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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

January 26, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair of the Prison Board Commissioner Josh Maxwell called the Prison Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Board Room. In addition to Commissioner Maxwell, the following board members were also in attendance: Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Commissioner Michelle Kichline, President Judge John Hall, District Attorney Deb Ryan, Sheriff Fredda Maddox, and Controller Margaret Reif.

CALL TO ORDER

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Controller Reif made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on December 16, 2021. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2021 Prison Board Meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

There was no public comment on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Controller Reif made a motion to adopt the agenda. Sheriff Maddox seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the January 26, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for December 2021, noting that the average daily inmate population was 656, as compared to 610 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on December 31, 2021 there were 646 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 95
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 9
- Approximately 69% of inmates were held for court or preliminary hearing, and 2% were held on a Balance of Max.

The Warden reported that there were 7 juvenile offenders (1 Chester County, 1 Bucks County, 2 Lancaster County, and 3 Montgomery County).

A total of 129 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 32 different agencies.

The Correctional Center for December had an average daily population of 17. As of today, there are 15.

It was reported that there were 11 transports to the state correction facilities. Currently, 40 are pending transfer.

There were 21 medical transports.

There were 0 Correctional Emergency Unit activations.

There were 131 Video Conferencing Hearings, compared to 367 in 2020.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 646
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 263
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 244
- Inmates on suicide watch: 9%

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 57 (48 male, 9 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 7
- Referred to mental-health court: 1
- Inmates awaiting a bed: 1

It was noted that the Thinking for a Change and Stable Pathways programs are ongoing at this time, as well as the GED program.

The Warden stated that IFR and Bookkeeping fees are still suspended until further notice. It was noted that when fees resume, a booking fee in the amount of \$45 would be appropriate.

The Prison currently has 69 open positions, with 51 openings being for Correctional Officer Is.

The Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics:

- Staff confirmed positives: 35
- Inmate confirmed positives: 227

It was also noted that all staff have been issued N95 masks.

Since offering a vaccine incentive as discussed at the previous meeting, 126 staff have expressed interest, and 199 inmates have expressed interest in receiving the vaccine.

The Warden stated that as of today the inmate count is 641, compared to 608 at this time last year.

6. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

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7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by President Judge Hall. Meeting adjourned at 2:27 PM.

ADJOURNMENT