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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

November 17, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Prison Board was called to order at 2:03 PM on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at the Chester County Prison by the Chair of the Board of the Commissioners, Marian Moskowitz. Commissioner Josh Maxwell, Commissioner Michelle Kichline, President Judge John Hall, Sheriff Fredda Maddox, and District Attorney Deb Ryan were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on October 26, 2022. President Judge Hall seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2022 Prison Board Meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

There was no public comment on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

President Judge Hall made a motion to adopt the agenda. District Attorney Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the November 17, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for October 2022, noting that the average daily inmate population was 618, as compared to 648 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on October 31, 2022 there were 617 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 113
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 8
- Approximately 206 inmates held for court, 127 for preliminary hearing, and 22 were held on a Balance of Max.

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

A total of 119 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 31 different agencies, compared to 99 arrestees brought in by 26 different agencies in October 2021.

The Correctional Center for October had an average daily population of 16. Today the total is 31.

There were 36 medical transports, with 15 being to the emergency room.

There was 1 Correctional Emergency Unit activation for non-complaint behavior.

There were 196 Video Conferencing Hearings this month, compared to 187 in October 2021.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 388
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 241
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 240
- Inmates on suicide watch: 51

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 52 (40 male, 12 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 13

It was noted that the Thinking for a Change and Drug and Alcohol services programs are on-going at this time. The Horse-Works program has also started up and is running well.

The Prison currently has 66 open positions, with 48 openings being for Correctional Officer Is. The Warden reported that so far in 2022, the Prison has hired 33 individuals and 30 individuals has left.

The Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics:

- Staff confirmed positives: 1 (1 recovered)
- Inmate confirmed positives: 3 (3 recovered)
- Today, confirmed positives include 0 staff and 2 inmates.

The Warden stated that as of today the count is 621, compared to 651 at this time last year.

Commissioner Moskowitz asked the Warden approximately what percent of employees attend the CIT Trainings, to which the Warden responded that about 7-10 individuals will attend at a time, and that he would share the actual percentage with her when he gathers it after the meeting.

6. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

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7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Martin asked for an update on his wife's case, to which District Attorney Ryan responded that she would follow-up with him after the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by District Attorney Ryan. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

ADJOURNMENT