

Warden's Report
October 2022

Warden Laura Williams reported the following:

Coronavirus Update:

In May 2022, the CDC had released updated guidance regarding COVID-19 and correctional facilities. Delaware County remains in the “medium” 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 140 incarcerated persons tested utilizing PCR tests in September, with 12 positive infections. Currently there are no positive cases. There were 563 incarcerated persons who reported that they were vaccinated. The current vaccination rate is 43.8%.

Monthly Statistics –September 2022:

- Current population: 1,321 incarcerated persons.
- The Weekender Program remains suspended until October 22 under Administrative Order.
- Total commitments in September: 557
- Total discharges in September: 583
- Increased recreation opportunities have continued throughout the facility during the month of September on 1st and 2nd shift. There were few instances when full recreation wasn't provided.
- 9/11/22 2nd shift – reduced to tier recreation – full recreation was provided during 1st shift.
- 9/12/22 1st shift – 1 cell recreation (no recreation on Unit 9) – full recreation was provided 2nd shift
- 9/19/22 1st shift – tier recreation or 1 cell – full recreation was provided 2nd shift
- 9/20/22 1st shift -- tier recreation to 1 cell – full recreation was provided 2nd shift
- 9/27/22 1st shift – Unit 6 had no recreation – full recreation was provided 2nd shift

- Major Incidents: There were no major incidents to report.
- Maintained the number of Shakedowns/Pat Searches/Cell Searches were increased, as well as pat searches/cell searches and identified serious contraband 13 times.

Training Academy and Staffing:

On Friday, October 7th graduating class 0822-B was sworn in by Honorable Judge Barry Dozor. There were 14 classes who had completed the Cadet Basic Training Academy since the transition occurred. A new class of cadets and support staff began training on Monday, September 26th. There was another class of cadets that began training on Monday, October 10th. The remaining classes are scheduled to begin on October 24th, November 14th (new class) and November 28th.

Seeking Additional Employees:

George W. Hill is seeking to fill vacant full-time positions as soon as possible. Correctional Officers are hired with a \$2,000 sign on bonus, hiring for Sergeants and a Maintenance Technician as well. Wellpath has vacant positions include a Mental Health Professional and Registered Nurse.

Employee of the Month:

Since the transition, Warden Williams has been accepting nominations for employees of the month and awarding 2 employees with recognition each month. There were 2 employees honored and 1 supervisor in October: Administrative Assistant, Kaitlyn May, Booking Clerk Kaitlin Murray, and Lieutenant Kerry Platt. Incentives include: Parking in the employee of the month designated space, recognition amongst staff and a certificate.

Delaware County – Professional Engagement:

Warden Williams and Deputy Warden Lisa Mastroddi had participated in the Fall Conference for the Pennsylvania County Corrections Association (PCCA) in Harrisburg. From October 19th – 21st Deputy Warden Dele Faly will be participating in the Fall Pennsylvania Prison Warden’s Association (PPWA) Conference in Washington, PA. There will be 56 county staff representing 22 counties, 39 commonwealth staff from 17 facilities and 14 retired members who are expected to participate in the PPWA Conference.

Cost Recovery Items:

	August	YTD
Processing Fee	\$33,722.62	\$138,962.50
Damage to Prison Property	\$163.82	\$3,837.02
Medical Visits	\$675.83	\$2,387.57
Postage	\$24.14	\$221.11
Deposits to Inmate Welfare	\$5.71	\$24.30
Total Funds Recovered	\$34,592.12	\$145,432.50

Vendors – Aramark and ViaPath:

- Commissary:
- The commissary menu has been updated and will be communicated to the I/P population within the next week.
- Care packages will be an added option for friends and family. The first installment of the new initiate will be from 12/15-1/15/23. Care Packages are prepackaged and range from \$20-\$75 gift bags. The items are not available on commissary.
- Feminine hygiene products have been expanded. The items are available for purchase but will also be provided at no cost to the population.
- Changes were made with ViaPath, to add the juvenile population for online deposits.

- Dietary:
- A special meal was provided on October 5th that consisted of turkey bacon cheese sandwich with tater tots, tossed salad and chocolate cake. There were gluten free options as well.
- Warden Williams is still working with the vendor to finalize menus and increase fruit and vegetable availability.

