

Warden's Report
August 2024

Warden Laura Williams mentioned the following:

Monthly Statistics –August 2024:

- Current population: as of 8/13/24: 1,193 incarcerated persons (decrease of 35 from last month's meeting)
- Weekender Program:
 - There were 10 Weekender participants in July (last month was 11)
 - 7 of the 10 were "first timers"
 - 2 were female
- Total commitments in July: 515 commitments (last month there were 516)
- There were 115 individuals (22.52%) who were committed under Violation of Probation/Parole (2 were state related); there were 51 (9.90%) FTA only; there were 34 (6.60%) IPs with violations of probation with new cases
 - July 2023: 570
 - July 2022: 580
- Total discharges in July: 582 (last month was 487)
 - July 2023: 573
 - July 2022: 553
- Recreation – Full recreation was provided unless otherwise indicated:
 - 7/2/24: 2nd Shift: 10B
 - 7/11-7/14/24: Both Shifts: 7D tier recreation
 - 7/25/24: 1st Shift: Unit 7 modified recreation
 - 7/25-7/28/24: Both Shifts: 2A modified recreation

Major Incidences:

There were several periods of high 70s – low 80s and malfunctioning HVAC units throughout the agency during the month of July. On Thursday 7/11 a stabbing incident occurred on Unit 7D involving 3 individuals referred to CID. On Friday 7/12 phone and tablet outages for approximately 48 hours. An IP developed critical illness and was transported to an outside hospital on Thursday 7/18. There was a crowd strike on Friday 7/19.

Point in Time: Census Snapshot: July 1, 2024, at 1200 hours:

	7/1/2024
Total	1263
Total Male	1115
Percentage Male	88.28%
Total Female	148
Percentage Female	11.72%
Total Sentenced	146
Sentenced Males	132
Sentenced Females	14
Percentage Sentenced	11.56%
Total Pre-Trial	1117
Percentage Pre-Trial	88.44 %

Behavioral Health Statistics:

There were 694 individuals diagnosed with AMI (any mental illness) which is 56.93% of the current population. The data includes any person with at least 1 diagnosis within the DSM-V-TR (unduplicated patient number). There were 369 individuals diagnosed with SMI (serious mental illness) which is 30.27% of the population. SMI includes the following specific diagnoses with a moderate-severe expression: Major Depressive Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, OCD, Panic Disorder, PTSD and Borderline Personality Disorder.

Monthly Statistics:

Wellpath has restored the CLIA waiver and lab license. There were 172 participants enrolled in MAT services. There were 155 continuations on a MOUD (medication for opioid disorder). There were 17 IPs initiated to treatment in July.

Employees of the Month:

The following employees were selected in August: Intelligence Analyst Erica Marley and Correctional Officer Khalil Andrews. Supervisor of the Month was Sergeant Jerome Moss. Incentives include parking in the employee of the month designated space, recognition amongst staff and a certificate.

Service Year Recognitions:

The following employees received recognition for years of service: Correctional Officer Lamont Watkins 25 years; Captain Kerry Platt 25 years; Case Manager Godfrey Okyere-Asiedu 22 years and Chaplain Cokelia Dunn 14 years.

National Institute of Corrections:

George W. Hill Correctional Facility was 1 of 5 correctional agencies selected nationally to receive a free 40-hour training session from the National Institute of Corrections. Instructors included a Psychologist, Operations Instructor, and a Mental Health Instructor with combined experience of over 50 years in the field of corrections. Crisis Intervention Training allows correctional professionals to refine their communication skills to actively de-escalate situations and increase safe outcomes for all persons involved.

Training Academy:

There was a graduation on Friday 8/2. There were 6 officers sworn in by Honorable Judge William Mackrides. A new class began on Monday 7/22 with the next graduation scheduled for Friday 8/30. Actively recruiting for next class to begin on September 16th.

CERT (Correctional Emergency Response Team) Academy:

CERT Training occurred during the week of 7/21. Richard Wells is the CERT Commander Officer; Instructor Damon Loadholt is Assistant CERT Commander; Anthony Laughlin CERT Operator. Newest CERT Operators were Officer Dweh Tarwillie; Officer Briana Artis; Officer Darrial Scott and Officer Michael Kromah.

Capital Improvements and Projects:

Roof Replacement of the Administration Building: Contract is in progress with Tremco/WTI. This project will be occurring in phases, with a start date of August 14th. The next phase will include tear downs and construction. Anticipated completion is the 1st week of November.

Roof Repair and HVAC replacement of secure facility: HVAC units are at end of life and require replacement. Construction is anticipated for 2025, due to lead times of materials.

Electronic Security and Surveillance Project: BSI, Construction Management Firm has been identified and a draft contract is in review. Construction is anticipated to begin end of 2024-2026. A walk thru was completed on Friday, June 7th. Pre-bidding tours are scheduled for August 7th with a virtual pre-bid meeting on August 9, 2024. (Current stage): prequalification for interested bidders.

Kitchen Renovation: Construction Management Firm, BSI will complete a review of the schematic design drawings. New schedule to be developed with tentative start date in 2025-2026. Equipment in need of repairs that are scheduled for 8/14: 2 Baxter Ovens; 1 Convection Oven and 1 refrigerator.

HVAC Impacts:

While the facility has continued to advocate for the full replacement of HVAC units since the transition to county operation in April 2022, this capital improvement project has not been resourced or fulfilled. The project is being bid out but will still have an estimated 12–14-month lead time for the units to be available.

