

Warden's Report
September 2024

The Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union is sponsoring an Ice Cream Social event on September 25th for all George W. Hill employees.

Monthly Statistics –September 2024:

- Current population: as of 9/10/24: 1,146 incarcerated persons (decrease of 47 from last month's meeting)
- Weekender Program:
 - There were 9 Weekender participants in August (previous month was 10)
 - 7 of the 9 were "first timers"
 - 2 were female
- Total commitments in August: 574 commitments (last month there were 515)
- There were 150 individuals (26.13%) who were committed under Violation of Probation/Parole (3 were state related); there were 53 (9.32%) FTA only; there were 42 (7.32%) IPs with violations of probation with new cases
 - 2023: 587
 - 2022: 598
- Total discharges in August: 596 (last month was 582)
 - 2023: 659
 - 2022: 598
- Recreation – Full recreation was provided unless otherwise indicated:
 - 8/5/24: 1st Shift: 6A – No recreation
 - 8/6/24: Both: Unit 4 – Modified recreation
 - 8/7/24: Both: Unit 7 – Modified recreation
 - 8/8/24: Both: Unit 6 and Unit 9 – Modified recreation
 - 8/9/24: 1st Shift: Full facility – Modified recreation
 - 8/10/24: 2nd Shift: 6C – No recreation
 - 8/23-8/24/24: Both: 6C – Modified recreation
 - 8/29 2nd Shift – 8/30/24: 10 – No recreation

Major Incidences:

On Saturday 8/3, an IP developed critical illness and was transported to an outside hospital. There was a full facility search performed from 8/5-8/9/24. On Friday, 8/9 there was an erroneous release (discovered on 8/15).

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

| | 8/1/2024 |
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| Total | 1194 |
| Total Male | 1043 |
| Percentage Male | 87.35% |
| Total Female | 151 |
| Percentage Female | 12.65% |
| Total Sentenced | 124 |
| Sentenced Males | 110 |
| Sentenced Females | 14 |
| Percentage Sentenced | 10.38% |
| Total Pre-Trial | 1070 |
| Percentage Pre-Trial | 89.61 % |

Behavioral Health Statistics:

There were 914 individuals diagnosed with AMI (any mental illness) which is 76.23% of the current population. The data includes any person with at least 1 diagnosis within the DSM-V-TR (unduplicated patient number). There were 492 individuals diagnosed with SMI (serious mental illness) which is 41.03% 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 186 participants enrolled in MAT services with 178 continuations on a MOUD (medication for opioid disorder).

Employees of the Month:

The following employees were selected: Correctional Officer Brandon Mitchell and Correctional Officer Fannah Wisseh. Supervisor of the Month was Sergeant David Coleman. 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: Officer Kadara Mosley - 10 years (9/8); Sergeant Denise Leonard - 10 years (9/8); Grievance Coordinator Sue Sendall - 12 years (9/10); Officer Winston Williamson - 12 years (9/10); Officer Vincent Djeagbo - 14 years (9/13); Lead Investigator Keith Heyward - 17 years (9/10); Officer Matthew Gibbs - 18 years (9/11); Officer Annette Ford - 22 years (9/9); Instructor Tamika Bennett-Bowens - 26 years (9/14); Officer Mauren Lipski - 26 years (9/14).

Training Academy:

There was a graduation on Friday 8/30 consisting of 2 Correctional Officers, a Case Manager and Laundry Technician. A new class began on Monday 8/19 with the next graduation scheduled for Friday 9/27. A new class will begin on Monday, 9/16. Actively recruiting for next class to begin on October 14th.

Recertification of Training Department:

The George W. Hill Correctional Facility Training Department is officially recertified through the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections until June 18, 2027. The recertification process requires an in-depth review of training curriculum, methods, and materials to ensure all necessary training compliances are met in compliance with PA Code Title 37. The team is led by Major of Training Operations Richard Leach, Jr., Instructor Damon Loadholt and Instructor Tamika Bennett-Bowens are both TST certified through the PA DOC. The department has grown to include Mental Health First Aid, APEX Officer Virtual Reality Simulation, H.E.R.O. Training, and a Field Training Officer Program. Warden Williams hopes to utilize capital improvement dollars for the development of a training facility that provides an environment equipped with multiple classrooms, a seminar room, a facility employee gym, and an indoor firing range. These additions would help to increase partner training with other county law enforcement entities and neighboring correctional agencies.

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 current phase of construction has included tear down and temporary vapor barrier roofing. This phase is nearing completion and will begin permanent roofing. 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. There is a Pre-Bid Tour scheduled for the week of September 23rd.

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.

