

Warden's Report  
April 2025

Warden Williams announced the passing of Chief Deputy Warden Adam Smith on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Chief Smith began at the facility on June 23, 2023. His career originally began at Clinton County Correctional Facility as a correctional officer in 2010 and had been promoted to Lieutenant/Shift Commander in 2011. Chief Smith also worked at Alleghany County Jail in Pittsburgh, PA and held the ranks of Captain (2016), Major (2018) and Deputy Warden (2021). Chief Smith is survived by his family and extended family and countless friends through many different chapters of his life.

Warden Laura Williams reported the following:

Monthly Statistics –March 2025:

- Current population: as of 4/8/25:1,059 incarcerated persons (decrease of 43 from last month's meeting)
- Weekender Program:
  - There were 18 Weekender participants in March (last month was 16)
  - 12 of the 18 were "first timers"
  - 6 were female
- Total commitments: 516 (last month was 438)
  - 2024: 547
  - 2023: 552
- Total discharges: 528 (last month was 457)
  - 2024: 531
  - 2023: 557
- Recreation – Full recreation was provided unless otherwise indicated:
  - 3/6/25: 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift: 7B no recreation
  - 3/7/25: 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift: 5D no recreation
  - 3/15/25: Both Shifts: 10B no recreation
  - 3/21 – 3/23/25: Both Shifts: 7A, 7B, 7D no recreation
  - 3/27/25: 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift: 6A no recreation

Point in Time: Census Snapshot: March 1, 2025, at 1200 hours:

3/1/2025

Total	1123
Total Male	976
Percentage Male	86.91%
Total Female	147
Percentage Female	13.09%
Total Sentenced	150
Sentenced Males	123
Sentenced Females	27
Percentage Sentenced	13.36%
Total Pre-Trial	973
Percentage Pre-Trial	86.64%

#### Behavioral Health Statistics:

As of April 8<sup>th</sup> there were 188 patients enrolled in Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), which is 17.75% of the current population; there were 205 IPs engaged in MAT services; 137 individuals continued Buprenorphine; 16 inducted to Buprenorphine; 21 continued LAI Buprenorphine with 3 individuals inducted to LAI Buprenorphine. There was 1 female continued Naltrexone.

#### Employee of the Month:

The following employees were selected for April: Correctional Officer Dameer Christopher and Correctional Officer Maureen Lipski. Supervisor of the month was Sergeant Dennis Starkey. Incentives include parking in the employee of the month designated space, recognition amongst staff and a certificate.

#### Years of Service:

The following employees were awarded certificates for years of service: Director of Information Systems, Bryan Held 15 years (4/19/10); Correctional Officer Kamara McGill 18 years (4/2/07); Compliance Administrator Sarah Bowles 19 years (4/17/06); Correctional Officer Kim Wynne 20 years (4/12/05); Correctional Officer Shikeva Motley 21 years (4/2/04); Purchasing Manager Kia Butler 23 years (4/29/02); Mailroom Technician Darla Morgan 23 years (4/22/02); Deputy Warden Lisa Mastroddi 24 years (4/1/01); Mailroom Supervisor Brian Conley 29 years (4/1/96); Senior Case Manager Michael Heneghan 29 years (4/1/96); Laundry Coordinator Sandra Jacobs 29 years (4/1/96); Case Manager Michael Shank 29 years (4/1/96); Operations Technician Steve Young 29 years (4/1/96); Correctional Officer John Smarkola 46 years (4/1/79).

#### Training Academy:

Class 0225-A graduated on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Honorable Judge Margaret Amoroso administered the oath. A new class began on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The next graduation will be held on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Actively recruiting for the next class to begin on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Capital Improvements and Projects:

Roof Repair and HVAC replacement of secure facility. Contract was awarded to WTI/Tremco and Elliott Lewis. Interior and exterior work is being completed and the first crane lifts began on Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The replacement of HVAC units on the first secure housing unit was also completed on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Staff will begin to manage the population to shut down areas for work and repair.

Electronic Security and Surveillance Project: Construction Management Firm BSI, has been working diligently with engineer firm PSE, Delaware County Public Works as well as GWHCF staff. On-site construction management superintendent began on Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Site mobilization is anticipated to begin on April 30<sup>th</sup> with phase one completion tentatively identified as December 26, 2025. Remaining phases are anticipated to be completed in increments of 2 months with strategic implementation of services. Staffing resources and temporary bid assignments will be increased, as needed to ensure that safe procedures are maintained during operations. Working to achieve minimal disruption to other procedures in the institution, but there may be periods in which visitation may be disrupted. Alerts will be posted online to family members in advance, when able. The agency is working to incorporate recommendations as learned through Scandinavian Prison Models (such as SCI Chester) for aesthetic/environmental changes to promote wellness for staff and the population. In the future, one of the housing units will be converted into a "behavioral health and re-entry unit" to promote structured programming, discharge planning and increased skill building for successful reintegration. The Farm Shop Roof repair is tentatively scheduled to begin next week.

