




CENTRE COUNTY
 PENNSYLVANIA
 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
 Board of Inspectors
 Meeting Minutes
 May 12, 2022



Attendees

Steve Dershem <small>Commissioner</small>	Mark Higgins <small>Commissioner</small>	Katherine Oliver <small>Judge</small>	Bryan Sampsel <small>Sheriff</small>	Jason Moser <small>Controller</small>			
Christopher Schell <small>Warden</small>	Glenn Irwin <small>Deputy Warden</small>	John Franek <small>County Administrator</small>	Karri Hull <small>Criminal Justice Planning</small>	Cassandra Kawa <small>PrimeCare Medical</small>	Alesha Weaver <small>PrimeCare Medical</small>	Cathy Brown <small>CentrePeace</small>	
Janet Irons <small>Prison Society</small>	Connie Martin <small>Prison Society</small>	Mark Frailey <small>Prison Society</small>	Mark Kissling <small>Concerned Citizen</small>	Ken Smeltzer <small>Concerned Citizen</small>	Cindy Carpenter <small>Concerned Citizen</small>	Beth Baker <small>Concerned Citizen</small>	Monica Brindle <small>Concerned Parent</small>

I. Call to Order

- a. The Board of Inspectors hybrid meeting was convened by Vice-Chair of the Board, Commissioner Steve Dershem at 8:08 am.

II. Public Comments

- a. Monica Brindle is a concerned parent making a heart wrenching statement regarding her daughter’s treatment while recently incarcerated at CCCF from March 31-April 18: Monica had no communication from her daughter. She then found out her daughter had been at the hospital a day and a half. The doctor said she was almost gone when she arrived. She had a significant amount of blood loss, pneumonia sepsis, fever, dehydration, and she lost 20 pounds during her stay at the facility.

Monica says when she was able to see her daughter at the hospital, she stated she thought she was going to die in jail. At one point there was a code when she passed out and urinated on the floor. Several men took her to the shower because she was too weak to go on her own. She was in so much pain she cried and moaned. People mocked and made fun of her. They made fun of the color of her urine and told her it’s disgusting and stinks. She asked and was refused by the facility doctor to go to the hospital.

She often couldn’t get food, water, or her medication because she was too weak to get to it, so they said she refused it. She said at one point she finally got to the door on her hands and knees and somebody shut the cell door on her. She was called fat and lazy and they told her she refused treatment. The two times they did take her medical, they gave her something for a urine infection and Tylenol.

On the 18th of April she was put on life support at Mount Nittany and life flighted to Danville. She was deteriorating due to the duration of an infection that antibiotics weren’t able to take care of. Her heart was so badly infected that she had two heart valves replaced.

Now that she is expected to make it, there will be a long road of physical therapy. She will go to drug rehab and detox again. Monica was somewhat relieved when her daughter came to jail thinking maybe she would get the help she needed. Now she hopes that her daughter’s condition when she was taken to the hospital brings change to the facility.

- b. Janet Irons, Prison Society: There is an old belief that you cannot die from detoxing, but that belief is outdated. Janet passed out a list of resources on the recommended standards of care on detoxing.
 - i. Janet would like PrimeCare to do an internal review of this incident, if not already routine.

- ii. Janet also suggest the opioid settlement funds be used for making the detox process more humane.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. On a motion by Judge Oliver, seconded by Controller Moser, the Board of Inspectors voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the April Prison Board of Inspectors meeting.

IV. Recognition of Correctional Staff Awards

- a. Outstanding Officer of the Year: John ‘Mick’ Jones, Correctional Officer
- b. Officer of the Year 7-3: Charles Zimmerman, Correctional Officer
- c. Officer of the Year 3-11: Bryce Bennett, Correctional Officer
- d. Officer of the Year 11-7: Hunter Granite< Correctional Officer
- e. Employee of the Year: Robert Fenstamaker, Kitchen Staff
- f. Supervisor of the Year: Jonathan Millinder, Lieutenant

V. Monthly Reports

- a. Mental Health
 - i. Amy Miller30
 - 1. Refer CR7
 - ii. Crossroads Drug/Alcohol..... 12
 - 1. Males 10
 - 2. Females2
 - iii. Crossroads Mental Health 7
 - 1. Males5
 - 2. Females2
- b. COMPASS Program26
 - i. Males 18
 - ii. Females8
 - iii. Graduation.....3
- c. Decision Points Program 10
 - i. Males6
 - ii. Females4
 - iii. Graduation.....2
- d. WR / Community Reentry 17
 - i. CentrePeace.....6
 - ii. County Maint.....2
 - iii. Grounds4
 - iv. Work Release5
- e. Facility Population 04/30/2022.....166
 - i. Centre County 102
 - 1. Unsent..... 54
 - 2. County Sent..... 21
 - 3. State Sent..... 10
 - ii. Tenant County64
 - 1. Unsent..... 19
 - 2. County Sent..... 44

