



## Board of Inspectors

### Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2021

#### In Attendance:

Michael Pipe  
Commissioner / Chair

Steve Dershem  
Commissioner

Mark Higgins  
Commissioner

Katherine Oliver  
Judge

Bryan Sampsel  
Sheriff

Jason Moser  
Controller

Bernie Cantorna  
District Attorney

Christopher Schell  
Warden

Melanie Gordon  
Deputy Warden

Glenn Irwin  
Deputy Warden

Margaret Gray  
Administrator

Karri Hull  
Criminal Justice Planning

Cathy Brown  
CentrePeace

Janet Irons  
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. Due to audio troubles, comments from Janet Irons were after the monthly reports: She stated that in the past month there have been a substantial increase in the number of prison guards vaccinated due to a test or vaccine mandate. The state corrections vaccines almost doubled since the test or vaccine mandates were put in place. She stated Centre County may want to consider mandates. Commissioner Pipe replied the Warden would report on the vaccine clinic and address this issue at that time.

#### III. Approval of Minutes

- a. On a motion by Controller Moser, seconded by District Attorney Cantorna, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the September Board of Inspectors meeting.

#### IV. Monthly Reports

##### a. Mental Health

- i. Centre County Mental Health (In Person)
  - 1. Amy Miller ..... 4
- ii. PSU Dr. Michael Wolf (Virtual Meetings)
  - 1. Individual Sessions ..... 14
- iii. Crossroads Drug & Alcohol (Virtual-5 times per mo.)
  - 1. Individual Sessions ..... 10
- iv. Crossroads Mental Health (Virtual-5 times per mo.)
  - 1. Individual Sessions ..... 4

##### b. COMPASS Program (4 times per wk. / 5 wks.)

- i. Male Group ..... 14
- ii. Female Group ..... 7
  - 1. Graduation ..... 2

- 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 09/30/2021 – Total 187
  - i. Centre County Population - 123
    - 1. Un-Sentence ..... 82
    - 2. County Sentence ..... 27
    - 3. State Sentence ..... 8
  - ii. Tenant County Population - 64
    - 1. Un-Sentence ..... 29
    - 2. County Sentence ..... 34
    - 3. State Sentence ..... 1
- e. Data Collection
  - i. Centre County Unsentenced 09/30/2021
    - 1. New Charges Only ..... 35
    - 2. Probation/Parole Only..... 17
    - 3. Probation w/New Charges ..... 28
    - 4. Centre County Unsent..... 80
- f. Behavior Modification Status
  - i. Tier 0: 7    Tier I: 0    Tier II: 0    Tier III: 0    Tier IV: 14
- g. Co-Occurring Disorder (Mental Illness & Drug Addiction)
  - i. 19 out of 74 Intakes - 25.7%
    - Only 7 of the 19 were on medication upon intake.
    - 1. Centre County ..... 12
    - 2. Other County ..... 7
- h. Suicide Watch..... 12
  - i. Centre County ..... 10    w/Detox..... 0
  - ii. Other County ..... 2    w/Detox..... 0
- i. Detox Total..... 15
  - i. Centre County ..... 11
  - 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 ..... 0
    - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Injection ..... 1
    - 3. 1<sup>st</sup> Injection prior to release ..... 25
    - 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Injection prior to release..... 16
    - 5. Follow up shots after release..... 7

- k. PrimeCare Report
  - i. Inpatient Hospital ..... 1 (COVID / Pneumonia)
  - ii. COVID-19 Test Results (Subject to change)
    - 1. Symptomatic Testing
      - a. Pending..... 0
      - b. Negative..... 264
      - c. Positive..... 0
      - d. Recovered ..... 78
    - 2. Asymptomatic Testing
      - a. Pending..... 0
      - b. Negative..... 630
      - c. Positive..... 1
      - d. Recovered ..... 63
  - iii. Total seen by the Physician or PA..... 126
  - iv. Total Medical Appointment Transports.... 12
  - v. Mental Health Clinician Individual Seen . 192
  - vi. Total seen by the Psychiatrist ..... 95
  - vii. Mental Health Patients on Psych Meds... 122
  - viii. Daily Average Patients Diagnosed with Mental Health
    - 1. Avg Daily Pop..... 189
    - 2. Diagnosed w/MH ..... 155
    - 3. Category C..... 118..... 62.4%
    - 4. Category D..... 24..... 12.7%
  - ix. Stability Rating (snapshot 09/30/2021)
    - 1. Total Population..... 187
      - a. Category A ..... 21
        - i. Centre ..... 17
      - b. Category B ..... 15
        - i. Centre ..... 12
      - c. Category C..... 115
        - i. Centre ..... 69
      - d. Category D..... 25
        - i. Centre ..... 16
      - e. Pending..... 11
- l. Grievance Report ..... 31
  - i. Grievable ..... 17
  - ii. Found ..... 12
- m. CBC Report ..... 194

n. Monthly Reports Comments

- i. Brian Bortree asked if the suicide watch number was normal. The Warden explained that 12 is a low number compared to previous years. We always way on the side of caution to ensure safety. Mr. Bortree asked if anyone has been on suicide watch for an extended period. The Warden said some may be on watch for a day, others may be a few days or longer. It has been a while since anyone has been on watch for an extended amount of time.

