



**CENTRE COUNTY**  
 PENNSYLVANIA  
 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
**Board of Inspectors**  
**Minutes**  
 July 8, 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

**Cathy Brown**  
CentrePeace

**Janet Irons**  
Prison Society

**Connie Martin**  
Prison Society

**Brian Bortree**  
Volunteer

**Mark Frailey**  
Prison Society

**I. Call to Order**

- a. The Board of Inspectors meeting convened at 8:02 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 Controller Moser, seconded by Sheriff Sampsel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 2021 Board of Inspectors meeting.

**IV. Monthly Reports**

**a. Mental Health**

**i. Centre County Mental Health (In Person)**

- 1. Amy Miller ..... 21
  - a. Refer PSU..... 3
  - b. Refer CR ..... 6

**ii. PSU Dr. Michael Wolf (Virtual Meetings)**

- 1. Individual Sessions ..... 15

**iii. Crossroads Drug & Alcohol (Virtual Meetings-5 times per mo.)**

- 1. Male Individual Sessions..... 7
- 2. Female Individual Sessions ... 1

iv.	Crossroads Mental Health (5 times each)	
	1.	Male Individual Sessions..... 5
	2.	Female Individual Sessions ... 1
b.	COMPASS Program	
	i.	Male Group ..... 19
	ii.	Female Group ..... 6
	1.	Graduation..... 4
c.	Work Release / Community Reentry (Avg per day)	
	i.	Facility Grounds ..... 3
	ii.	County Maintenance ..... 1
	iii.	Work Release ..... 1
	iv.	CentrePeace..... 1
d.	Facility Population: Snapshot 06/30/2021 – Total 189	
	i.	Centre County Population - 116
	1.	Un-Sentence ..... 74
	2.	County Sentence ..... 36
	3.	State Sentence ..... 6
	ii.	Tenant County Population - 73
	1.	Un-Sentence ..... 36
	2.	County Sentence ..... 32
	3.	State Sentence ..... 5
e.	Centre County Unsentenced Population 06/30/2021	
	i.	New Charges Only ..... 35
	ii.	Probation/Parole ..... 21
	iii.	Prob w/New Chg..... 18
	1.	Total Unsentenced ..... 74
f.	Centre County Only Charges 06/30/2021	
g.	i.	Theft/Robbery.....30
	ii.	Aggravated Assault ..... 5
	iii.	Drug Charges .....44
	iv.	Simple Assault/Terroristic Threats ..... 16
	v.	DUI ..... 8
	vi.	Sexual Assaults to Minors ..... 6
	vii.	Homicide ..... 1
	viii.	Sexual Assault/Rape..... 6

- h. Behavior Modification Status
  - i. Tier 0: 7    Tier I: 7    Tier II: 0    Tier III: 0    Tier IV: 17
- i. Co-Occurring Disorder (Mental Illness & Drug Addiction)
  - i. 14 out of 77 Intakes..... 18.2%
    - 1. Centre County ..... 11
    - 2. Other County ..... 3
- j. Suicide Watch..... 16
  - i. Centre County ..... 11            w/Detox..... 3
  - ii. Other County ..... 5            w/Detox..... 1
- k. Detox Total..... 31
  - i. Centre County ..... 23
  - ii. Other County ..... 8
- l. FIMAT - Facility Initiated Medical Assisted Treatment Program (Vivitrol)
  - i. Information is given to all new commitments.
- m. 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 ..... 426
      - c. Positive..... 0
      - d. Recovered ..... 50
  - iii. Total seen by the Physician or PA..... 81
  - iv. Total Medical Appointment Transports..... 19
  - v. Mental Health Clinician Individual Seen ..... 168
  - vi. Total seen by the Psychiatrist..... 75
  - vii. Mental Health Patients on Psych Meds..... 117

viii. Daily Average Patients Diagnosed with Mental Health

- 1. Avg Daily Pop..... 194
- 2. Diagnosed w/MH ..... 149
- 3. Category C..... 122.....62.9%
- 4. Category D..... 27.....13.9%

ix. Stability Rating (snapshot 6/30/2021)

- 1. Total Population..... 189
  - a. Category A ..... 21
    - i. Centre ..... 15
  - b. Category B ..... 19
    - i. Centre ..... 14
  - c. Category C..... 122
    - i. Centre ..... 70
  - d. Category D..... 27
    - i. Centre ..... 17
  - e. Pending..... 0

n. Grievance Report ..... 18

- i. Grievable ..... 15
- ii. Found ..... 2

o. CBC Report ..... 181

p. Monthly Reports Comments

- i. Janet Irons asked about the new Mental Health Counselor. The Warden replied Miss Fox was hired and is currently in training at the facility. She will be attending the Decision Points training in September.
- ii. Connie Martin wanted to know if there was a medical copay and if there is a difference in those with chronic conditions and those with other medical situations. A \$5.00 copay is charged. If they are seen about a medical condition, follow-up visits are not charged.
- iii. A question was asked by Brian Bortree concerning the count of charges. He was wanting to know if the list was all the charges or numerous charges per inmate. The Warden stated he only listed the main charge per resident.

