

Warden's Report
December 2024

Monthly Statistics –November 2024:

- Current population: as of 12/10/24: 1,183 incarcerated persons (increase of 10 from last month's meeting)
- Weekender Program:
 - There were 14 Weekender participants in November (previous month was 11)
 - 8 of the 14 were "first timers"
 - 3 were female
- Total commitments in November: 480 (last month there were 583)
 - 2023: 477
 - 2022: 547
- Total discharges in November: 466 (previous month was 600)
 - 2023: 520
 - 2022: 573
- Recreation – Full recreation was provided unless otherwise indicated:
 - 11/1/24-11/6: 1st Shift: 10C on tier recreation
 - 11/5/24: Both Shifts: Modified recreation due to internet outages in the facility
 - 11/7/24: 2nd Shift: 6A modified recreation and 6D no recreation
 - 11/9/24: Both Shifts: 6B modified recreation
 - 11/16/24: 1st Shift: Full facility modified recreation
 - 11/22/24: 1st Shift: Full facility modified recreation
 - 11/27/24: 2nd Shift: Unit 6 no recreation

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

	11/1/2024
Total	1211
Total Male	1045
Percentage Male	86.29%
Total Female	166
Percentage Female	13.71%
Total Sentenced	156
Sentenced Males	129
Sentenced Females	27
Percentage Sentenced	12.88%
Total Pre-Trial	1055
Percentage Pre-Trial	87.12 %

Behavioral Health Statistics:

There were 990 individuals diagnosed with AMI (any mental illness) which is 83.54% of the current population. The data includes any person with at least 1 diagnosis within the DSM-V-TR (unduplicated patient number). There were 536 individuals diagnosed with SMI (serious mental illness) which is 42.23% 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:

There were 16 IPs continued who Methadone, with 151 individuals continued Buprenorphine; there were 8 inductions to Buprenorphine and 20 were continued on LAI Buprenorphine. There were 3 inducted to LAI Buprenorphine. There were 187 continuations on a MOUD (medication for opioid disorder). There were 191 participants enrolled in MAT services (representing 16% of the population).

Employees of the Month:

The following employees were selected: Correctional Officer Christopher Clyde, Substance Use Counselor Hillary Jones. Supervisor of the Month was Lieutenant Saleem Jones. 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: Sergeant David Coleman - 10 years (12/1); Officer Augustine Sieh - 20 years (12/3); Officer Edward Collin - 4 years (12/7); Officer Bobby Herron 4 years (12/7); Lieutenant Saleem Jones - 22 years (12/9); Major Richard Leach - 22 years (12/9); Officer Sunday Adaghe - 5 years (12/9); Officer Joseph Fobay - 5 years (12/9); Officer Tracey Hammett - 22 years (12/10); Sergeant Amos Kpadehyea - 4 years (12/14); Sergeant Ver'ia May-Russell - 4 years (12/28); Officer Daniel Rivera - 4 years (12/28).

Training Academy:

There was a graduation held on Friday, November 22nd consisting of 7 Correctional Officers. A new class began on Monday, November 12th with the next graduation scheduled for Friday, December 20th. The final class for the 2024 calendar year will begin on Monday, December 16th.

Capital Improvements and Projects:

Roof Replacement of the Administration Building: Contract is in progress with Tremco/WTI. This project will be occurring in phases. The project was completed on November 13th except for a close out punch list. The entirety of the punch list (except for lawn restoration) was completed as of December 6th. The lawn will be addressed in the spring. This project was well managed by GWH maintenance staff as well as Tremco/WTI. All contactors were responsive, proactive, communicative, and engaged in solution-focused operations when challenges were presented.

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 descope meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12th with Construction Management Firm (BSI), Professional Services Engineering (PSE), Delaware County Public Works and George W. Hill Correctional Facility. Discussions will include a phasing plan and schedule, pricing, compliance with the Project Labor Agreement, availability of equipment and a proposed staffing plan.

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.

Farm Shop Roof Replacement:

A facility needs assessment was performed in 2021. Public Works has been working with County Council, the Purchasing Department, and the Executive Office to evaluate all Capital Needs requests and prioritize funding allocations. The Farm Shop Roof needs replacement/repair. The area would be used for additional necessary storage to operate the institution. Components of the project include new sheathing, new shingles, new gables, new rafters, new fascia, soffit, new gutters, downspouts, and overhead garage doors. With JOB support and approval by County Council, the project will be advertised to bid. Motion made by Judge Krull to support an advertisement to bid for the Farm Shop Roof, seconded by Sheriff Sanders. Motion carried unanimously.

