



Correctional Facility

BOARD OF INSPECTORS

Meeting Minutes July 14, 2022

Michael Pipe <i>Commissioner / Chair</i>	Steve Dershem <i>Commissioner / Co-Chair</i>	Mark Higgins <i>Commissioner</i>	Katherine Oliver <i>Judge</i>	Jason Moser <i>Controller</i>	Bernie Cantorna <i>District Attorney</i>
Christopher Schell <i>Warden</i>	Melanie Gordon <i>Deputy Warden</i>	Glenn Irwin <i>Deputy Warden</i>	John Franek <i>County Administrator</i>	Denise Murphy <i>Admin Assistant</i>	
Karri Hull <i>Director CJP</i>	Tom Weber <i>CEO, PrimeCare</i>	Cassandra Kawa <i>HSA, PrimeCare</i>	Alesha Weaver <i>Asst Director of Nursing</i>	Cathy Brown <i>Exec Director, CP</i>	
Janet Irons <i>Prison Society</i>	Connie Martin <i>Prison Society</i>	Mark Frailey <i>Prison Society</i>	David Miller <i>Prison Society</i>	Mark Kissling <i>Guest</i>	Kerry Weissmann <i>Guest</i>

I. Call to Order

- a. Commissioner Pipe convened the Prison Board of Inspectors meeting at 8:03 AM.

II. Public Comments

- a. Mark Kissling – Centre County resident since 2010
 - i. The Correctional Facility Residents are not able to recreate outside. PA Code Title 37, section 95 mandates two hours daily physical exercise in the open. Mr. Kissling stated that when he discussed the outdoor rec with Warden Schell at April's meeting, the Warden said the facility's garage doors open. The Correctional Facility meets the minimal requirements of Title 37. Warden Schell explained CCCF is not built for outside rec. Mr. Kissling would like the Board to revisit the issue and scrutinize all possibilities for outdoor recreation.
- b. Kerry Weissmann – Centre County resident since 1982
 - i. Classifying our prison as urban is an outright deception and misrepresentation of our prison. When the prison was in the heart of Bellefonte, there was access to the outdoors. It is hard to believe outdoor recreation could not be provided given the fencing and grassy area around the facility. It is imperative to provide the best services to the incarcerated citizens. If they are provided truly restorative services, their chances for recidivism goes down dramatically.
- c. Kevin Klein Smeltzer – Boalsburg resident since 2000
 - i. After studying this situation, Mr. Smeltzer says he's concluded that outdoor recreation is outside of the building. It is cruel and unusual punishment that the returning citizens cannot get outside on a daily basis.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Dershem, seconded by Controller Moser, the Prison Board of Inspectors voted unanimously to approve the minutes from June 9, 2022.
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IV. Monthly Reports

a. Mental Health	
i. Amy Miller	17
1. Referred to CR	9
ii. CrossRoads	23
1. Drug & Alcohol	14
2. Mental Health	9
b. COMPASS Program.....	31
i. Male Group.....	17
ii. Female Group	14
iii. Monthly Graduates.....	8
c. Decision Points Program	9
i. Male Group.....	5
ii. Female Group	4
iii. Monthly Graduates.....	0
d. WR / Community Reentry	13
i. CentrePeace.....	6
ii. County Maintenance	0
iii. Facility Grounds.....	1
iv. Work Release	6
e. Facility Population Snapshot	182
i. Centre County Population	109
1. Unsentenced.....	65
2. County Sentence	39
3. State Sentence	5
ii. Tenant County Population	73
1. Unsentenced.....	36
2. County Sentence	32
3. State Sentence	5
f. Data Collections – End of Month	
i. Centre County Unsentenced	62
1. New Charges Only	41
2. Probation/Parole Only.....	9
3. Prob/Parole w/New Charges	12
ii. Centre County Charges	109
1. Theft.....	19
2. DUI.....	6
3. Drug Charges.....	30
4. Simple Assault.....	12
5. Aggravated Assault	12
6. Corruption of Minors	8
7. Criminal Mischief	17
8. Homicide.....	5

g.	BMS Status	
	i.	Tier 0: 2 Tier I: 0 Tier II: 1 Tier III: 0 Tier IV: 14
h.	Co-Occurring Disorder	34
	i.	Have not refilled meds upon intake 17
	ii.	Total Monthly Intakes 81
i.	Suicide Watch	17
	i.	Centre County 16
	1.	Suicide Detox 3
	ii.	Other County 1
	1.	Suicide Detox 0
j.	Detox Total	24
	i.	Heroin/Opiates 4
	ii.	Benzos 3
	iii.	Meth 5
	iv.	Alcohol 2
	v.	Suboxone 3
	vi.	Multiple Drugs 7
k.	FIMAT – no new injections	
	i.	Continue working on the new MAT programs
l.	PrimeCare Report	
	i.	Hospital 1 / 9 days
	ii.	COVID-19 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 2,620
	c.	Positive 0
	d.	Recovered 125
	iii.	Physician / PA 96
	iv.	Medical Transports 20
	v.	MH Clinician 243
	vi.	Psychiatrist 42
	vii.	MH Patients on Psych Meds 98
	viii.	Avg Diagnosed w/MH 117
	ix.	Avg Daily Population 154
	x.	MH Stability Ratings 160
	1.	Stability Code A 22
	a.	Centre 20
	2.	Stability Code B 21
	a.	Centre 16

3.	Stability Code C	100
a.	Centre	63
4.	Stability Code D	17
a.	Centre	10
m.	Grievance Report.....	34
i.	Refused	20
ii.	Grievable/Founded	1
n.	CBC Report.....	216

The Prison Society asked for an explanation on medications for new commitments with Co-Occurring Disorders.

