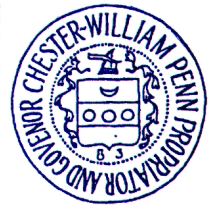




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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

July 29, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair of the Prison Board Commissioner Josh Maxwell called the Prison Board Meeting to order on Friday, July 29, 2022 at 11:01 AM in the Commissioner's Board Room. In addition to Commissioner Maxwell, the following board members were also in attendance: Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Commissioner Michelle Kichline, Sheriff Fredda Maddox, and District Attorney Deb Ryan.

CALL TO ORDER

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on June 23, 2022. District Attorney Ryan seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the June 23, 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

Sheriff Maddox made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the July 29, 2022 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for June 2022, noting that the average daily inmate population was 637, as compared to 599 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on June 30, 2022 there were 625 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 118
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 6
- Approximately 292 inmates were held for court, 135 for preliminary hearings, and 22 were held on a Balance of Max.

The Warden reported that there are no juvenile offenders currently.

A total of 132 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 33 different agencies. At the end of June 2021, 119 arrestees were brought in by 26 agencies.

In June, the Correctional Center had an average daily population of 18.

There were 40 medical transports, with 12 being to the Emergency Room.

There were no Correctional Emergency Unit activations in June.

There were 191 Video Conferencing Hearings this month.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 353
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 40%
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 35%
- Inmates on suicide watch: 6%

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 59 (50 male, 9 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 12
- Referred to mental-health court: 1

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. Drug and alcohol services has also recently resumed via zoom.

The Prison currently has 72 open positions, with 53 openings being for Correctional Officer Is. It was reported that 64 officers attended courses, while 3 attended the full training academy.

The Warden reported that so far in 2022, 15 new employees have been hired, while 18 employees have left.

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

- Staff confirmed positives: 4 (4 recovered)
- Inmate confirmed positives: 3 (3 recovered)
- Today, confirmed positives include 5 staff and 14 inmates

COVID-19 vaccinations remain available for inmates. Currently, about 70% of staff and about 30% of inmates have received some level of vaccination. In June, 6 inmates participated in the vaccination program. An additional 20 inmates participated so far in July.

The Warden stated that as of today the inmate count is 612, compared to 599 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 Moskowitz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by District Attorney Ryan. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

ADJOURNMENT