

Warden's Report  
April 2022

Warden Laura Williams reported the following:

Current Population: 1,305

County Males: 1,156

County Females: 149

Lodgers: 50

Weekenders: 39 \*Under Administrative Order, the Weekender Program will be revoked April 5<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup>\*

Total commitments in March: 552

Total discharges in March: 617

Over the past weekend, recreation was provided to all housing units during each shift. This was done by reliable staff who reported for duty. There are over 35 full time officers expected to begin in May and four simultaneous academies are currently running. The facility is not at optimal staffing and recruitment for additional staff continues. The next academy is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Wellpath update:

Currently there is 1 LPN in security training. There are 3 Agency RN's onboarding. The Mental Health Provider will start on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. During the month of March, there were 958 sick calls and acute care visits were completed. There is no current backlog of sick calls. The healthcare unit has been transitioning chronic care appointments to the ERMA (the electronic healthcare record). There are 25 outstanding history & physical appointments. All providers applied for DEA-x waivers for the MAT-Program. To apply for the waiver, 24 hours of training must be completed. The MAT Coordinator has been onboarded and is meeting with members of the population to establish who is clinically eligible for MAT services. Site specific policies are under review. The restoration of competency program is still functioning although no patients are currently enrolled in the program.

Major Incidents:

On Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> there was a medical emergency on housing unit 5A. Despite lifesaving measures and emergency medical response intervention, the individual was pronounced on site. There is an active and open investigation regarding this event. The Medical Examiner's office will complete an autopsy and further information will be provided to the next of kin when a cause and manner has been established.

Maintenance Update:

Unit 2 remains closed. A new maintenance director was onboarded and is working to familiarize himself to facility needs and project management.

Warden Williams noted that Deputy Warden Faly and Program Administrator & Re-Entry Coordinator Kelly Shaw will provide program updates.

Dele Faly, Deputy Warden of Programs and Support recognized Program Administrator and Re-Entry Coordinator, Kelly Shaw; Education Administrator and Workplace Development, Joan Skurski, Substance Use Coordinator, Pat O'Connor; PREP Coordinator, Hilary Jones and Chaplain Cokelia Dunn.

Deputy Warden Faly provided a Programs and Support mission statement: George W. Hill Correctional Facility provides impactful, best practices, programs and services tailored to short term jail population. George W. Hill will foster strategic partnerships with stakeholders for institutional programs/services and to gradually transition the jail population with resources successful for Re-Entry.

Education Programs:

Education Administrator, Joan Skurski noted that there were 22 students enrolled in GED preparation class in March. There were 34 GED tests administered, with a 74% passing rate. There were 7 GED's earned, bringing the year-to-date total to 11.

Treatment Programs:

There were 40 participants in PREP I and there were 15 participants in PREP II. There were 6 newly enrolled participants in March.

Program Administrator and Re-Entry Coordinator, Kelly Shaw provided the following updates:

Behavioral Health Update:

In March, there were 19 incarcerated persons who had received individualized service to assist in release from the institution. There were 9 dosages of Naloxone distributed. There were 75 referrals to inpatient treatment. There were 10 incarcerated persons awaiting 402 orders. There were 8 incarcerated persons awaiting transfer to Norristown State Hospital.

The current recidivism rate is 59%.

ViaPath Update:

There were 520 video visits scheduled in March. There were 258 in-person visits. Video Visits continue to remain free of charge. Video Visits and in-person visits must be scheduled online. In-person visits will be conducted between 12:30 pm and 7:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. Video visits will be available between 9 am and 11:30 am.

ViaPath Project Management Activities: Viapath will provide installation of hardware to support the systems and coordinating of field services. Viapath will work in conjunction with staff and ViaPath Project Management for facility training and testing systems. The last step is tablet distribution coordination and Go Live date.

Deputy Warden Faly is focusing on program expansion and fostering a relationship with stakeholders for Re-Entry Workforce development services. The goal is to revise classification to create a Sentenced housing unit, a Substance Use housing unit and a Re-Entry housing unit.

Deputy Warden Faly also noted that Volunteer appreciation night is scheduled for the fall of 2022.