



Board of Inspectors
Meeting Minutes
 June 8, 2023

Attendance:

Jonathan Grine President Judge / Chair	Steve Dershem Commissioner / Vice Chair	Mark Higgins Commissioner	Amber Concepcion Commissioner	DA Cantorna <i>absent</i>	Sheriff Sampsel Virtual	Jason Moser Controller
Glenn Irwin Interim Warden	Melanie Gordon Deputy Warden	Denise Murphy Admin Asst	John Franek County Administrator	Kristen Simkins HR Director	Karri Hull CJP Director	Barbara Squires CentrePeace
Tom Weber PrimeCare	Casandra Nichols PrimeCare	Alesha Weaver PrimeCare	Mark Frailey Prison Society	Connie Martin Prison Society	Nancy Spooner Prison Society	Janet Irons Prison Society
Nanci Rommel	Mark Kissling	Cynthia Carpenter	Ken Kline Smeltzer	Hope Perry (CDT)	Kerry Kavanaugh	Ashley Hamlin
Dan Guss	Gail Addison Guss	Kerry Wiessmann	Melanie Morrison	Anton Aluquin	Unknown Citizen	Unknown Citizen

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was opened by President Judge Grine, Chair at 8:01 am with a quorum present.

II. Public Comments – for items not appearing on the agenda

- a. Ken Kline-Smeltzer spoke of visiting the Dauphin County Prison. He also asked about the status of hiring a new Warden.
- b. Mark Kissling questioned why the public has not been informed of the hiring status of the Warden.
- c. HR Director Kristen Simkins summarized the hiring process and explained personnel matters are confidential.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approve Minutes from May 11, 2023
 - i. Kerry Wiessmann requested to have more detail on the 15 public commenters added to the May minutes.
 - ii. On a motion by Commissioner Concepcion, seconded by, Commissioner Higgins, the BOI voted unanimously to approve the May minutes with the acknowledgment the number (15) of public speakers would be added.

IV. Facility Reports

- a. Population information 196
 - i. Centre County 114
 - Sentenced 33
 - Unsentenced..... 71
 - New Charges 47
 - Prob / Parole..... 9
 - Prob w/New Chg 15
 - State Sentence 10

ii. Tenant County	82
Sentenced	58
Unsentenced.....	23
State Sentence	1
b. Covid protocols	
CDC updated COVID recommendations.	
CCCCF will continue testing new commitments.	
Negative upon commitment will quarantine 48-hrs.	
Positive and refusal to test will quarantine 10-days.	
c. PrimeCare report	
i. COVID Testing	159
Positive Tests.....	0
New Vaccines.....	0
ii. Sick Calls	147
iii. Physician / PA Visits	204
iv. Outside Medical Consults.....	19
v. Medications	113
vi. OTC Meds	67
vii. Mental Health Clinician	266
viii. Psychiatrist.....	65
ix. Mental Health Meds	101
x. Co-Occurring Disorders	25
Med compliant upon commitment.....	14
d. Detox / Suicide Information	
i. Suicide Watch	13
Suicide Watch w/Detox.....	2
ii. Detox Total	18
Heroin/Opiates/Fentanyl.....	2
Benzodiazepines	1
Methamphetamine.....	2
Alcohol.....	4
Suboxone.....	5
Multi.....	4
e. Mental Health information	
Stability Code A: 36	
Stability Code B: 29	
Stability Code C: 103	
Stability Code D: 15	

Awaiting Placement: 13

f. Work Release / Community Re-entry

i. Outside Workers.....	26
CentrePeace	7
Employed.....	11
Facility Grounds.....	5
County Maintenance	3
ii. Not Working Outside	19
Refuse.....	2
Detainer	5
Disciplinary	2
WR Violations.....	2
Not Med Cleared	1
Behavior History.....	3
Not Eligible by Court.....	4

g. Earned time guidelines update

- i. Convicted, sentenced, and committed to CCCF may receive earned time credit for successful participation in the Reentry program.

Outside Workers

CP, CM, FG: Earn 1 day for every 6 worked

Inside Workers

Laundry, Kitchen, Hallways: earn 1 for every 10 worked.

Unit Trustees: earn 1 for 30 days worked.

Completed Programs

GED Test (each)..... 1

IYP..... 1

Compass.....3

Decision Points.....2

Crossroads D&A 1

Crossroads MH..... 1

Parenting Program..... 1

- ii. Ineligible for earned time if serving a mandatory sentence, if reentry is not included in court order, misconducts while incarcerated, parole revocation.

Connie Martin expressed concern for the unsentenced residents not being eligible for work release. Judge Grine explained the court process and said the courts are moving quickly.

Deputy Gordon explained the unsentenced group is not the same every month. There are only four that have been incarcerated over 6-months being unsentenced and they have felony charges.

h. Crisis Intervention Training graduates

Officer Richner, Officer Harvey, Officer Bickle, and Lt. Webb completed the weeklong training.

Karri Hull reported there have been 441 trainees since 2010.

V. Old Business

a. Alternative to outdoor recreation committee report (Jason Moser Cantorna)

Controller Moser reported on the June 6 Alternative Rec Committee meeting. At the meeting, the DA suggested revising the Reentry policy adding criteria to inform organizations of qualifications.

b. Schuylkill County work release update

Schuylkill County agreed to allow their inmates to participate in outside reentry programs.

Steps are being taken to approve them for outside clearance.

VI. New Business

a. Discussion of scope for potential feasibility study involving outdoor recreation

Interim Warden Irwin pointed out the study must be done correctly and would be very time consuming. He also noted the recent escape from the rec yard in Clearfield County. Two additional facilities had escapes from their outdoor rec yards. Another facility had someone escape during a transport. It is important to protect the community and the victims.

Commissioner Dershem added contraband would be a concern. A facility in NE Pa had drugs slingshot over the fence.

For a study to be done, the Judge said there is a lot to consider. Increased risk, better mental health, the cost of the study and cost of construction, staffing, security, and the legal impact. There was a discussion on how many yards would be needed.

Commissioner Concepcion suggested an RFQ to get a sense of qualifications and what might be needed. Controller Moser agreed with starting with the RFQ. The County Administrator added an RFQ would give thoughts and ideas to know what to ask for in a quote.

Commissioner Higgins talked about the safety of the staff and inmates. He also mentioned security and cost.

Nancy Spooner suggested having the inmates meet certain criteria to be eligible for outdoor rec.

Seven of the concerned citizens had a tour of Dauphin County.

Rachel Summers said it can be completed in steps and does not have to be completed at once.

Kerry Kavanaugh supports outdoor rec and thinks not being outside expedites MH issues. She will forward a study to the Board.

Anton Atquin questioned the funding for outdoor rec and asked why 9-15 additional CO's would be needed.

- b. On a motion by Commissioner Concepcion, seconded by, Commissioner Higgins, the BOI voted unanimously for staff to start investigating firms to engage and complete an RFQ.
 - Three of the seven members were not available for this vote, however there was a quorum.

VII. Monthly Reports

a. Criminal Justice Planning

Karri Hull reported the grant was received for the medicated assisted treatment.

Karri also mentioned there have been 4 confirmed overdoses this year with an additional one pending. Three of the four overdoses included fentanyl, two included xylazine, and one was a suicide.

b. Prison Society

Connie Martin reported her parenting program is successful.

c. CentrePeace

CentrePeace works with individuals from CCCF so they have a successful return to society and a chance to be productive citizens.

VIII. Announcements / Adjourn

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Concepcion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am for an executive session regarding personnel matters.

IX. Next Meeting: July 13, 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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