

Warden's Report  
July 2024

Warden Laura Williams mentioned the following:

Monthly Statistics –July 2024:

- Current population: as of 7/9/24: 1,228 incarcerated persons (decrease of 15 from last month's meeting)
- Weekender Program:
  - There were 11 Weekender participants in June (last month was 10)
  - 9 of the 11 were "first timers"
  - 3 were female
- Total commitments in June: 516 commitments (last month there were 590)
  - June 2023: 556
  - June 2022: 580
- Total discharges in June: 487 (last month was 569)
  - June 2023: 513
  - June 2022: 563
- Recreation – Full recreation was provided unless otherwise indicated:
  - 6/1-6/7: Both Shifts: 5B on tier recreation
  - 6/15/24: Both Shifts: Unit 5 no recreation due to electrical outages
  - 6/22-6/24/24: Both Shifts: 6A modified recreation
  - 6/25-6/30/24: Both Shifts: 7B and 7C on tier recreation

Major Incidences:

On Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, there were 3 incarcerated persons involved in an altercation with a manufactured weapon. This case was referred to CID. On Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> there were 6 IPs involved in an altercation with a manufactured weapon. This case was referred to CID as well.

Point in Time: Census Snapshot: June 1, 2024, at 1200 hours:

	6/1/2024
Total	1246
Total Male	1106
Percentage Male	88.76%
Total Female	140
Percentage Female	11.24%
Total Sentenced	155
Sentenced Males	141
Sentenced Females	14
Percentage Sentenced	12.44%
Total Pre-Trial	1091
Percentage Pre-Trial	87.56%

There has been an increase in youthful offenders. In June, there were 3 juveniles who were detained in compliance with Federal Law and have met interest of Justice Exception to require their confinement in an adult correctional facility.

### Behavioral Health Statistics:

There were 834 individuals diagnosed with AMI (any mental illness) which is 66.83% of the current population. The data includes any person with at least 1 diagnosis within the DSM-V-TR (unduplicated patient number). There were 425 individuals diagnosed with SMI (serious mental illness) which is 34.05% of the population. SMI includes the following specific diagnoses with a moderate-severe expression: Major Depressive Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, OCD, Panic Disorder, PTSD and Borderline Personality Disorder. There has been a 4.77% increase in persons with AMI and 4.61% increase in persons with SMI in the last 3 months.

### Restoration to Competency:

There were 5 males enrolled in full programming. There were 6 females recently assessed and are receiving partial services. There was 1 additional male assessed but he refused to participate. Currently there are 2 males in Norristown State Hospital receiving services.

### Employee of the Month:

The following employees were selected in July: Correctional Officer Albert Johnson and Registered Nurse Holly Kennedy. Supervisor of the Month was Lieutenant Jesse Moody. Incentives include parking in the employee of the month designated space, recognition amongst staff and a certificate.

### Training Academy:

There was a graduation on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The graduation included a class of 7 officers who were sworn in by Honorable Judge Margaret Amoroso. A new class began on June 24<sup>th</sup> with the next graduation scheduled for Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Actively recruiting for next class to begin on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Partnerships:

National Institute of Corrections – Crisis Intervention Team Training: George W. Hill was 1 of 5 county correctional agencies who were selected nationally to receive 40 hours of free training from the National Institute of Corrections. Instructors included a Psychologist, Operations Instructor and Mental Health Instructor with combined experience of over 50 years in the field of corrections. Actors engaged students in role plays to apply the skills that are taught in classroom instruction. Crisis Intervention Training allows correctional professionals to refine their communication skills to actively de-escalate situations and increase safer outcomes for all persons involved.

### Filling Key Positions:

Fire and Safety Manager, Robert Bozzelli had joined the GWHCF team on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Willie Bonds, Deputy Warden of Security and Training Operations had joined the team on June 24, 2024.

