



**CENTRE COUNTY**  
 P E N N S Y L V A N I A  
 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
**Board of Inspectors**  
**Minutes**  
 May 13, 2021

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**Michael Pipe**  
Commissioner / Chair

**Steve Dershem**  
Commissioner

**Mark Higgins**  
Commissioner

**Bernie Cantorna**  
District Attorney

**Bryan Sampsel**  
Sheriff

**Katherine Oliver**  
Judge

**Jason Moser**  
Controller

**Christopher Schell**  
Warden

**Melanie Gordon**  
Deputy Warden

**Glenn Irwin**  
Deputy Warden

**Margaret Gray**  
County Administrator

**Karri Hull**  
Criminal Justice Planning

**Janet Irons**  
Prison Society

**Connie Martin**  
Prison Society

**I. Call to Order**

- a. The Board of Inspectors meeting convened at 8:03 am by Chair of the Board Michael Pipe through a virtual meeting.

**II. Public Comments**

- i. No public comments.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Controller Moser, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 2021 Board of Inspectors meeting.

**IV. Recognition of Correctional Staff**

- a. Awards for 2021
  - i. Officer of the Year 7-3: Henry Napoleon, Correctional Officer
  - ii. Officer of the Year 3-11: Jim Meyers, Correctional Officer
  - iii. Officer of the Year 11-7: Joshua Reffner, Correctional Officer
  - iv. Employee of the Year: Denise Murphy, Administrative Assistant
  - v. Supervisor of the Year: Walt Jeirles, Lieutenant
- b. For National Correctional Employees Week, the staff received a blanket embroidered with the facility's crest, special meals, and Deputy Gordon's baked goods.

**V. Monthly Reports**

- a. Mental Health
  - i. Centre County Mental Health (Call ins)
    - 1. Amy Miller ..... 21
      - a. Refer PSU..... 3
      - b. Refer CR ..... 8

- ii. PSU Dr. Michael Wolf (Virtual Meetings)
      - 1. Individual Sessions ..... 12
    - iii. Crossroads Drug & Alcohol (Virtual Meetings-4 times per mo)
      - 1. Male Individual Sessions..... 6
      - 2. Female Individual Sessions ... 1
    - iv. Crossroads Mental Health (4 times each)
      - 1. Male Individual Sessions..... 4
      - 2. Female Individual Sessions ... 2
  - b. COMPASS Program
    - i. Male Group ..... 12
    - ii. Female Group ..... 8
      - 1. Graduation..... 0
  - c. WR / Community Reentry
    - i. Facility Grounds ..... 1
    - ii. County Maintenance ..... 0
    - iii. Work Release (Suspended)
    - iv. CentrePeace (Suspended)
  - d. Facility Population: Snapshot 04/30/2021 – Total 158
    - i. Centre County Population - 102
      - 1. Un-Sentence ..... 80
      - 2. County Sentence ..... 21
      - 3. State Sentence ..... 1
    - ii. Tenant County Population - 56
      - 1. Un-Sentence ..... 30
      - 2. County Sentence ..... 25
      - 3. State Sentence ..... 1
  - e. Behavior Modification Status
    - i. Tier 0: 4    Tier I: 0    Tier II: 0    Tier III: 0    Tier IV: 19
  - f. Co-Occurring Disorder (Mental Illness & Drug Addiction)
    - i. 31 out of 79 Intakes..... 39.2%
      - 1. Centre County ..... 19
      - 2. Other County ..... 12
  - g. Suicide Watch..... 17

i. Centre County .....	11	w/Detox.....	3
ii. Other County .....	6	w/Detox.....	3
h. Detox Total.....	21		
i. Centre County .....	17		
ii. Other County .....	4		
i. FIMAT - Facility Initiated Medical Assisted Treatment Program (Vivitrol)			
i. No New Injections Due to COVID			
j. PrimeCare Report			
i. Inpatient Hospital .....	2		
1. Detox Seizures / Heavy Detoxing			
2. Rhabdomyolysis			
ii. COVID-19 Test Results (Subject to change)			
1. Symptomatic Testing			
a. Pending.....	0		
b. Negative.....	264		
c. Positive.....	0		
d. Recovered .....	75		
2. Asymptomatic Testing			
a. Pending.....	0		
b. Negative.....	329		
c. Positive.....	0		
d. Recovered .....	50		
iii. Total seen by the Physician or PA.....	90		
iv. Total Medical Appointment Transports.....	19		
v. Mental Health Clinician Individual Seen .....	187		
vi. Total seen by the Psychiatrist.....	93		
vii. Mental Health Patients on Psych Meds.....	92		
viii. Daily Average Patients Diagnosed with Mental Health			
1. Avg Daily Pop.....	148		
2. Diagnosed w/MH .....	111		
3. Category C.....	88.....	59.5%	
4. Category D.....	23.....	15.5%	
ix. Stability Rating (snapshot 4/30/2021)			