Deputy Irwin stated the medical department has a process to verify the medications. If the person has not been refilling their medications, they must see a provider before they can start any medication.

The CEO of PrimeCare, Tom Weber, explained the medications must be verified before they can start on them. If they have a current prescription, they will start on the medicine immediately.

Connie Martin asked how long any inmate goes once committed without medication. She is concerned if they come in on a Friday and cannot see the provider until Monday to receive medication.

Mr. Weber explained if they have been taking their medications and it can be verified with the pharmacy, they begin taking it right away. However, when they do not have a current prescription, the inmate has not been taking their medications before coming to the facility. Therefore, it has already been more than a few days since they received them. To avoid any serious threat, they must meet with a provider to review any other substances they may be on.

V. Old Business

- a. COVID-19 Correctional Facility’s Operation
 - i. Programming
 1. Current programs continue
 - ii. COVID-19 Future Consideration
 1. Hoping to start backup for the Fall Semester
 - a. Incarcerated Youth Program (IYP/CIU-10)
 - b. Creative Writing
 - c. Legal Literacy
 - d. Entrepreneurship Class
 - e. “Inside-Out’ Program (PSU)
 2. Process of adding new classes in the Fall
 - a. Leadership Program (CentrePeace)
 - b. Ridgelines Language Arts ‘Storytelling Program for Women Inmates’
 - iii. COVID-19 Vaccine
 1. Clinic 14: June 27..... 19
 - a. Moderna..... 8

- b. Pfizer 11
- 2. Clinic 15: July 24-30
- 3. Incentive of \$25 given for 1st vaccine

VI. New Business

- a. Approval of New Policies
 - i. Policy 202: Returning Citizens Voting Rights & Procedures
 - 1. On a motion by Controller Moser, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Prison Board of Inspectors voted unanimously to approve Policy 202.
 - ii. Policy 219: PennDOT ID Program
 - 1. On a motion by Judge Oliver, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Prison Board of Inspectors voted unanimously to approve Policy 219.
- b. Transport Vehicle Approval
 - i. A Facility vehicle for transports
 - 1. To be approved at the Board of Commissioners meeting

VII. Monthly Reports

- a. Criminal Justice Planning
 - i. No report.
- b. Prison Society
 - i. David Miller has been working closely with CCCF employees and appreciates the kindness and helpful responses.
 - ii. Connie Martin has an article in the Helping Hands column of the CDT on ‘Why I Teach Parenting’.
 - iii. Janet Irons distributed a copy of ‘Addiction medication in PA’s jails is often inadequate or nonexistent, new report finds’.
 - 1. Janet mentioned inmates having access to medical opioid treatment can be a critical part of the solution in addressing this epidemic. She asked that some of the funding from the opioid litigation settlement be used for this purpose.
 - 2. The Warden explained to her that the new MAT program has been in the works for a while now, however it is not that simple to just start a new program. There are a lot of details that go into starting any kind of new program. There are policies, working with drug & alcohol to ensure proper counseling during incarceration and after release.
 - 3. Deputy Irwin stated he will attend monthly meetings beginning in August in regard to the program. It’s not a quick process getting the MAT programs started.
 - 4. Connie Martin questioned the training. The CEO of PrimeCare said a requirement of their providers is to not only have their DEA certificate but they must also their X-Waiver. (The X-Waiver allows physicians who meet certain qualification to treat opioid use disorder.)

- c. CentrePeace
 - i. Cathy Brown currently has three former Correctional Facility Residents employed by CentrePeace.
 - ii. The weekly Reentry Support Group is thriving and reinforces the need for mental health counseling.
 - iii. The workers are thrilled to be wearing the new uniforms and not the orange from the jail.
 - iv. Cathy stated CP will continue helping the jail with transportation.

VIII. Announcements / Adjourn to Executive Session /Adjourn

- a. On a motion by Controller Moser, seconded by DA Cantorna, the Prison Board of Inspectors voted unanimously to adjourn and go to an executive session for legal matters at 9:19 AM.
- b. The executive session ended, and the Board of Inspectors July meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

IX. Next BOI Meeting

- a. The next Prison Board of Inspectors meeting will be both virtual and in person at the Correctional Facility on August 11, 2022 at 8:00 AM.
- b. For the foreseeable future, the Prison Board will have hybrid meetings. Use the bluejeans link below or attend in person at the Correctional Facility.

<https://bluejeans.com/385425615/1880> / Call: (408)419-1715 / Meeting ID: 385 425 615 / Passcode: 1880 / Press: #

Respectfully Submitted By: _____
Warden Christopher Schell

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