V. Old Business

a. COVID-19 Correctional Facility's Operation

- i. Refrigeration Rental: Due to delivery delays, the Commissioner's granted approval for the Facility to rent an outside refrigeration storage unit in order to have more supplies on hand.

b. Programming – No Changes

- i. Virtual Meetings
- ii. Phone Call Meetings
- iii. In Person Meetings

c. COVID 19 Future Consideration

d. COVID 19 Vaccine Clinic

- i. Clinic 6 - September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 1. Moderna ..... 9
  - 2. Johnson & Johnson ..... 8
  - 3. All received an incentive of \$25.00

- ii. Clinic 7 – October 29<sup>th</sup>

e. Old Business Comments

- i. The Warden read a note received from a Returning Citizen giving praise to several Corrections Officers (Rupert, Posey, Harvey, Parsons, Dickey, Gresh). She stated how they were compassionate, and she was grateful for the support she received while incarcerated at CCCF.
- ii. Commissioner Pipe asked if the Warden would be able to provide, in a future meeting, what other counties are doing as far as vaccine and testing protocols. Judge Oliver, Controller Moser, and Commissioner Higgins all agree it may be helpful to have more information. Commissioner Dershem stated he would not support mandating vaccines. DA Cantorna, says that the policy itself makes sense, however it may have negative effects on keeping the facility staffed. Warden Schell explained that Lancaster, Cumberland, Huntingdon County, and a few others do currently have COVID outbreaks. The Warden says he believes CCCF staff has kept the COVID numbers low due to reacting quickly and separating everyone as soon as they test positive. Mr. Bortree asked about Clearfield County; however, the Warden hasn't heard anything about Clearfield recently.

## VI. New Business

### a. Introduction of New Program 'Decision Points'

- i. The Counselors, Warden, Deputies, and Director Hite attended the program training - Karri Hull received the grant for this training.
- ii. Decision Points: Starting with small classes. (3-per class to start)
  1. Class Rules: Be Respectful, Participate, Make an Honest Effort.
  2. Trouble Cycle: Risk Situation, Thoughts & Feelings, Action, Others' Responses.
  3. Stop the Trouble Cycle - Teach them how to stop the cycle.
    - a. Identify thoughts and feelings
    - b. Think about others who care what I do
    - c. Think about choices
    - d. Identify a motivating thought

### b. New Business Comments

- i. Commissioner Pipe said how this program could be beneficial for the staff and anyone that would go through the class. Controller Moser says it looks like a great program.
- ii. Cathy Brown says she loves this and offered reinforcement of the program with the guys she works with.

## VII. Monthly Reports

### a. Criminal Justice Planning

- i. Karri Hull reported the overdose statistics at 8. Last year at this time the total was 17.
  1. Accidental ..... 7
  2. Suicidal ..... 1

### b. Prison Society

- i. Janet Irons says Decision Points sounds like a great program.
- ii. The next Parenting Program will be Oct 30-Dec 5. The DOC is also considering this program.
- iii. Mark Frailey often hears compliments on the staff. He says he appreciates the staff and appreciates what everyone is doing to keep COVID under control.

### c. CentrePeace

- i. Cathy gave thanks for keeping everyone safe.
- ii. CentrePeace currently has two trainees since one has been released.

## VIII. Announcements / Adjourn

- a. Brian Bortree asked if Lorinda's (Reentry Specialist) position had been filled. The Warden informed him that Vanessa Billett started on the 26<sup>th</sup>. She immediately had a lot thrown at her. She started training for Decision Points on her second day. She currently has 3 in line for Community Reentry and 1 going out on Work Release.

- b. Commissioner Higgins moved to adjourn; Controller Moser seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Prison Board of Inspectors meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

IX. Next Meeting

- a. The next Board of Inspectors meeting will be through the virtual meeting link at 8:00 am on November 18, 2021.

NOTE: The date has been changed to the third week of the month due to Veteran's Day.

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