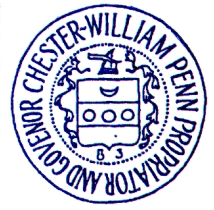




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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

June 23, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair of the Prison Board Commissioner Josh Maxwell called the Prison Board Meeting to order on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 3:00 PM in the Commissioner's Board Room. In addition to Commissioner Maxwell, the following board members were also in attendance: Commissioner Michelle Kichline, President Judge John Hall, and District Attorney Deb Ryan.

CALL TO ORDER

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

President Judge Hall made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on May 25, 2022. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2022 Prison Board Meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

There was no public comment on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to adopt the agenda. President Judge Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the June 23, 2022 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for May 2022, noting that the average daily inmate population was 646, as compared to 575 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on May 31, 2022 there were 664 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 116
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 7
- Approximately 326 inmates were held for court, 135 for preliminary hearings, and 18 were held on a Balance of Max.

The Warden reported that there are no juvenile offenders currently.

A total of 126 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 30 different agencies. At the end of May 2021, 120 arrestees were brought in by 29 agencies.

In May, the Correctional Center had an average daily population of 14.

There were 40 medical transports, with 18 being to the Emergency Room.

There was 1 Correctional Emergency Unit activation for non-compliant behaviors.

There were 207 Video Conferencing Hearings this month, as compared to 373 Video Conferencing Hearings in May of 2021.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 349
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 264
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 237
- Inmates on suicide watch: 7%

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 65 (56 male, 9 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 11
- Referred to mental-health court: 0

It was noted that the Thinking for a Change and the GED programs are ongoing at this time. Programs are on-going at a limited rate and utilizing zoom capability due to COVID-19 concerns and the priority of keeping the case count low.

The Prison currently has 69 open positions, with 51 openings being for Correctional Officer Is. Several interviews are scheduled for the following week, and a few have already been conducted. The Warden reported that so far in 2022, 18 employees have retired, 2 have resigned, and 12 new employees have been hired.

The Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics for May:

- Staff confirmed positives: 5 (5 recovered)
- Inmate confirmed positives: 8 (8 recovered)
- Today, confirmed positives include 3 staff and 1 inmate

Masks are available daily for inmates and staff, and mandatory testing of staff is conducted as needed. The vaccine incentive program will carry on for current inmates until June 30, 2022. New staff and incoming inmates will also be offered the incentive. Currently, about 70% of staff and about 30% of inmates have received some level of vaccination.

The Warden stated that as of today the inmate count is 627, compared to 592 at this time last year.

6. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

DISCUSSION

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by President Judge Hall. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM.

ADJOURNMENT