Each housing unit has two different HVAC units with two different compressors. Unit A and D operate on one unit and Units B and C operate on the other unit. Parts are not widely available due to the age of the units and cranes are required for significant repairs. While air conditioning is not a legal requirement in correctional agencies, it is a comfort measure that assists in the management of the population as well as staff working in the environment. It additionally reduces risk for those who may have medical conditions that are susceptible to exacerbations due to heat.

The following has consistently been done to monitor:

- Take temperatures of the housing units and control rooms throughout the agency
- With temperatures above 75 degrees, airflow is increased with industrial fans, ice sent to the unit, increased hydration, increased recreation, and monitoring for those with medical conditions that may increase risk
- Moved populations to housing areas with operational units
- Increased staff rounds and presence, submitting work orders as indicated
- Utilizing contracted personnel to address/service the units
- Seeking funding, as indicated to implement necessary repairs

Assessments/Repairs are ongoing with facility maintenance staff and contracted experts from Elliott Lewis and/or Siemens. Current areas impacted:

- Unit 2 Hallway – issues with coils and is scheduled for cleaning and repair on 8/14
- Unit 7A/D – one compressor – scheduled to be repaired by 8/16
- Unit 8A/D – one compressor – scheduled to be repaired by 8/16
- Unit 4/7 Main Hallway – repairs scheduled for Thursday 8/15
- Unit 9 Hallway –repairs scheduled for Thursday 8/15
- Unit10A/D – one compressor – being repaired by 8/16

Cost Recovery Items –July 2024:

July 2024	Monthly	YTD	Prior Year Total
Deposits to General Fund			
Processing Fee	\$18,215.42	\$138,471.90	\$231,668.58
Damage to Prison Property	\$0.00	\$3,382.84	\$5,603.69
Medical Visits	\$538.78	\$3,232.43	\$7,293.99
Postage	\$12.39	\$60.45	\$28.34
Vending Commissions	\$552.31	\$10,917.68	\$33,518.51
Total Funds Recovered	\$19,318.90	\$156,065.30	\$278,113.11

Deposits to Inmate Welfare			
Under \$1.00	\$2.49	\$687.78	\$47.83
Interest Income	\$14,160.94	\$94,469.91	\$113,855.18
Commissary Commissions	\$36,192.84	\$294,693.42	\$543,219.88
Total Funds	\$50,356.27	\$389,851.11	\$657,122.89
Balance of Inmate Welfare Fund as of 6-30-2024	\$4,182,561.28		

Programs and Support Updates:

General Education Development (GED): there were 2 GEDs earned during the month of July. The average passing rate is 66%.

Case Management: four case managers and one Substance Use Counselor had attended two-day Motivational Interviewing Module 2 on 7/15 and 7/16. Training is in collaboration with Chester County Adult Probation.

Anger Management: 291 IPs completed Anger Management in July.

PREP: there were 280 new enrollments

NA: there were 330 IPs enrolled in NA and 198 IPs in AA.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT): there were 85 IPs who had completed CBT in July.

Senior Case Manager John Swider will be departing from our facility. Congratulations to Michael Heneghan on promotion to Senior Case Manager. Mr. Heneghan started as a correctional officer, was promoted to sergeant, and then lieutenant. Mr. Heneghan also worked in IT as well as Fire & Safety. As a case manager, he provided service to the severe mental health population as well as maximum classification. Mr. Heneghan had also recently attended Crisis Intervention Team Training in July.

Reentry updates:

First Step (Workforce Development Program): completed the 16th cohort for the men's group on Thursday, August 1st There were 9 participants signed up for the class. There were 4 who had successfully completed the program. The 17th cohort for the men's group began on Monday, August 5th. There were 9 participants. Ms. Thomas, a new facilitator joined the EDSI team. To date there were 79 participants who had successfully completed the program.

Delaware County Reentry Program (DCRP): PHMC is a non-profit public health institute committed to providing pre-release (30 days) and post release (60 days) reentry services. DCRP is in partnership with George W. Hill, Office of the Public Defenders and Probation and Parole. There were 19 individuals referred to the program. There were 12 IPs who had accepted service; 5 were denied service; 2 were released prior to introductory session. There was 1 participant released from custody and was able to gain employment government assistance and housing.

Financial Literacy Workshop: Widener University Professors and Chester Partnership for Safer Neighborhoods (CPSN) collaborated to administer a financial literacy workshop to enhance fiscal accountability regarding debt responsibility, investment, budgeting, and personal financial management. There were 31 participants.

Thresholds: A decision making and soft skills program. There were 9 participants.

GWH Reentry Case Manager: engages with the sentenced population to determine community needs after discharge. An individualized packet of community resources is provided prior to release. There were 26 participants.

Drug and Alcohol Liaisons: Delaware County Adult Probation and Parole serve the substance use population to include referrals to inpatient treatment facilities and continuum of care. There were 69 releases to treatment in July.

Maternity Care Coalition (MCC): Maternity Care Coalition provides individual support for pregnant women, new moms, their baby, and family. There were 6 participants.

Veterans Employment Project: Delaware County Workforce Development Board will partner with the Delaware County Veterans and Military Affairs Department to reach veterans and their spouses to help them overcome barriers to employment and secure meaningful full or part-time work. During the month of July, there were 4 participants. In total 30 participants had received service.

EVOVO Electronic Learning: Via the tablet, courses provide educational, vocational, and rehabilitative curriculum. Users learn at their own pace and have free access to the platform post release. There were 250 courses completed on the EDOVO Platform in July, as well as 191 courses completed on the CYPERSWORX Platform.