V. Old Business

a. Board of Inspectors November Meeting

1. Commissioner Pipe announced the November 11 meeting has been changed to November 18 due to Veteran's Day.

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		Reentry Strategies

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

2. New Programs

Leadership Program w/CentrePeace (October)  
'Inside-Out' Program w/ PSU Students (September)

ii. COVID 19 Future Consideration

iii. COVID 19 Vaccine Update

1. Boalsburg Apothecary Clinic

- a. First Dose: June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 32 Returning Citizens
- b. Next Clinic to be held July 22<sup>nd</sup>

2. PrimeCare Vaccine Clinic-Johnson & Johnson

- a. Single Dose - 2 Returning Citizens

3. All Returning Citizens are given \$25.00 on their commissary account once they receive the vaccine.

4. Brian Bortree asked if there was an idea of when the facility would change the virtual classes back to in person. The Warden says currently taking one month at a time and continuing to take precautions.

## VI. New Business

### a. 400 Level Operation Policies

#### i. Reviewed 400 Level Operations Policies.

402 Meal	403 Recreation	404 Mail
406 Count Procedures	407 Inmate Release	408 Public Defender Access
409 Inmate Clothing	410 Computer Processing	411 Finger Foods
4103 Inmate Request & Grievances	414 Hazardous Material	416 Razor
419 Interior Checks	420 Personal Hygiene	422 Sanitation & Maintenance

1. On a motion by Commissioner Dershem, seconded by District Attorney Cantorna, the Board voted unanimously to approve the policy reviews listed above.

#### ii. Revised 400 Level Operations Policies.

401 Commitment	415 Suicide Prevention
421 Sexual Assault and/or Harassment	425 LGBITQ
Policy Statement	

1. Connie Martin asked what a suicide blanket was. The Warden explained it is a little heavier, thicker, and unable to be tied. Connie understood that when anyone is under suicide watch they would not have free movement of their hands and arms. That is not correct specified the Warden.
2. Commissioner Pipe asked how policy 425 Section A- Commitments read before the changes. Deputy Gordon explained the wording had been updated for Treatment Team, Returning Citizens, and LGBITQ. In addition to attaching the questionnaire. PREA defines classifications must be done within 72 hours of commitment.
3. Janet Irons asked how soon the Treatment Team is required to meet with someone and why it is not listed in the policy. The Warden replied PREA mandates it must be done within 72 hours and the staff is trained on an annual basis on PREA Standards. Janet also questioned the PREA procedure, wanting to know if the individual that submits the alert will know it has been received. The Warden stated PREA notifications are all done electronically and tracked. Janet thought the inmate would have to look into their medical records to see an email. Deputy Gordon replied this is not submitted by the inmate, this is an alert autogenerated from a series of questions from staff.

Janet believed this was a PREA notification submitted by the inmate. She stated she was receiving complaints from inmates submitting PREA allegations. They claim they never received any notification of the outcome. Deputy Gordon replied that would be under Policy 421-Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment. PREA standards require an initial meeting after any allegation to find out what happened. There is also a follow-up meeting to tell them the outcome of the investigation. PREA standards require documentation for each PREA allegation. All complaints are reviewed at the end of each month, the end of the year, and again during the audit every three years. All these reviews ensure PREA standards are followed every time. Commissioner Pipe suggested Janet immediately contact the Warden if she should receive any PREA complaints that have not been answered.

4. Controller Moser noted the comprehensive adjustment of the policy. Janet asked about the word 'objectively' when a transgender person would come in declaring on subjective experiences. Deputy Gordon stated PREA standards dictate the statutory requirements and the guidelines that must be followed.
5. On a motion by Controller Moser, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the policy revisions listed above.

## VII. Monthly Reports

### a. Criminal Justice Planning

- i. Karri Hull reports the overdose numbers are currently below what they were last year.

### b. Prison Society

- i. Mark Frailey stated concerns, not criticizing, about the correctional facility being short-staffed by what he thought to be 24 officers. The mandating of staff is not only hard on the CO, but the inmates as well. The Prison Society is concerned about the staff. Commissioner Pipe says it is a problem hiring everywhere right now in addition to the challenge of hiring for dangerous positions. The salary board voted to approve a hiring bonus and extended overtime to the officers. The administration is assisting by taking shifts. The population has decreased at the jail since prior to the pandemic. The Warden stated they have all pitched in to help cover the open shifts in addition to doing their administration positions. Deputy Gordon says if she schedules 10 interviews, only 5 will show up. The facility is currently in need of 19 officers. The Warden says they are trying to keep morale up the best they can.

- ii. Connie Martin will begin session 5 of the Parenting Inside Out program on July 17. The participants will sign up freewill and include out of county residents. She will share a report at the end of the session. Connie also stated that Connecticut waived all phone call costs and asked Centre County to waive costs of phone calls. Connie would also like to know if the daily housing cost has been calculated. The Warden has been busy working officer shifts and continuing his Warden duties, therefore he was not be able to have the cost computed. Connie asked if the salary incentive has made a difference in applicants. The Warden stated there is an increase in applications, however there is a process to go through before hiring anyone.

c. CentrePeace

- i. Cathy Brown gave thanks to the Correctional Facility for the Centre County Community Conferencing. It has been very successful.
- ii. CentrePeace has been able to provide transportation for two released returning citizens.
- iii. Cathy stated a lot has been going on at CentrePeace, they are keeping busy with support groups and leadership groups.

VIII. Announcements / Adjourn

- a. Controller Moser moved to adjourn, and Commissioner Pipe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Prison Board of Inspectors meeting was adjourned at 9:09 am.

IX. Next Meeting

- a. The next Board of Inspectors meeting is through the virtual meeting link on August 12, 2021 at 8:00 am.

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

Meeting ID: 385 425 615

Passcode: 1880

Or Call: (408)419-1715 or (408)915-6290

Enter the meeting ID and passcode followed by #

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Christopher A. Schell, Warden