



**CENTRE COUNTY**  
 PENNSYLVANIA  
 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
**Board of Inspectors**  
**Minutes**  
 June 10, 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

**Cathy Brown**  
CentrePeace

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**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 May 2021 Board of Inspectors meeting.

**IV. Recognition of Correctional Staff – Accidentally left on from last month.**

- a. Commissioner Pipe thanked the staff at the Correctional Facility for their work.

**V. Monthly Reports**

**a. Mental Health**

**i. Centre County Mental Health (Call ins)**

- 1. Amy Miller ..... 15
  - a. Refer PSU..... 3
  - b. Refer CR ..... 5

**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 ... 3

- iv. Crossroads Mental Health (4 times each)
  - 1. Male Individual Sessions..... 5
  - 2. Female Individual Sessions ... 1
- b. COMPASS Program
  - i. Male Group ..... 14
  - ii. Female Group ..... 4
    - 1. Graduation..... 0
- c. Work Release / Community Reentry (Avg per day)
  - i. Facility Grounds ..... 3
  - ii. County Maintenance ..... 2
  - iii. Work Release ..... 0
  - iv. CentrePeace..... 0
- d. Facility Population: Snapshot 05/31/2021 – Total 186
  - i. Centre County Population - 106
    - 1. Un-Sentence ..... 76
    - 2. County Sentence ..... 28
    - 3. State Sentence ..... 2
  - ii. Tenant County Population - 80
    - 1. Un-Sentence ..... 45
    - 2. County Sentence ..... 32
    - 3. State Sentence ..... 3
- e. Behavior Modification Status
  - i. Tier 0: 4    Tier I: 1    Tier II: 0    Tier III: 0    Tier IV: 17
- f. Co-Occurring Disorder (Mental Illness & Drug Addiction)
  - i. 29 out of 81 Intakes..... 35.8%
    - 1. Centre County ..... 13
    - 2. Other County ..... 16
- g. Suicide Watch..... 17
  - i. Centre County ..... 6            w/Detox..... 0
  - ii. Other County ..... 2            w/Detox..... 1
- h. Detox Total..... 13
  - i. Centre County ..... 10
  - ii. Other County ..... 3

- i. FIMAT - Facility Initiated Medical Assisted Treatment Program (Vivitrol)
  - i. Information has been sent out to all
- j. PrimeCare Report
  - i. Inpatient Hospital ..... 0
  - 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 ..... 376
      - c. Positive..... 0
      - d. Recovered ..... 50
  - iii. Total seen by the Physician or PA ..... 81
  - iv. Total Medical Appointment Transports ..... 14
  - v. Mental Health Clinician Individual Seen ..... 124
  - vi. Total seen by the Psychiatrist..... 80
  - vii. Mental Health Patients on Psych Meds..... 109
  - viii. Daily Average Patients Diagnosed with Mental Health
    - 1. Avg Daily Pop..... 163
    - 2. Diagnosed w/MH ..... 123
    - 3. Category C..... 101.....62.0%
    - 4. Category D..... 22.....13.5%
  - ix. Stability Rating (snapshot 6/07/2021)
    - 1. Total Population..... 191
      - a. Category A ..... 14
        - i. Centre ..... 11
      - b. Category B ..... 14
        - i. Centre ..... 11
      - c. Category C..... 108
        - i. Centre ..... 66

- d. Category D..... 22
  - i. Centre ..... 12
- e. Pending..... 32
- k. Grievance Report ..... 19
  - i. Grievable ..... 9
  - ii. Found ..... 2
- l. CBC Report ..... 202
- m. Monthly Reports Comments
  - i. Janet Irons asked about the increased population. The Warden explained Lycoming County and Schuylkill County is currently housing individuals.

VI. Old Business

- a. Data Collection
  - i. Global Tel Link (GTL) Report: Centre County Only
    - 1. GTL report added data for the Centre County population.
      - a. Total Centre County population.
        - i. Population by admission
        - ii. Population by sentence
        - iii. Unsented population
      - b. Total count of charges.
        - i. Janet Irons questioned the possibility of having charges classified as violent and nonviolent. However, there are over 5,000 charges in PA and each could be defined differently.
      - c. The report is missing the yearly data.
    - 2. This report will be posted on the County website and updated as needed.

b. COVID-19 Correctional Facility's Operation

- i. Programming
  - 1. The Facility is continuing the current 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. New Programs**