3. State Sent.....	1
f. Data Collection	
i. Centre County Unsent.....	53
1. New Chg.....	33
2. Probation.....	11
3. Prob w/New Chg.....	9
g. BMS Status	13
i. Tier 0.....	4
ii. Tier I.....	1
iii. Tier II.....	1
iv. Tier III.....	0
v. Tier IV.....	7
h. Co-Occurring Disorder.....	27
i. Total Monthly Intakes	57
ii. Taking Meds upon Intake	12
i. Suicide Watch	8
i. Centre County	8
1. Suicide w/Detox	3
j. Detox Totals	21
i. Centre County	20
k. FIMAT: Vivitrol Injections	
i. 1 st Injection Last Month	0
ii. In early stage discussions with PrimeCare to add to the program.	
1. Anybody that is committed on a MAT program, will maintain on a MAT program.	
2. Sublocade 30-day injection: cannot divert the medication.	
3. Not doing pill form due to the security of the facility and the ability to divert the medication.	
l. Prime Care Report	
i. Hospital	2 Residents
1. Cardiac for 12 days	
2. Heavy Detox 1 day	
ii. COVID Test Results	
1. Symptomatic Testing	
a. Pending.....	0
b. Negative	281
c. Positive.....	0
d. Recovered.....	104
2. Asymptomatic Testing	
a. Pending.....	0
b. Negative	2391
c. Positive.....	1
d. Recovered.....	119
iii. Physician/PA	78
iv. Med Transports	9
v. MH Clinician	255

- vi. Psychiatrist 75
- vii. Psych Medication 101
- viii. MH Diagnosis 124
- ix. MH Stability (ADP) 188
 - 1. Total Pop..... 166
 - a. Stability Rating A ..21
 - i. Centre ... 16
 - b. Stability Rating B ..16
 - i. Centre ... 10
 - c. Stability Rating C 115
 - i. Centre ... 65
 - d. Stability Rating D ..14
 - i. Centre ... 11
 - e. Awaiting Rating0
- m. Grievance Report..... 14
 - i. Grievable5
 - ii. Found.....0
- n. CBC Activity Totals..... 271

Janet Irons questioned the difference in the total unsentenced inmates. The Warden described the timing in reports. Due to new commitments and releases, the numbers will be different.

Janet also asked about PrimeCare reporting at the meetings. The Warden explained that PrimeCare attends the meetings and would repeat the same information he does since his information came from them.

VI. Old Business

- a. COVID-19 Correctional Facility’s Operation
 - i. Programming
 - 1. In Person Meetings
 - a. CrossRoads (D&A / MH)
 - b. Centre County Mental Health
 - c. Chaplain Services
 - d. GED Program
 - e. Public Defenders Office
 - f. Parenting Inside-Out
 - g. Probation
 - h. Public Defender / Private Attorneys
 - i. Prison Society
 - j. TASC Assessments
 - ii. COVID 19 Future Consideration
 - 1. Reentry Program (possibly June)
 - 2. Leadership Program (June / July)
 - 3. Ridgelines Language Arts
 - iii. COVID 19 Vaccine & Booster Clinic / Rapid Testing
 - 1. Boalsburg Apothecary 12th Clinic April 15
 - a. Moderna: 9
 - b. Pfizer: 11

2. All Returning Citizens receive an incentive of \$25 for first vaccine.

VII. New Business

a. CDC New Guidelines

- i. CDC New guidelines: Strategies for everyday operations.
 1. Optional mask wearing for all staff and returning citizens
 2. Visitors required to complete questionnaire and temp check.
 3. New commitments 10-day quarantine.
 4. Test any staff or returning citizen at request or with symptoms.
 5. Programming in-person & virtual.
- ii. CDC Enhanced Prevention Strategies
 1. Strategies to use when community level is at medium or high and facility level factors indicate risk.
 - a. One housing unit – Officer wears N-95 masks.
 - b. More than one unit – All staff N-95 masks.
- iii. The Warden is asking for approval to open the Facility following the new CDC guidelines and optional masking protocols.
 1. On a motion by Sheriff Sampsel, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board of Inspectors approved the optional mask protocols.
 2. Connie Martin asked about the residents wearing N95 masks in a unit with a COVID positive inmate. The Warden told her an infected individual would be in quarantine. Deputy Irwin stated the COVID positive individual would have no contact with the other residents. The Staff would have contact; therefore, the Officer would be fully protected. The Warden also informed Mrs. Martin the CDC states COVID does not go through the air ducts.

b. Clothing change for CentrePeace Workers

- i. CentrePeace workers currently wear orange jumpsuit.
 1. Stigma attached to the workers wearing the jail jumpsuits.
 2. The public would be more comfortable with the workers if they were not wearing the jail uniform.
- ii. Change to a CentrePeace shirt and jeans or pants (non-jail identifier).
 1. Kathy stated that CentrePeace has shirts that they could supply.
 - a. The current CentrePeace employees wear a gray shirt with the CP logo.
- iii. Commissioner Dershem asked for a motion to approve the Warden to work with CentrePeace to develop a suitable and appropriate wardrobe.
 1. On a motion by Judge Oliver, seconded by Controller Moser, the Board of Inspectors approved the development of a new CentrePeace wardrobe.

VIII. Monthly Reports

a. Criminal Justice Planning

- i. Karri shared there have been 4 documented drug overdoses to date.

b. Prison Society

- i. Connie Martin shared the reason she joined the Prison Society was due to her treatment by the medical department while incarcerated. Since she was unable to get resolution from the staff, she went to PrimeCare management in Harrisburg. She then made a commitment to speak for those who couldn't speak for themselves.

- ii. Connie Martin, Medical Care Subcommittee Chair submitted requests for the detox policies on April 27. Both Connie and Janet will be doing research on best practices, contacting local providers to access the current needs in Centre County.
- iii. Mark Frailey says, “it all comes down to you get what you pay for and with that comes responsibility too. So, if you make them good money, you can hold them more responsible as well.”

c. CentrePeace

- i. No report from CentrePeace.

IX. Announcements / Adjourn

- a. On a motion by the Controller Moser, seconded by Judge Oliver, the Prison Board of Inspectors meeting adjourned at 9:14 am.

X. Next Meeting

- a. The next Board of Inspectors meeting will be through the virtual meeting Link on June 9, 2022 at 8:00 AM.

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