

Warden's Report
August 2021

Interim Warden Lee Tatum reported the following:

Current Population: 1,482

County Males: 1,272

County Females: 176

Transfers: 12

Lodgers: 22

Weekenders/Male: 0

Weekenders Female: 0

Total commitments in July – 569 (206 NC/363 RI)

Total discharges in July – 529

Recidivism rate: 64%

COVID Protocols In-Place:

The goal is to establish COVID Registration teams by classroom to educate and register inmates with targeted goals. It would be a perpetual registration effort.

Total Statistics since March 2020:

Total inmates tested: 2,082

Total inmates positive: 194

Total staff tested: 513

Total staff positive: 133

Inmate deaths: 0

Staff deaths: 2

Major Incidents:

Last week, a female officer was arrested on the premises for alleged drug smuggling into the facility. This arrest began with a chain of events starting with an inmate who was on the wrong unit and had swallowed paper believe to be laced with a foreign substance. Once the paper was retrieved, it appeared to have remnants of a female inmate's name and other information on it. A follow-up search was conducted where Buprenorphine was found. The inmate soon cooperated with investigative staff whom shared the information with community law enforcement partners. CID's responded was rapid.

GTL Update:

Video Visitation is from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. In person visiting begins at 12:30 pm each day. There were 412 Video Visits scheduled in July. To date, 4,676 video visits have been scheduled and remain free of charge. There were 425 on-site visits in July. The process of allowing video visitation access to the Public Defender's office will commence on Monday, August 16th. Thanks to Kelly Shaw sand GTL staff.

Behavioral Health Update:

There are 2 people on the Norristown Hospital wait list currently. There were 72 patients discharged to inpatient treatment in July. There were 23 participants in the Vivitrol Program with 4 graduates. Currently there are two female participants in the Vivitrol Program.

Education Programs in July:

Contact teaching has increased in response to changing CDC guidelines (Cohort on same units with more students in the classrooms). There were 19 total GED's earned to date for 2021 and there were 155 GED tests administered this year with a 51% passing rate. There were 72 enrolled in Adult Basic – GED preparation. There were 30 GED tests administered. Intermediate Unit teachers – students under 21 years of age enrolled in lessons for high school diploma: summer session. There were 9 people enrolled in Flagger Training. There were 20 people enrolled in Work Place Essential Skills/Computer Literary. Overall, there were 152 inmates enrolled in GED and or education programs in July.

Treatment Programs:

There were 66 inmates enrolled in PREP I (Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse CBI-SA). There were 15 inmates enrolled in Phase II of the program. There were 21 males in Anger Management and 7 females. There were 7 males in Sex Offender Program/Behavior Modification. There were 3 males in House of Healing and 0 females. In Parenting, there were 2 males, 0 females and 0 transgenders enrolled. Overall there were 133 inmates participating in Education Treatment Programs in July.

The Delaware County Women Against Rape taught by licensed social worker, Emily Greenwald had kicked off on Thursday, July 1, 2021. Ms. Greenwald will be teaching two 8-week sessions and there were 33 participants. There was a new Trauma Informed Psychoeducational Group for women with 33 participants.

Warden Tatum noted that George W. Hill had successfully passed the PREA Audit.

Maintenance Update:

HVAC – Unit 6B and 6C are still on a temporary AC unit; pending the replacement of a compressor. There were two quotes received for re-establishing a public-address system within the facility. There could be greater efficiencies in managing movement in the facility by enhanced security.