



## Board of Inspectors

### Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2021

Michael Pipe  
Commissioner / Chair

Steve Dershem  
Commissioner

Mark Higgins  
Commissioner

Katherine Oliver  
Judge

Bryan Sampsel  
Sheriff

Jason Moser  
Controller

Christopher Schell  
Warden

Melanie Gordon  
Deputy Warden

Glenn Irwin  
Deputy Warden

Karri Hull  
Criminal Justice Planning

Cathy Brown  
CentrePeace

Constance Martin  
Prison Society

Brian Bortree  
Volunteer

#### I. Call to Order

- a. The Board of Inspectors Chair, Commissioner Pipe, convened the virtual Board of Inspectors meeting at 8:00 am.

#### II. Public Comments

- a. 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 August Board of Inspectors meeting.

#### IV. Monthly Reports

##### a. Mental Health

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

1. Amy Miller ..... 17

a. Refer PSU..... 3

b. Refer CR ..... 8

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

1. Individual Sessions ..... 12

##### iii. Crossroads Drug & Alcohol (Virtual-4 times per mo.)

1. Male Individual Sessions..... 7

2. Female Individual Sessions ..... 2

##### iv. Crossroads Mental Health (Virtual-4 times per mo.)

1. Male Individual Sessions..... 6

a. Peer Support ..... 4

2. Female Individual Sessions ..... 2

a. Peer Support ..... 5

##### b. COMPASS Program

i. Male Group ..... 9

ii. Female Group ..... 6

1. Graduation..... 6

- c. Work Release / Community Reentry (Avg per day)
  - i. Facility Grounds ..... 2
  - ii. County Maintenance ..... 2
  - iii. CentrePeace..... 2
  - iv. Work Release ..... 0
- d. Facility Population: Snapshot 08/31/2021 – Total 199
  - i. Centre County Population - 132
    - 1. Un-Sentence ..... 92
    - 2. County Sentence ..... 32
    - 3. State Sentence ..... 8
  - ii. Tenant County Population - 67
    - 1. Un-Sentence ..... 27
    - 2. County Sentence ..... 39
    - 3. State Sentence ..... 1
- e. Data Collection
  - i. Centre County Unsentenced 08/31/2021
    - 1. New Charges Only ..... 42
    - 2. Probation/Parole Only..... 26
    - 3. Probation w/New Charges ..... 24
    - 4. Centre County Unsent..... 92
- f. Behavior Modification Status
  - i. Tier 0: 4    Tier I: 3    Tier II: 0    Tier III: 0    Tier IV: 18
- g. Co-Occurring Disorder (Mental Illness & Drug Addiction)
  - i. 16 out of 84 Intakes.... 19%
    - Only 10 of the 16 were on medication upon intake.
    - 1. Centre County ..... 10
    - 2. Other County ..... 6
- h. Suicide Watch..... 14
  - i. Centre County ..... 11    w/Detox..... 3
  - ii. Other County ..... 3    w/Detox..... 1
- i. Detox Total..... 24
  - i. Centre County ..... 20
  - ii. Other County ..... 4
- j. FIMAT - Facility Initiated Medical Assisted Treatment Program (Vivitrol)
  - i. Information is given to all new commitments.
    - 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Injection ..... 1
    - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Injection ..... 0
    - 3. 1<sup>st</sup> Injection prior to release ..... 24
    - 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Injection prior to release..... 15
    - 5. Follow up shots after release..... 7

k. 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	519
c. Positive	0
d. Recovered	50
iii. Total seen by the Physician or PA	87
iv. Total Medical Appointment Transports	13
v. Mental Health Clinician Individual Seen	168
vi. Total seen by the Psychiatrist	95
vii. Mental Health Patients on Psych Meds	118
viii. Daily Average Patients Diagnosed with Mental Health	
1. Avg Daily Pop	198
2. Diagnosed w/MH	143
3. Category C	118..... 59.6%
4. Category D	25..... 12.6%
ix. Stability Rating (snapshot 08/31/2021)	
1. Total Population	199
a. Category A	23
i. Centre	20
b. Category B	18
i. Centre	13
c. Category C	129
i. Centre	81
d. Category D	29
i. Centre	18
e. Pending	0
l. Grievance Report	15
i. Grievable	5
ii. Found	0
m. CBC Report	201