1.	Total Population.....	158
a.	Category A .....	13
i.	Centre .....	12
b.	Category B .....	14
i.	Centre .....	12
c.	Category C.....	101
i.	Centre .....	62
d.	Category D.....	21
i.	Centre .....	12
e.	Pending.....	9
k.	Grievance Report .....	15
i.	Grievable .....	6
ii.	Found .....	0
l.	CBC Report .....	206
m.	Monthly Reports Comments	
i.	Connie Martin questioned how many of the unsentenced returning citizens are no longer employed due to being incarcerated. She asked if the unsentenced individuals could be on monitoring systems so they would not have to give up their employment.	
1.	Judge Oliver stated every situation is different. The Judges do try to keep people in the community working when it is possible. District Attorney Cantorna says some are held on probation holds, some are cash bail, or not appropriate for bail. Centre County does not have a structured supervised bail to ensure safety in cases of violence. Part of the reason the numbers may be so high is due to the pandemic. The Warden noted in order to be Work Release eligible, they must be sentenced. Connie is concerned with the large total of unsentenced ones. Judge Oliver summarized everyone is working on this situation.	
ii.	Janet Irons noted the suicide watch numbers increased and asked for clarification. The Warden stated upon the intake process, everyone is assessed. It is a safety concern and is better to have them on suicide watch as a precaution. Janet wonders if this is due to more intakes or higher opioid use. Deputy Warden Gordon stated the current numbers are normal for the number of intakes. The lower numbers last year were due to the lower population.	

VI. Old Business

- a. Data Collection

i. Global Tel Link (GTL) Report: Centre County Only

1. GTL continues to work on the facility information report.

a. The report is still missing the yearly data.

b. COVID-19 Correctional Facility's Operation

i. Programming

1. The Facility is continuing programming.

a. Virtual Meetings

CrossRoads Counseling	Penn State Psych MH Clinic	Reentry Strategies
Creative Writing	Yoga - Female	Men's Meditation
Legal Literacy	Parenting Inside-Out	Entrepreneurship Class
DUI Court	AA (Female & Male)	Centre Safe
Incarcerated Youth School Program/IYP/CIU-10		

b. Phone Call Meetings

GED Program/CIU 10  
Central Court-Attorneys phone interviews w/clients  
DRS Office Hours  
TASC Assessments

c. In Person

COMPASS for Men & Women  
Centre County MH  
Probation-Assessments/Home Plans/Paperwork

d. Non-Contact Room Meetings

Public Defender & Private Attorney  
Chaplain Services (Men & Women)  
Interviews for Public Defenders Office

e. Videos

Access Church Service  
Registration/Absentee Ballot Voting (Eligible Returning Citizens)

2. In the Process of Adding

Leadership Program w/CentrePeace  
'Inside-Out' Program w/ PSU Students

ii. COVID 19 Future Consideration

1. Tenant County Returning Citizens

a. We are currently housing from: Union, Schuylkill, and Huntingdon.

iii. COVID 19 Vaccine Update

1. Boalsburg Apothecary Clinic-Moderna

a. First Dose: April 29 - 56 Returning Citizens

- b. Second Dose: May 27 - 14 Returning Citizens
- 2. PrimeCare Vaccine Clinic-Johnson & Johnson
  - a. April 30, 2021 - 26 Returning Citizens signed-up to receive it as soon as it is available.
- 3. All returning citizens who received the vaccine, got an incentive of \$25.00 on their account.
  - a. The vaccine incentive was funded through the commissary fund to the inmate account.
- 4. Employee vaccines are voluntary to report.
  - a. Self-Reported Staff: 47

VII. New Business

a. 200 Level Returning Citizens Policies

i. Reviewed 200 Level Returning Citizens Policies.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 121 Statistical Info Reporting  | 212 Religion                       |
| 204 Laundry                     | 214 Inmate Orientation             |
| 108 Radio Communication         | 215 Volunteer/Service Providers    |
| 206 Notification of Next of Kin | 217 Medical Services               |
| 209 Furloughs                   | 218 Incarcerated Parenting Program |

- 1. On a motion by Judge Oliver, seconded by Controller Moser, the Board voted unanimously to approve the policy reviews.

ii. Revised 200 Level Returning Citizens Policies.

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 201 Victim Notification | 210 Barber Services               |
| 203 Visiting            | 211 Community Reentry & Education |
| 205 Library Services    | 213 Treatment Services            |
| 207 Deaths              | 216 Work Release                  |
| 208 Classification      |                                   |

- 1. On a motion by Controller Moser, seconded by Judge Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the policy revisions.

b. Starting Wage Increase for New Officers Proposal to Salary Board

- i. Working with the County Administrator Margaret Gray on recruitment and retention incentives for new Correctional Officers.
- ii. This will not be with the Union contract; it will only be through the county.

VIII. Monthly Reports

a. Criminal Justice Planning

- i. Carrie Hull reports the COVID grant through the state had been modified. Originally the grant was to cover a trash compactor, however after the Warden’s investigation, he found it would save money in the long-term. The grant will now cover a conveyor system for the Returning Citizen’s property. This will help keep the property safe, clean, and organized until the Returning Citizen is released.

b. Prison Society

- i. No Prison Society report.

c. CentrePeace

- i. No Returning Citizens are going to CentrePeace at this time, hopefully with the new policies that will soon change.
- ii. The Warden reported the Community Conferencing is set to start next week with the first two Returning Citizens.

IX. Announcements / Adjourn

- a. An Executive Meeting was held on April 23 at 1:00 to discuss legal matters.
- b. Controller Moser moved to adjourn and Commissioner Dershem seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Pipe adjourned the Prison Board of Inspectors meeting at 8:52 am.

X. Next Meeting

- a. The next Board of Inspectors meeting is through the virtual meeting link on June 10, 2021 at 8:00 am.

Meeting URL:.....<https://bluejeans.com/385425615/1880>

Meeting ID:.....385 425 615

Passcode:.....1880

To dial in from a phone, dial one of the following numbers:

(408)419-1715 or (408)915-6290

Enter the meeting ID and passcode followed by #

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
dam Christopher A. Schell, Warden