

Warden's Report  
July 2022

Warden Laura Williams reported the following:

Coronavirus Update:

In May 2022 the CDC released updated guidance regarding COVID-19 and Correctional and Detention facilities. As Delaware County has reduced to a low transmission rate, requirements have been modified. Donning of masks is optional within the facility. Masks are always available as it is strongly recommended that they are worn by staff and the incarcerated population in Intake, on Intake housing units and in the medical unit.

There were 115 incarcerated persons tested utilizing PCR tests in June with 5 positive infections. Currently, there are 2 positive cases. There were no vaccinations conducted during the month of June. However, there is a vaccination clinic scheduled on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Since March 6<sup>th</sup> there were 416 persons identified as being fully vaccinated. The current vaccination rate is 32%. There were 2 staff members who had tested positive in June and 2 staff members are in the recovery process of COVID-19. Mr. Madden strongly encouraged mask wearing within the facility due to the low vaccination rate.

Current Population: 1,321 incarcerated persons

County Males: 1,097

County Females: 173

Lodgers: 40

Transfers: 11

Weekenders Program remains suspended (April 5<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup>) under Administrative Order

Total commitments in June: 580

Total discharges in June: 563

Recreation was completed on every housing unit/block every shift during the month of June with few exceptions:

- 6/21/22 1<sup>st</sup> shift – Unit 4
- 6/23/22 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift – 4D
- 6/24/22 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift – SMU A

The number of shakedown were increased from May to June as well as pat searches/cell searches and identified serious contraband 22 times.

Major Incidents:

Saturday, 6/4 on Unit 10A – an Incarcerated Person lost life due to an act of self-harm

Wednesday, 6/15-Unit 8A – an Incarcerated Person was transported emergently due to an act of self-harm and later passed away.

Staffing Updates:

Since the transition occurred, there were 9 classes that completed the Cadet Basic Training Academy. Last month, class 0522 graduated on 6/17. The 10<sup>th</sup> class will complete the academy and will graduate on 7/15/22. A new class of Officers and support staff began training on 7/5/22. There is another class scheduled to begin training on 7/18/22. The remaining classes are scheduled to begin 8/1, 8/29, 9/26, 10/24 and 11/28/2022.

#### Delaware County Job Fair:

There will be a job fair held on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4 pm at the Upper Darby Municipal Building, 100 Garrett Road Upper Darby, PA 19082. Anyone who is interested in seeking County employment is welcome to attend.

#### Wellpath Update:

The adjusted Grant paperwork was sent to the facility on Wednesday, 6/29. The final meeting with Delaware County HSA is on Monday, 7/11. There were 5 incarcerated persons on the Suboxone Program in June. Despite staffing levels, there were 973 sick calls, there were 2,275 visits for detox, 59 chronic care visits, 197 dental visits, 362 visits by Psychology and 115 visits by Psychiatry. Wellpath recently hired MAT medical provider, Dr. Phillips.

#### Education Programs:

There were 21 students enrolled in GED preparation class in June and 47 GED tests administered. There were 8 GED's earned in June, bringing the year-to-date total to 26.

#### Behavioral Health Update:

There were 68 referrals to inpatient treatment in June as well as 274 dosages of Narcan distributed. There were 6 incarcerated persons awaiting 402 orders. There were 11 incarcerated persons awaiting transfer to Norristown State Hospital. There were 4 individuals on the diversion wait list.

#### Treatment Programs:

There were 47 participants in PREP I and there were 12 participants in PREP II. There were 20 newly enrolled participants in June.

#### Law Library:

The Law Library provides leisure books, preprinted petitions to the courts, updated books, and treatises (Federal, State and Local Standards), legal search engine (Lexis Nexis) and voter registration materials. There were 241 residents who had requested Law Library service in June. There were 114 attendees/12 notary services and 6 residents for satellite services.

#### Reentry:

The Delaware County Workforce Development Board was awarded a \$1.5 million Pathway Home Program Federal Grant. The grant will provide services to male and female incarcerated persons that eliminate the time gap between release from jail and enrollment into the workforce. Ms. Shaw thanked Katie McGeever, Director of the Workforce Development Board, Roe Falcone, and Laura Zales of EDSI for taking on the challenge writing and executing the federal Grant to provide George W. Hill the opportunity.

Within the grant Pre-Release services at George W. Hill will include: a needs assessment, individual development plans, comprehensive case management, career exploration and planning, job preparation, counseling, and assistance with linking incarcerated persons to the social services required to help transition back to the community.

Post Release activities include linking participants to employers, external service providers, skill building. Access to occupational training for in-demand jobs, pathways to earn industry recognized credentials and follow up career support and services. Program participants will be tracked one year post probational period, using the PA Department of Corrections database. This will give an opportunity for the institution to utilize a comprehensive tool to track recidivism. The kickoff meeting will be held on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

EDSI will be onsite in September to work with staff on referrals. By October, the first cohorts will be served and moving forward there will be new participants every 4 weeks. There were 12 total sentenced releases and 12 individuals had accepted service. Sentenced average length of stay is 205 days.

ViaPath Update:

In-person visits were reinstated on June 27<sup>th</sup> with 66 scheduled in-person visits. There were 513 scheduled video visits. ViaPath Technologies provides incarcerated persons communication technologies to connect with friends and family with free access to educational programming via tablet technology.

Wellness:

The Wellness Instructor assists the incarcerated person population in developing and instructing an individualized physical recreation and wellness plan to support and maintain sobriety and an overall healthy lifestyle. In June, there were 9 juvenile participants and 31 adult participants.

The EDOVO Education Learning Management System is up and running on the tablets. It offers over 20,000 hours of free learning content in academics, jobs in finance, health & recovery, arts & culture, Reentry, and spirituality. There were learning courses have been successfully completed in the month of May. Post release, Re-entrants can continue progressing through the EDOVO Education Learning Management System. The post-release service of continued learning is of no charge. In June there were 23 EDOVO completed courses.