Update and Status on HVAC Units:

The following areas are currently operational with no reported issues: SMU/Unit 4/Unit 6/Unit 7/Unit 8/Unit 9/Unit 10/Visitation

The following areas were recently repaired:

Unit 5 – temperatures were too warm. Temperatures have been lowered and evaluations of the system were completed to ensure temperatures remain stable

Unit 8 – repairs were completed 12/10. Unit 8 hallway repairs were completed, and heat level was adjusted for the classroom

Unit 9 – parts were removed from Unit 2 (closed unit) to ensure Unit 9 could be fully operational. Repairs were made last week

Unit 10 Hallway – repaired 12/10

The following areas need repair:

Intake – parts have been received. Repair scheduled for 12/12

Video Arraignment/Investigations – working with Siemens, this is control board issue, not a heating issue – temperatures are elevated

Unit 2 Hallway – Siemens computer issue, parts were ordered

Main Hallway – between units 7 & 8 a motor needs replaced; parts ordered

Gymnasium – entire unit need to be replaced, work not yet scheduled

Master Control – issue has been identified, coils need to be cleaned and reinstalled – scheduled for next week

Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) Updates and Notifications:

All FCC Regulated Phone Fees will be removed, effective 1/1/2025. Commissions on telephone and visitation revenue have been removed. Phone calls will be reduced from \$0.16/minute to \$0.06/minute. Video Visitation will reduce from \$0.25/minute to \$0.11/minute. Tablet Entertainment Bundles remain the same price: \$15.00 for 500 minutes.

Cost Recovery Items –November 2024:

November 2024	Monthly	YTD	Prior Year Total
Deposits to General Fund			
Processing Fee	\$14,869.38	\$209,357.32	\$231,668.58
Damage to Prison Property	\$362.56	\$4,390.67	\$5,603.69
Medical Visits	\$564.80	\$4,807.78	\$7,293.99
Postage	\$0.00	\$79.05	\$28.34
Vending Commissions	\$517.70	\$280.00	\$33,518.51
Total Funds Recovered	\$16,314.44	\$218,914.82	\$278,113.11
Deposits to Inmate Welfare			
Under \$1.00	\$2.26	\$49.03	\$47.83
Interest Income	\$12,378.06	\$147,804.02	\$113,855.18
Commissary Commissions	\$38,476.25	\$451,219.59	\$543,219.88
Total Funds	\$50,856.57	\$599,072.64	\$657,122.89
Balance of Inmate Welfare Fund as of 11-30-2024	\$4,340,036.58		

Programs and Support Updates:

General Education Development (GED): To date, there were 61 GEDs earned. The GED passing rate is 61%.

Anger Management: There were 451 individuals who had completed anger management in November.

PREP: There were 428 new PREP enrollments

Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous: There were 684 IPs enrolled in NA with 338 IPs in AA.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: There were 127 IPs who had completed CBT.

Monthly Highlights:

On Monday, November 25th the 5th cohort for the Fatherhood Program was completed with 9 participants.

Volunteer Recertification was held on Saturday, December 7th with 63 participants.

Pilot Narcan and Overdose Prevention Training: In partnership with the Delaware County Health Department, a Narcan and Overdose Prevention training session (for IPS and prison staff) is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th.

Delco Coalition for Prison Reform: Delco CPR donated 3,722 holiday cards this year as part of their annual card donation. IPs are encouraged to stay in touch with their loved ones. As of Monday, December 9th there were 1,153 cards mailed out.

Seeking Additional Employees: George W. Hill Correctional Facility is seeking applicants the following positions: Case Management (5 vacancies currently)/Substance Use Counselor/Wellness Instructor. Any interested applicants please visit DelcoPA.gov.

Reentry updates:

Delaware County Reentry Program (DCRP): staff collaborates with clients to develop an individualized release plan which identifies goals and addresses behavioral, physical health, recovery and family support, housing, employment, vocational/educational needs, and other community supports. DCRP provides reentry service 30 days pre-release and 60 days post release. There were 23 IPs enrolled in services. Increased enrollment service is offered to parolees. There were 13 parolees who had accepted service in November.

First Step (Workforce Development Program): completed the 20th cohort for the woman's group on Thursday, 11/21. There were 9 participants who had signed up for the course, with 6 completions. The 21st cohort for the men's group began on Monday, 11/25 with 5 participants.

Veterans Employment Project: during the month of March, GWHCF partnered with Delaware County Veterans and Military Affairs Department to reach Veterans and their spouses overcome barriers to employment and secure meaningful full or part-time work. There were 3 participants. In total, there were 36 participants who had received service.

Thresholds: Decision making and soft skills program. There were 10 participants.

GWH Reentry Case Manager: engages with the sentenced population to determine community needs after discharge. There were 12 participants.

Drug & 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 51 released to treatment.

Maternity Care Coalition (MCC): Maternity Care Coalition provides individual support for pregnant women, new moms, their baby, and family. There was 1 participant.

The Boys Council: Child and Family Focus Organization facilitates an 8-week course to the juvenile population that utilizes cognitive behavioral therapy to examine gender norms, respect in relationships, diversity and building empathy. There were 3 participants.

Financial Literacy Workshops: Widener University and Chester Partnership for Safer Neighborhoods (CPSN) collaboration to administer a financial literacy workshop that enhances fiscal accountability regarding debt responsibility, investment, budgeting, and personal financial management. There were 12 participants.

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 244 courses completed on the EDOVO Platform in October, as well as 330 courses completed on the CYPERWORX Platform

Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program: On Tuesday, December 3rd the third Inside Out Prison Exchange closing ceremony was conducted. "Inside" refers to incarcerated learners. "Outside" refers to incarcerated learners. The inside and outside students met once a week for 12 weeks in the visitation room to engage in a public speaking course. There were 8 incarcerated students who had successfully completed the course, with 10 students from the outside. It was very powerful to see programming and employment come full circle.