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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

March 29, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Prison Board was called to order at 2:33 PM on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at the Chester County Prison by the Chair of the Prison Board, Josh Maxwell. Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Commissioner Michelle Kichline, Sheriff Fredda Maddox, District Attorney Deb Ryan, and Controller Margaret Reif were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Maxwell announced that the Prison Board met in Executive Session on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, to discuss personnel and legal matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on February 22, 2023. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2023 Prison Board Meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

There was no public comment on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Controller Reif made a motion to adopt the agenda. Sheriff Maddox seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the March 29, 2023 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for February 2023, noting that the average daily inmate population was 682, as compared to 648 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on February 28, 2023 there were 685 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 129
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 7
- Approximately 302 inmates held for court, 142 for preliminary hearing, and 32 inmates held on a Balance of Max.

The Warden reported that there were no juvenile offenders this month.

A total of 106 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 32 different agencies, compared to 135 arrestees brought in by 32 different agencies in 2022.

The Correctional Center for February had an average daily population of 30. Today the population is 33.

There were 41 medical transports.

There was one Correctional Emergency Unit activations for non-compliant behavior.

There were 158 Video Conferencing Hearings, compared to 248 in 2022.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 371
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 286
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 285
- Inmates on suicide watch: 38

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 67 (59 male, 8 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 15
- Inmates awaiting a bed at N.S.H.: 1

It was noted that the Thinking for a Change, GED, HorseWorks, and Drug and Alcohol Services programs are all running smoothly at the Correctional Center at this time.

It was also reported that the Prison currently has 54 openings for Correctional Officer Is. The Warden noted that 5 Correctional Officers will be starting on April 3rd, 2023.

The Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics:

- Today, confirmed positives include 0 staff and 1 inmate.

The Warden stated that as of today the inmate count is 703, as compared to a total of 622 last year.

7. Implementation of the Prison/ PrimeCare Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve the implementation of the Prison/ PrimeCare Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program with an effective date of April 1st, 2023. District Attorney Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the implementation of the Prison/ PrimeCare MAT Program effective April 1st, 2023.

Implementation of the MAT Program

8. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

DISCUSSION

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

10. ADJOURNMENT

Sheriff Maddox made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Controller Reif. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.

ADJOURNMENT