Cost Recovery Items –August 2024:

| August 2024 | Monthly | YTD | Prior Year Total |
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| Deposits to General Fund | | | |
| Processing Fee | \$18,435.58 | \$156,907.48 | \$231,668.58 |
| Damage to Prison Property | \$249.99 | \$3,632.83 | \$5,603.69 |
| Medical Visits | \$371.29 | \$3,603.72 | \$7,293.99 |
| Postage | \$16.56 | \$77.01 | \$28.34 |
| Vending Commissions | \$0.00 | \$280.00 | \$33,518.51 |
| Total Funds Recovered | \$19,073.42 | \$164,501.04 | \$278,113.11 |
| Deposits to Inmate Welfare | | | |
| Under \$1.00 | \$2.88 | \$37.29 | \$47.83 |
| Interest Income | \$14,229.79 | \$108,699.70 | \$113,855.18 |
| Commissary Commissions | \$44,808.52 | \$339,501.94 | \$543,219.88 |
| Total Funds | \$59,041.19 | \$448,238.93 | \$657,122.89 |
| Balance of Inmate Welfare Fund as of 7-31-2024 | \$4,229,324.22 | | |

Request from Inmate Welfare Fund:

The leisure library is maintained for the prison population. Historically, the library has been largely influenced and maintained by volunteer donations after a thorough screening process. Correctional Programs, LLC is a secure vendor who assembles bundles of books for purchase to send to correctional agencies. A portion of the proceeds are donated to Lauren's Kids (a 501 (2) (3) organization). The organization seeks to prevent sexual abuse against children. Correctional Programs, LLC has offered several packages for purchase. Warden Williams requested to utilize the Inmate Welfare Fund to purchase 550 English paperback books at \$5.81 each, for a cost of \$3,195.00. Purchasing through this organization allows for a significant reduction in price (average is \$5.81 each). The current average price for most paperback fiction books is between \$13-18. Mr. King requested that JOB members be permitted to attend the monthly block rep meetings that are held inside the prison. Warden Williams will be sending a calendar invite to the JOB for the next block rep meeting. The Inmate Welfare Fund has a balance of \$4,229,324.22.

There was additional discussion among the JOB. A vote revealed (7 yay), (1 nay), by Honorable Judge Margaret Amoroso. Motion made by Mr. Corson to approve utilizing the Inmate Welfare Fund in the amount of \$3,195.00 to expand the leisure library, seconded by Controller Phillips.

Programs and Support Updates:

Voter Registration: A Voter Registration flyer was posted on the tablets for the population.

General Education Development (GED): To date, there were 52 GEDs earned. The GED passing rate is 65%.

Fatherhood Program: The 5th cohort of the Fatherhood Program will begin on September 23rd.

Anger Management: There were 311 IPs who had completed Anger Management in August.

PREP: there were 308 new enrollments

Volunteer Services: there were 437 IPs enrolled in NA and 237 IPs in AA.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT): there were 103 IPs who had completed CBT in August.

The Pennsylvania Chaplains Association (PCCA): The PCCA was held on August 28th at the Bongiorno Conference Center in Carlisle, PA. Chaplain Cokelia Dunn and Reentry Administrator Kelly Shaw. Ms. Shaw was one of the guest speakers.

Seeking Additional Employees: Currently there are 4 case management vacancies. Interested applicants, please visit: <https://www.delcopa.gov/employment/bytitle.html>.

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. To date, there were 20 IPs who had accepted service.

First Step (Workforce Development Program): Completed the 17th cohort for the men's group on Thursday, August 29th. There were 9 participants who had signed up for the class. There were 7 who had successfully completed the program, there was 1 individual who was released, and 1 participant had discontinued service. The 18th cohort began on Monday, September 9th with 6 participants. To date, there were 86 participants who had successfully completed the program.

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 16 participants.

Thresholds: A decision making and soft skills program. There were 11 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 18 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 68 releases to treatment in August.

Maternity Care Coalition (MCC): Maternity Care Coalition provides individual support for pregnant women, new moms, their baby, and family. There were 2 participants.

Life Skills High School: Child and Family Focus Organization facilitates a 6-week course to the juvenile population to focus on healthy relationships, emotions, family communications, media awareness and the value of good health. There were 3 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 2 participants. In total 32 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 145 courses completed on the EDOVO Platform in August, as well as 276 courses completed on the CYPERSWORX Platform.

3rd Annual Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program: The 13-week program is held at the prison with 11 Penn State Brandywine college students and a professor who take a weekly class with 11 incarcerated learners. The 13-week college level course is designed to introduce the principles of effective public speaking. The semester ends with a closing ceremony. The practice of bringing incarcerated (inside) and non-incarcerated (outside) together for engaged and informative dialog allows for transformative learning experiences that invite participants to take leadership in addressing crime, justice and other issues of social concern.