - v. Commissioner Concepcion believes they should conduct a study so everyone is clear of the barriers to build and what the options are.
 - vi. Deb Dombrinksa states her disappointment with the committee and not building the rec yard.
 - vii. Judge Grine explained to the community advocates the process of a study. Next month the study could potentially be added to the agenda.
 - viii. Janet Irons said a prison architect could say what needs to be done for outdoor rec.
 - ix. Nanci Rommel asked if funding would be available from grants and asked if fundraising was possible. The Warden, Deputy, and CJP Director all agree grants are not available for any type of building rec yards. The Judge said other resources would need to be explored.

V. Old Business

- a. Medication Assisted Treatment Grant award
 - i. \$500,000 grant has been awarded for the MAT program.
 - ii. The program would start out for anyone already on a MAT program. Eventually, it would be offered to others interested.
 - iii. After the arrival of the reward letter (about 2-wks), the Board of Commissioners will approve the grant acceptance.
- b. Attorney review of Policy and procedures
 - i. Due to attorney/client privilege, only the BOI members were given a copy of the report. However, the attorney offered a very good review and compliments on this facility.

VI. New Business

- a. Intergovernmental Housing Agreements
 - i. The new housing contract will be standard with all tenant counties.
 - ii. The housing rate is \$75 per day per individual.
- b. Expansion of the inmate tablets
 - i. Warden Irwin asked permission to acquire tablets for each inmate.
 - ii. The tablets have educational programs, some of the programs issue a certificate of completion.
 - iii. There will be no cost to the county, however it would extend the contract for 3-yrs.
 - iv. On a motion by Controller Moser, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board of Inspectors voted unanimously to approve the consideration for the Board of Commissioner's approval.
- c. Recognition of service for Janet Irons
 - i. Janet is very passionate about her position. She has over 10-yrs of service to the incarcerated.
 - ii. A certificate of appreciation was issued to Janet for her service.

VII. Monthly Reports

- a. Criminal Justice Planning
 - i. Karri confirmed 16 overdoses in 2022.
 - ii. The Reentry Coalition is updating the website with useful resources.
- b. Prison Society
 - i. Mark Frailey expressed the Prison Society's support of outdoor rec.
 - ii. Connie Martin announced the next parenting class would be this Spring/Summer.
- c. CentrePeace
 - i. CP had 7 workers in March. Last year they had 6,700 county donated hours.

- ii. The workers fix and repurpose old furniture. They focus on second chances and mistakes.
- iii. A former worker started a business repurposing furniture.
- d. Ken Kline-Smeltzer asked about workers for Habitat for Humanity. He also asked if individuals have to wait for work release.

VIII. Announcements / Adjourn

- a. On a motion by Sheriff Sampsel, seconded by Controller Moser, the Board of Inspectors voted unanimously to adjourn and have an Executive Session for security and personnel matters at 9:09 am.

IX. Next Meeting

- a. The next Board of Inspectors meeting will be May 11, 2023 at 8:00 AM.

*** The Board of Inspectors meetings will be hybrid-style meetings, with the option of attending in-person or remotely. The monthly meetings will be held in the Community Room at the Centre County Correctional Facility at 8:00 am. ***

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Respectfully Submitted:

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