n. Monthly Reports Comments

- i. Commissioner Pipe asked if there was any context on the higher number of intakes on heroin. The Warden specified there really is no explanation.
- ii. Constance Martin questioned why nobody is out on work release. A few are preparing to work, stated the Warden.
- iii. Connie also asked about sentencing. She wondered if it had to do with the courts scheduling.
  1. The Warden described that with the new intakes, the numbers keep revolving. Therefore, the total unsentenced inmates are not the same ones that were there last week.
  2. Judge Oliver acknowledged Connie's concerns regarding the unsentenced population. Even though it has been more challenging over the course of the pandemic to conduct jury trials, in general it has been going well. She added even pre-pandemic there had been about a 40-50% unsentenced population.
- iv. Connie questioned the necessity of the unsentenced inmates to be in jail. The Judge announces they continuously look into the issue.
- v. Brian Bortree enquired if the Delta Variant is at the jail. The Warden says not at this time.
- vi. Brian also asked if the staffing is better. The Warden answered the Admin staff has not been filling in as much, full-time officers are fully staffed, and the part-time officers are starting to fill in.

V. Old Business

a. COVID-19 Correctional Facility's Operation

i. Programming – No Changes

1. Virtual Meetings

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|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. CrossRoads MH / D&A Counseling | b. Penn State Psych Clinic MH Services | c. Centre Safe   | d. Parenting Inside-Out Program |
| e. Men's Meditation               | f. Legal Literacy                      | g. Yoga - Female | h. Creative Writing             |
| i. Bible Study Male Class         | j. Bible Study Female Class            | k. AA Male       | l. AA Female                    |
| m. Entrepreneurship Class         | n. Incarcerated Youth School Program   | o. DUI Court     | p. Re-Entry Strategies          |

2. Phone Call Meetings

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| a. GED Program / CIU 10 | b. Central Court-Attorneys Phone Interviews |
| c. DRS Office Hours     | d. TASC Assessments                         |

3. In Person Meetings

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| a. COMPASS (Men & Women) | b. Centre County MH | c. Probation Assessments / Home Plans/Paperwork |
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4. Non-Contact Room Visits

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| a. Public Defenders | b. Private Attorneys | c. Chaplain Services |
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5. Videos

- a. Access Church Service

6. Adding

- a. Leadership Program (Jan 2022) In Person
- b. Inside-Out Program (PSU) Virtual

ii. COVID 19 Future Consideration

1. Coronavirus Emergency Supplement Relief Grant

- a. This grant was used to purchase a hanging property storage carousel to replace the inmate property bins.
- b. The property condenses and seals in the bag.
- c. It is easier to find the property. The Officer just puts the number of the bag in and it rolls to the correct bag needed.

iii. COVID 19 Vaccine Clinic

1. 5<sup>th</sup> Boalsburg Apothecary COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

- a. 9 Returning Citizens received 1st vaccine.
- b. 6<sup>th</sup> Clinic September 30<sup>th</sup> or October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

2. PrimeCare: Johnson & Johnson's Janssen (J&J/Janssen).

- a. 8 Returning Citizens received the J&J vaccine.

3. An incentive of \$25.00 was given to each Returning Citizen when they received the vaccine.

iv. Old Business Comments

- 1. Connie Martin asked if the clothing container only held one set of clothing and if that is all they had when they came in. The Warden stressed they normally come in with the clothes they are wearing. Connie asked if that is all the personal property they have. The Warden told her they can also store books and certificates. They most likely have more personal property at home. They do not bring everything with them when they come to jail.
- 2. Brian Bortree asked how the church videos work at the facility. The Warden explained that the facility receives the video at the beginning of the week. They take it to each block and announce the showing of the church service. Anyone interested will join to watch it.

VI. New Business

- a. No new business.

VII. Monthly Reports

a. Criminal Justice Planning

i. Karri Hull reported 7 total overdoses.

- 1. Accidental..... 6
- 2. Suicidal..... 1

ii. Candlelight Vigil Aug 31

iii. National Recovery Month - September

b. Prison Society

- i. Connie reported there will be a full report on the parenting program. It started with 8. One was released the first week, two were dismissed for behavior issues, and five completed the program.

c. CentrePeace

- i. Kathy expressed her disappointment in the delay of the Leadership Program; however, she understands the safety measures and it is expected to begin in January.
- ii. The Entrepreneur Course will begin in the fall.

VIII. Announcements / Adjourn

- a. Commissioner Higgins moved to adjourn; Sheriff Sampsell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Prison Board of Inspectors meeting was adjourned at 8:34 am.

IX. Next Meeting

- a. The next Board of Inspectors meeting will be through the virtual meeting Link on October 14, 2021 at 8:00 AM.
- b. Note: BOI November Meeting changed to November 18, 2021

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Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Christopher A. Schell, Warden