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

**ii. COVID 19 Future Consideration**

**1. Tenant County Returning Citizens**

**iii. COVID 19 Vaccine Update**

**1. Boalsburg Apothecary Clinic-Moderna**

**a. First Dose: 20 Returning Citizens**

**b. Second Dose: 14 Returning Citizens**

**2. PrimeCare Vaccine Clinic-Johnson & Johnson**

**a. Single Dose - 29 Returning Citizens**

**3. Employee vaccines are voluntary to report.**

**a. Connie Martin questioned the possibility of mandatory vaccines for new hires. Commissioner Dershem responded that it is not possible due to free choice and medical issues, it is ultimately up to each individual. The County could not require anyone to receive the vaccine. Commissioner Pipe and the Warden stated nothing has changed at the Facility. All cleaning, temperature checks, and other precautions are still mandatory.**

**VII. New Business**

**a. 300 Level Returning Citizens Policies**

**i. Reviewed 300 Level Returning Citizens Policies.**

304 – Corrections Emergency Response Team	313 – Contraband
306 – Audio/Video Recording	315 – Key Control
308 – Facility Searches	316 – Cell Searches
310 – Fire Safety	317 – Perimeter Search
311 – Security Risk Inmates	319 – Protective Custody
312 – Restraint Chair	320 – Whole Body Scanner

ii. Revised 300 Level Returning Citizens Policies.

301 – Disciplinary Procedure	307 – Use of Force
302 – Unclothed Searches	309 – Tool Control
303 – Emergency Response	314 – Escapes
305 – Armory/CERT Room/Weapons	318 – Taser

1. On a motion by Controller Moser, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the policy reviews and revisions listed above.

VIII. Monthly Reports

a. Criminal Justice Planning

- i. Karri Hull reports there will be an update next month on the overdose stats.

b. Prison Society

- i. Connie reported session 5 of the Parenting Program will be held July/August. Another class will be held October/November.
- ii. Janet expressed appreciation to the Warden for providing the data needed to update the information regarding county jails. This data provided on the website will be very valuable.
- iii. Janet heard concerns of staff shortages. This is requiring mass overtime and possibly interfering with the inmates out of cell time.
  1. Commissioner Pipe mentioned the new hire incentive. The Warden explained \$1,500 would be paid out over six months to all new hires. Since this has been posted, more applications have been received. Commissioner Pipe added this will not impact the taxpayers or the county budget due to the American Rescue Plan Act – Return to Work Incentive. Other departments may benefit from this in the near future; however, the Correctional Facility was most in need of it now due to the overtime.

c. CentrePeace

- i. Cathy gave thanks to the Warden and all staff at the Correctional Facility.
- ii. Currently two fulltime Returning Citizens are working at CentrePeace.
- iii. The Leadership Reentry Course is tentatively planned to start in October.
- iv. Due to not having a support group for family and friends of incarcerated individuals, Cathy reached out to the Prison Society. She now has a committee in place to start a group this fall.
- v. Cathy is working with the Warden and Counselor Minarchick on a new reentry support group. This was inspired by Counselor Minarchick's COMPASS program. Cathy wanted to have a reentry program to continue the valuable skills learned at the facility.
- vi. Working with Penn State's RJI to implement the Pathways to College Program. Statistics show that individuals going from incarceration to a certificate program are less likely to reoffend.
- vii. By starting a flip shop at CentrePeace, the returning citizens would learn how to earn more money than the upholstery program. This is also cheaper to start than the upholstery program.

IX. Announcements / Adjourn

- a. The Warden asked the Board if the contract housing fee would remain at \$65 per day or if they planned to raise it.
  - i. Commissioner Pipe says even though the Centre County population is down we are recouping revenues through the American Rescue Plan. We are still assisting partner counties; due to the current situation, we may want to keep the per diem at \$65 per day. All members agreed.
  - ii. Connie Martin asked how much it cost to house each inmate per day and recommended recouping at least the daily cost per day. She stated if they are desperate to house here, Centre County currently has the upper hand in what to charge.
  - iii. The Warden said we would have to go through the numbers again to figure out the actual cost per day for housing.
- b. Cathy Brown gave thanks to the Correctional Facility and the Warden in reference to Community Conferencing. She has received multiple referrals from the Correctional Facility.
- c. Sheriff Sampsel moved to adjourn and Controller Moser seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Pipe adjourned the Prison Board of Inspectors meeting at 8:57 am.

X. Next Meeting

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

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Meeting ID: 385 425 615

Passcode: 1880

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