



CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Board of Inspectors

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2023

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Steve Dershem Commissioner / Vice-Chair	Mark Higgins Commissioner	Amber Concepcion Commissioner	Jason Moser Controller	Bryan Sampsel Sheriff	Bernie Cantorna District Attorney	John Franek County Administrator
Glenn Irwin Interim Warden	Melanie Gordon Deputy Warden	Denise Murphy Administrative Assistant	Tom Weber PrimeCare CEO	Casandra Nichols PrimeCare	Alesha Weaver PrimeCare	Casey O'Neil PrimeCare
Vanessa Billett Reentry Specialist	Barbara Squires CentrePeace	Mark Frailey Prison Society	Connie Martin Prison Society	Janet Irons Prison Society	Nancy Spooner Prison Society	Bret Pallotto CDT
Cynthia Carpenter	Kerry Wiessmann	Ken Kline Smeltzer	Katerina Kostadinova	WJAC TV		
Irvin Moore	Ashley Hamlin	Rachel Summers	Gail Addison	Anton Atquin	Becky Kephart	Dale Kephart
Josh Helke	Jeff Davidson	Greg Stewart	Melanie Morrison	Tyson Daniels	Rick Crider	Nanci Rommel
Marie Hamilton	Mark Kissling	Ann Jones	Dick Jones	Jim Rosenberger	Sue Smith	Dan Guss

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I. Call to Order

- a. Commissioner Dershem called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

II. Public Comments

- a. To summarize the comments, 15 members of the community made public comments concerning outdoor rec. They are concerned with the urban rec yards and the failure to provide outdoor recreation. The concerned citizens state how important it is to be outside every day. They believe the facility should do a feasibility study and figure out how to provide this basic human right.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approve Minutes from April 13, 2023
  - i. On a motion by Controller Moser, seconded by DA Cantorna, the minutes from April 13, 2023 were unanimously approved.
- b. The Board of Inspectors had an executive session on April 13, 2023 regarding security and personnel issues.

IV. Facility Reports

- a. Recognition of Corrections Employee Week & Employee Awards. Each year an Officer from each shift along with an employee of the year is recognized for their outstanding performance.
  - i. Michael Shearer 7-3 Officer of the Year: Employed since 1991. He has been in CBC since its inception in 2008.
  - ii. Nathan Richner 3-11 Officer of the Year: Hired in Jan 2018. Works as the 3-11 Intake Officer since Feb 2022.
  - iii. Dayne McKee 11-7 Officer of the Year: Hired in July 2014, works as the 11-7 Floater.

iv.	Vanessa Billett Employee of the Year: Hired as a Corrections Officer in Dec 2009. She served as a member of the CERT team, a Staff Trainer, and a Defensive Tactics Instructor. In Sept 2021 she became the facility's Reentry Specialist.	
b.	Population information	201
i.	Centre County Population	120
1.	Sentenced	36
2.	Unsentenced	74
a.	New Charges Only	50
b.	Prob / Parole Only	10
c.	Prob w/New Chg	14
3.	State Sent	10
ii.	Tenant County Population	81
1.	Sentenced	57
2.	Unsentenced	23
3.	State Sent	1
c.	PrimeCare report	
i.	COVID Testing	150
1.	Positive Tests	0
2.	Vaccines Administered	6
ii.	Sick Calls	151
iii.	Physician / PA Visits	188
iv.	Outside Med Consults	20
v.	Medications	112
vi.	OTC Meds	62
vii.	Seen by Mental Health Clinician	212
viii.	Seen by Psychiatrist	76
ix.	Total on MH Meds	100
x.	Co-occurring Disorders	27
1.	Med Compliant upon Commitment	12
d.	Suicide Watches / Detox Info	
i.	Suicide Watch	15
1.	Suicide Watch w/Detox	3
ii.	Detox Total	16
1.	Heroin/Opiate/Fen	1
2.	Benzo	0
3.	Meth	6
4.	Alcohol	3
5.	Suboxone	3
6.	Multi	3

- e. Mental Health Information
  - i. MHSR Snapshot.....201
    - 1. MHSR-A..... 38
    - 2. MHSR-B..... 24
    - 3. MHSR-C ..... 105
    - 4. MHSR-D ..... 16
    - 5. Awaiting Placement \* ..... 18
      - \* Some refuse to meet with Mental Health
- f. Work Release / Community Reentry average daily sentenced pop 39.6
  - i. Centre County Sentenced Inmates – 55% are Working Outside
    - 1. Outside Workers ..... 22
      - a. CentrePeace ..... 6
      - b. Employed ..... 12
      - c. Facility Grounds..... 4
    - 2. Not Working Outside..... 17
      - a. Refuse to Work..... 4
      - b. Detainers ..... 5
      - c. Disciplinary ..... 3
      - d. Not Medically Cleared ..... 2
      - e. Not Eligible by Courts ..... 3
- g. Programming opportunities
  - i. 24 various programs in the facility.
  - ii. The Parenting Inside Out qualifies for contact visits.
- h. Voting information
  - i. Volunteer Nanci Rommel worked with Reentry Specialist Billett to conduct voter registration and handle requests for absentee ballots for the upcoming primary election.
  - ii. Arrangements have been made with the Elections Office for retrieval of the ballots.
  - iii. Out of County ballots have been mailed via US Mail.

V. Old Business

- a. Alternative to Outdoor Recreation Committee Report
  - i. Controller Moser: The committee met on Tuesday, May 9. Several opportunities had been discussed. One of them being Judge Grine would reach out to Schuylkill County for authorization of outside work for their inmates. Schuylkill County is the largest tenant county being housed at CCCF.
  - ii. DA Cantorna: Work release is important; it gives them the best chance when they get out. Increase the work release and increase earned time. The unsentenced still have the urban rec yard.

- iii. Marie Hamilton: Not providing outdoor rec to those not eligible for work release is cruel and breaking the law. The justification of CCCF being an urban jail should be looked at. By not having outdoor rec is breaking the law. This inflicts mental and physical trauma on these returning citizens.
- iv. The committee had been established to create alternatives to outdoor rec.

## VI. New Business

- a. Discussion on Hybrid meetings
  - i. If hybrid meetings continue, could we explore other platforms?
    - 1. By consensus, for the short term, continue the hybrid meetings, however permission to seek other platforms.

## VII. Monthly Reports

- a. Criminal Justice Planning
  - i. No report.
- b. Prison Society
  - i. Connie Martin says the Prison Society raised the money for Parenting Inside Out training. There is going to be a minimum of six participants per class.
  - ii. Mark Frailey announced Nanci Spooner will take Janet's place in the Centre County Chapter.
- c. CentrePeace
  - i. CentrePeace continues to breakdown barrios and help individuals into successful reentry.
  - ii. CentrePeace partnered with Go Rancher for their free event in August.

## VIII. Announcements / Adjourn

- a. Commissioner Dershem explained to Ken Kline Smeltzer that all comments will be relayed to the President Judge.
- b. On a motion by Commissioner Concepcion, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 am.

## IX. Next Meeting

- a. The next Board of Inspectors meeting will be June 8, 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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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88671592668?pwd=eXNDZjUyTUFqbFpEY01CL2ZsR3RXZz09>  
Meeting ID: 886 7159 2668  
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Respectfully Submitted:

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Glenn E. Irwin, Interim Warden