### Capital Improvements and Projects:

Roof Replacement of the Administration Building: County Council approved the design/build contract during the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The contract is in progress with Tremco/WTI. Work will begin once the contract is executed. The original anticipated target was May 2024. The estimated start date of the project is August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Roof Repair and HVAC replacement of secure facility: HVAC units are at end of life and require replacement. Construction is anticipated for 2025, due to lead times of materials.

Electronic Security and Surveillance Project: BSI, Construction Management Firm has been identified and a draft contract is in review. Future tasks include reviewing drawings, complete a constructability review, finalize an independent cost estimate, and advertise/bid the project. Construction is anticipated to begin end of 2024-2026. A walk thru was completed on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Pre-bidding tours are scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> and August 9, 2024.

Kitchen Renovation: Construction Management Firm, BSI will complete a review of the schematic design drawings. New schedule to be developed with tentative start date in 2025-2026.

HVAC Impacts:

While the facility has continued to advocate for the full replacement of HVAC units since the transition to county operation in April 2022, this capital improvement project has not been resourced or fulfilled. The project is being bid out but will still have an estimated 12–14-month lead time for the units to be available. Each housing unit has two different HVAC units with two different compressors. Unit A and D operate on one unit and Units B and C operate on the other unit. Parts are not widely available due to the age of the units and cranes are required for significant repairs. While air conditioning is not a legal requirement in correctional agencies, it is a comfort measure that assists in the management of the population as well as staff working in the environment. It additionally reduces risk for those who may have medical conditions that are susceptible to exacerbations due to heat.

The following has consistently been done to monitor:

- Take temperatures of the housing units and control rooms throughout the agency
- With temperatures above 75 degrees, airflow is increased with industrial fans, ice sent to the unit, increased hydration, increased recreation, and monitoring for those with medical conditions that may increase risk
- Moved populations to housing areas with operational units
- Increase staff rounds and presence, submitting work orders as indicated
- Utilizing contracted personnel to address/service the units
- Seeking funding, as indicated to implement necessary repairs

Assessments/Repairs are ongoing with facility maintenance staff and contracted experts from Elliott Lewis and/or Siemens. Current areas impacted:

- Unit 4A/D – leak identified and will be resolved this week
- Unit 6 – Full unit – needs full assessment and diagnostics, scheduled for 7/10
- Unit 7A/D – one compressor (order submitted)
- Unit 8A/D – one compressor (order submitted)
- Unit 9A/D – leak identified and being resolved this week
- Unit 10A/D – leak identified and being resolved this week
- Main Hallway – needs full assessment and diagnostics scheduled for 7/10

Cost Recovery Items –June 2024:

<b>June 2024</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Prior Year Total</b>
<b>Deposits to General Fund</b>			
Processing Fee	\$16,549.46	\$120,256.48	\$231,668.58
Damage to Prison Property	\$210.13	\$3,013.61	\$5,603.69
Medical Visits	\$369.19	\$2,693.65	\$7,293.99
Postage	\$26.93	\$48.06	\$28.34
Vending Commissions	\$552.31	\$10,917.68	\$33,518.51
<b>Total Funds Recovered</b>	<b>\$17,708.02</b>	<b>\$126,011.80</b>	<b>\$244,594.60</b>
<b>Deposits to Inmate Welfare</b>			
Under \$1.00	\$2.49	\$25.56	\$47.83
Interest Income	\$13,578.80	\$80,308.97	\$113,855.18
Commissary Commissions	\$48,002.81	\$258,500.58	\$543,219.88

<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$61,584.10</b>	<b>\$338,835.11</b>	<b>\$657,122.89</b>
<b>Balance of Inmate Welfare Fund as of 6-30-2024</b>	<b>\$4,169,573.15</b>		

Programs and Support Updates:

General Education Development (GED): there were 20 individuals who had accomplished completion in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. To date, there were 45 IPs who had received their GED. The average passing rate is 66%.