Cost Recovery Items –March 2025:

<b>March 2025</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Prior Year Total</b>
<b>Deposits to General Fund</b>			
Processing Fee	\$20,109.55	\$52,506.88	\$225,583.34
Damage to Prison Property	\$759.66	\$1,996.71	\$4,939.09
Medical Visits	\$577.68	\$1,744.84	\$5,075.86
Postage	\$4.14	\$22.69	\$81.64
Vending Commissions	\$2,662.07	\$5,989.05	\$14,437.65
<b>Total Funds Recovered</b>	<b>\$24,113.10</b>	<b>\$62,620.17</b>	<b>\$250,117.58</b>
Deposited to Inmate Welfare (under \$1.00)	\$2.02	\$10.76	\$52.09
Interest Income	\$12,099.49	\$34,927.15	\$160,063.78
Commissary Commissions	\$49,856.17	\$151,737.97	\$477,726.56
Monthly \$25 Stipend	(\$23,200.00)	(\$45,425.00)	\$0.00
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$38,757.68</b>	<b>\$141,244.88</b>	<b>\$637,842.43</b>
Balance of Inmate Welfare Fund as of 3/31/2025	<b>\$4,466,624.70</b>		

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Daily Population: average daily population is 1,115. The facility had 1,413 individuals committed 1,509 discharges and 925 (63%) recommitted. There were 3 youthful offenders.

Education & Workforce Development Highlights: there were 9 individuals who had achieved their GED. The current passing rate is 56% with 49 newly enrolled IPs.

New Volunteer Training: on March 26<sup>th</sup> the new volunteer orientation training was completed.

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Career Fair: the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual career fair will be held on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Last day for registration is Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information please email: Joan Skurski: [Skurskij@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:Skurskij@co.delaware.pa.us) or Keith Moore: [Kmoore@eds.com](mailto:Kmoore@eds.com)

Religious Services: George W. Hill Correctional Facility is supported by 16 Religious Volunteer Organizations. About 40% of the IP population participates in religious services.

Ramadan: Observance of Ramadan began on February 28<sup>th</sup> with 145 participants. There were 144 IPs who participated in Eid Al-Fitr Feast. There were 64 Qurans and 11 various pamphlets of reading materials donated by JOB member Jonathan King. All Noble Qurans that were donated were distributed on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ash Wednesday: There were 31 IPs who observed Ash Wednesday with Father Robert Ianelli from Saint Catherine of Drexel and Deacon William Kussmaul blessed the Virgin Mary.

Grievances: during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025, there were 632 grievances with 88% that were unfounded. There was a decrease in both request and grievances from the last quarter of 2024, which had 744 grievances.

Seeking additional Employees: GWHCF is currently seeking the following positions: Case manager (2 vacancies); a Substance Abuse Counselor; a Program Coordinator; a Discharge Planner; a Mental Health Professional and a Wellness Instructor.

First Step Program: Education Data System, Inc. (EDSI) staff administer a 4-week job readiness course. Cohort 23 completed on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> with 4 men successfully completing the course. Cohort 24 began Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> with 7 men who had signed up for the class. Additionally, 3 women are enrolled in the program and are meeting with a career coach and behavioral health advocate.

New Leash on Life: There were 5 classes held for Basic Animal Care. The classes include 5 Dog Training classes: 5 Career Readiness classes and 4 Life Skills classes. Program components include paid internships, weekly workshops, animal-assisted therapy, free SEPTA bus passes, employment search assistance, individual case management, assistance obtaining identification and referrals to other resources.

Delco Reentry: Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) staff collaborates with participants to develop an individualized reentry plan. Participants meet individually with a peer specialist and reentry case manager bi-monthly. Service is available 60 days post release. There were 4 parolees and 1 incarcerated person accepted service.

Veterans Employment Project/Veteran Engagement: 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 or part-time work as well as assist with other reentry needs. There were 2 participants.

Thresholds: Decision making and soft skills program which had 10 participants

GWH Reentry Case Manager: engages with the sentenced population to determine community needs, post discharge. An individualized packet of community resources is provided to IPs prior to release. There were 20 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 63 releases to treatment.

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 relationships and diversity. There were 3 participants.

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

Opioid Workforce Recovery Workshop: EDSI facilitates a workforce development workshop that enriches life skills, resume writing, discovering career fields, interview skills, budgeting and recovery support. There were 27 participants.

Substance Use and Mental Health Coordinator Patricia O'Connor provided an overview of the PREP I and PREP II programs, Anger Management, Sex Offender Program, CBT groups, demographic information, substance use disorder statistics as well as training sessions.