Deputy Warden Dele Faly provided key highlights for September Programs and Support:

- Expansion of Workforce Development with Spartan Chemical
- Spartan Chemical offers programs that train employees on keeping facilities clean and compliant
- The CleanCheck training modules cover topics for cleaning areas such as restrooms, hard floors, carpets, etc.
- Training on Incarcerated Person Voter's Right through partnership with the League of Women's Voters
- Expansion of Reentry services through Honest Job

Education Programs:

There were 34 students enrolled in GED preparation class in September with 24 GED tests administered. There were 4 GED's earned in September, bringing the year-to-date total to 36.

Workforce Development:

The expansion of Workforce Development has been established with Spartan Chemical. Spartan Chemical offers programs to train employees on keeping facilities clean and compliant. The CleanCheck training module covers topics for cleaning areas such as restroom, hard floors, carpets, etc. Safety modules ensure OSHA compliance training in Bloodborne Pathogen Standards. Incarcerated persons receive certification which they can utilize when applying for jobs upon course completion. There were 14 individuals officially trained in September. There were 21 I/P who had received Flagger certification.

Wellpath Services:

On October 4th the final contract for COSSAP was sent to the county. In September there were 75 individuals on a verified Suboxone Program. Currently there are 44 individuals enrolled in the program. There were 1,081 sick calls and acute care performed. There were 2,717 visits for detox/withdrawal: 3 times a day/7 day for 130 incarcerated persons. There were 170 chronic care visits, 230 dental visits: 973 visits by Psychology and 183 visits by Psychiatry.

Flagger Training:

The Flagger training course is taught in Accordance with PENN DOT guidelines and I/Ps must pass the final exam for certification. In September there were 21 I/Ps who had received flagger training.

Behavioral Health Update:

There were 97 referrals to inpatient treatment in September as well as 232 dosages of Narcan distributed. There were 7 incarcerated persons awaiting 402 orders. There were 15 incarcerated persons awaiting transfer to Norristown State Hospital. There were 5 individuals on the diversion wait list.

Treatment Programs:

There were 88 participants in PREP I and there were 22 participants in PREP II. There were 40 newly enrolled PREP participants in September. There was 1 individual enrolled in Behavioral Modification and 35 enrolled in Anger Management.

Religious Services:

In September there were 81 individual volunteers for Religious Services. There were 14 organization volunteers, 36 I/Ps for Religious In-Person Services and 328 individuals were attending Religious Services.

Thresholds:

There were 9 participants in Thresholds with 4 completions in September.

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 197 residents who had requested service in September. There were 117 attendees: 23 for notary services and 6 residents for satellite services.

Inside Out Prison Exchange Program: Public Speaking:

The program was implemented on Friday, August 23rd. There were 9 incarcerated learners had the opportunity to earn college credits at Philadelphia Community College.

Reentry:

The Reentry Case Manager consults with sentenced incarcerated person population to determine community needs after discharge. An individualized packet of community resources is provided prior to release. In September, there were 17 total sentenced releases. All 17 individuals had accepted service.

Pathway Home 3 Grant:

Ms. Shaw mentioned that the Pathway Home 3 Grant partnership with Delaware County Workforce Development Board and EDSI will provide job readiness, job search skills, employment goals, education, and training, and wrap around support. Late October is the expected start date. Cohorts will service 10-12 incarcerated learners for 4 weeks and then meet 1 on 1 with career specialists.

Pell Grant:

The Pell Grant Experiment partnership with Delaware County Community College is expected to start in January 2023. There are monthly planning meetings with DCCC associates.

Honest Jobs:

Honest Jobs is the nation's largest fair chance employment website that has job posting from over 800 companies. Access to the website is available on tablets for the incarcerated population. George W. Hill currently has a 62% recidivism rate.

Wellness:

Wellness classes are offered to the Juvenile population 4 days a week. Wellness plans and exercise demonstrations are offered on a weekly basis. Board games and basketballs are replenished quarterly. There were 6 juvenile participants and 33 adult participants.

ViaPath Update:

Ms. Shaw mentioned that as of August 15th the facility had increased to a 1:1 tablet ratio. Electronic Lexis Nexis search engine is available to the incarcerated population via tablet. As of September 1st the facility no longer accepts personal mail and money orders. All personal mail is received digitally. There were 425 scheduled in person visits in September, with 398 scheduled video visits.

EDOVO Education Learning Management System: EDOVO offers over 20,000 hours of free learning content in academics, jobs in finance, health & recovery, arts & culture, Reentry, and spirituality. 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. There were 104 EDOVO completed courses in September