Career Fair: On April 17<sup>th</sup> in partnership with PA Career Link Delaware County Workforce Development, GWHCF hosted its first Incarcerated Person Career and Resource Fair. There were 18 stakeholders present with 148 attendees from the IP population.

Case Management: There were 5600 individual case management sessions completed during the month of June. D/W Faly welcomed two additional caser managers who had joined the team in June. Case managers attended a training for Understanding Pennsylvania Parole, hosted by PA State Parole Board on April 16<sup>th</sup>. There were 4 case managers and 1 substance use counselor who had attended two days of Motivational Interviewing (MI) on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>. MI is an evidence-based treatment that helps individuals resolve ambivalence about change. It is a collaborative person-centered approach that elicits and strengthens motivation for positive change. Module 2 was scheduled on June 15<sup>th</sup> and on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

PA Center of Excellence (COE): In 2016 Governor Tom Wolfe introduced the Centers for Excellence for Opioid Use Disorder (COE) as one solution to the growing overdose crisis within the state of Pennsylvania, as well as a solution to the barrier of engaging and retaining clients with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) in treatment. The PA Department of Human Services selected 45 centers. COEs were designed to engage the community to identify all persons with OUD and make sure everyone with OUD achieves optimal health. George W. Hill met with two PA Centers of Excellence agencies for partnership and collaboration. AIDS Care Group meeting was held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and the American Treatment Network (ATN) meeting was held on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Chaplaincy Department: about 40% of the IP population had participated and had attended in-person religious services in June. The facility is supported by 13 Religious Volunteer Organizations. D/W Faly welcomed the new Volunteer Coordinator. In partnership with Delaware County NA Hospitals, a Narcotic Anonymous group began weekly on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Grievance Requests: The supply of tablets was increased in late March, allowing more IPs to communicate electronic requests/grievances. As of July 8<sup>th</sup> there were 1,022 tablets available to the population. Several housing units have limited access due to IP classification. Overall, the percentage of requests for information that escalated to grievance level had dropped from 6.2% to 5.76% during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

Reentry updates:

First Step (Workforce Development Program): completed the 15<sup>th</sup> cohort for women's group on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. There were 8 participants who had signed up for the class. There were 4 who had successfully completed the program. The 16<sup>th</sup> cohort for the men's group began on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. There were 9 participants. Delaware County Workforce Development Board received verbal confirmation that they were granted a one-year extension to continue service until June 30, 2025. To date, there were 75 participants who had successfully completed the program.

Delaware County Reentry Program (DCRP): PHMC is a non-profit public health institute committed to providing pre-release (30 days) and post release (60 days) reentry services. DCRP is in partnership with George W. Hill, Office of the Public Defenders and Probation and Parole. There were 17 participants enrolled in the program. There were 6 new enrollments during the month of June. Participants meet weekly with a peer recovery specialist and reentry case manager.

Financial Literacy Workshop: Widener University Professors and Chester Partnership for Safer Neighborhoods (CPSN) collaborated to administer a financial literacy workshop to enhance fiscal accountability regarding debt responsibility, investment, budgeting, and personal financial management. In June, there were 14 participants.

Thresholds: A decision making and soft skills program. There were 13 participants.

GWH Reentry Case Manager: engages with the sentenced population to determine community needs after discharge. An individualized packet of community resources is provided prior to release. There were 25 participants.

Drug and 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 61 releases to treatment in June.

Maternity Care Coalition (MCC): Maternity Care Coalition provides individual support for pregnant women, new moms, their baby, and family. There were 4 participants.

Veterans Employment Project: 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 full or part-time work. During the month of June there were 2 participants. To date, there were 26 participants who had received service.

EVOVO Electronic Learning: Via the tablet, courses provide educational, vocational, and rehabilitative curriculum. Users learn at their own pace and have free access to the platform post release. There were 269 courses completed on the EDOVO Platform in June, as well as 128 courses completed on the CYPERSWORX Platform.