

Warden's Report  
January 2025

Prior to presenting the Warden's Report, Warden Williams recognized the passing of Payroll Manager, Bill Brogan. Mr. Brogan celebrated 20 years of service with George W. Hill on June 30, 2024. He was a man with diligent attention to detail, a persistence to follow up, and a duty to provide and support all those that he worked alongside. Bill seemed to know something about anything/everything and could strike up a conversation with anyone. Bill is irreplaceable by his family, enormous number of friends and an entire agency devastated by this loss.

Warden Laura Williams reported the following:

Monthly Statistics –December 2024:

- Current population: as of 1/14/25:1,140 incarcerated persons (decrease of 43 from last month's meeting)
- Weekender Program:
  - There were 13 Weekender participants in December (last month was 14)
  - 8 of the 13 were "first timers"
  - 2 were female
- Total commitments in December: 473 (last month was 480)
- There were 136 individuals were committed under VOP only (28.75%); 58 individuals were FTA only (12.26%); 32 were VOPs with new cases (6.77%)
  - 2023: 483
  - 2022: 482
- Total discharges in December: 514 (last month was 466)
  - 2023: 503
  - 2022: 534
- Recreation – Full recreation was provided unless otherwise indicated:
  - 12/5/24-12/6/24: Both Shifts: Unit 7 - modified recreation
  - 12/8/24: 1<sup>st</sup> Shift: facility modified recreation
  - 12/10/24-12/11/24: 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Only: 7B no recreation
  - 12/13/24: 1<sup>st</sup> Shift: Facility modified recreation
  - 12/14/24-12/15/24: 1<sup>st</sup> Shift Facility modified recreation
  - 12/16/24-12/17/24: Both Shifts: 6A Tier recreation
  - 12/18/24: 1<sup>st</sup> Shift: Facility modified recreation
  - 12/22/24: 1<sup>st</sup> Shift: Facility modified recreation
  - 12/27/24: 1<sup>st</sup> Shift: 6B no recreation
  - 12/29/24-12/31/24: 1<sup>st</sup> Shift Only: Facility no recreation

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

	12/1/2024
Total	1208
Total Male	1048
Percentage Male	86.75%
Total Female	160
Percentage Female	13.25%
Total Sentenced	140
Sentenced Males	117
Sentenced Females	23
Percentage Sentenced	11.59%
Total Pre-Trial	1068
Percentage Pre-Trial	88.41%

#### 2024 Review of Average Lead Commitments:

The Lead Commitments in 2024 were: VOP: 129.33; Simple Assault: 32.67; Retail Theft: 21.83; Receiving Stolen Property: 27.17; Possession of drug paraphernalia: 36.42; Lodgers: 13.3; FTA: 62.33; Firearms/Weapons: 29.17; DUI: 22.67; Domestic Relations: 22.58; Contempt for Violation of Order or Agreement: 11.83; Arrest Prior to Requisition: 15.92; Aggravated Assault: 25.67

#### 2024 Review of Warrants/Violations:

Total VOP only (49%); FTA only (21%); Total new case and VOP (16%); Total Domestic Relations only (6%); Total new case and FTA (4%); Total FTA & VOP only (3%); Total Domestic Relations and VOP (1%)

#### Medications for Opioid Use Disorder:

As of Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup>, there were 186 patients enrolled in Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), which is 16.32% of the current population; there were 211 IPS engaged in MAT services; 153 individuals continued Buprenorphine; 17 were inducted to Buprenorphine; 21 continued on LAI Buprenorphine and 6 individuals were inducted to LAI Buprenorphine.

#### Employee of the Month:

The following employees were selected as Employee of the month for January 2025: Discharge Planner Lorie Ackerman, Correctional Officer George Partee, Sergeant Sean Kroninger and Sergeant Verlia May-Russell. Incentives include parking in the employee of the month designated space, recognition amongst staff and a certificate.

#### Service Year Recognitions:

The following employees received recognition for years of service: Correctional Officer Bambe Johnson – 4 years (1/1/21); Sergeant Tylene Thompson 5 years (1/13/20); Correctional Officer Tylisha Brown – 5 years (1/6/20); Michael Root, Director of Records & Booking – 16 years (1/29/09); Correctional Officer Patricia Swiggett – 25 years (1/24/00); Receptionist Margaret Yates – 27 years (1/4/98). Correctional Officer Thomas Gallagher – 27 years (1/20/98); CERT Officer Bryant Wilmer – 27 years (1/20/98).

#### Training Academy:

There was a graduation held on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Judge Krull administered the oath. A new class began on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> with a graduation date scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>. Actively recruiting for the next class to begin on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Promotions:

Sergeant Dweh Tarwillie - formerly a correctional officer. Sergeant Christopher Burke – formerly a correctional officer. Investigator Erica Marley – formerly intelligence analyst.

#### Capital Improvements and Projects:

Roof Repair and HVAC replacement of secure facility HVAC units are end of life and require replacement; Construction anticipates for 2025 (due to lead times of materials). Contract was awarded to WTI/Tremco Meeting is scheduled for this week to discuss procurement and the phasing/timeline of this project.

Electronic Security and Surveillance Project: BSI, Construction Management Firm has been working diligently with engineer firm PSE, Delaware County Public Works as well as GWHCF staff. Prequalification of bidding was completed. Qualified bidders have submitted their final bids for review. County Council will have the opportunity to evaluate and the recommendation for award will be presented to Council. If the contract is awarded, the preliminary timelines indicate a project start of April 2025 with anticipated completed in July 2027.

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

Wellpath Contract Extension (1 Year):

Effective March 2022, Delaware County entered into a 36-month contract with Wellpath to include two additional 1-year options to extend. It was determined that there was a need for augmented positions to increase the number of full-time LPNs as well and this will increase the number of MAT participants. Increase the number of psychiatry hours to meet the growing demands of the behavioral health population. Projected cost of the 1-year extension is \$12,031,810. Estimated spending with the proposed operating budget of \$12,334,844. With JOB support, this contract extension would be reviewed by the Solicitor and County Council.

Motion made by Controller Phillips to approve the 1-year contract extension with Wellpath, seconded by Mr. Madden. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Recovery Items – December 2024:

<b>December 2024</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Prior Year Total</b>
<b>Deposits to General Fund</b>			
Processing Fee	\$16,226.02	\$225,583.34	\$231,668.58
Damage to Prison Property	\$548.42	\$4,939.09	\$5,603.69
Medical Visits	\$268.08	\$5,075.86	\$7,293.99
Postage	\$2.59	\$81.64	\$28.34
Vending Commissions	\$0.00	\$13,978.50	\$33,518.51
<b>Total Funds Recovered</b>	<b>\$17,045.11</b>	<b>\$249,658.43</b>	<b>\$278,113.11</b>
Deposited to Inmate Welfare (under \$1.00)	\$3.06	\$52.09	\$47.83
Interest Income	\$12,259.76	\$160,063.78	\$113,855.18
Commissary Commissions	\$26,506.97	\$477,726.56	\$543,219.88
Total Funds	\$38,769.79	\$637,842.43	\$657,122.89
Balance of Inmate Welfare Fund as of 12/31/2024	\$4,366,893.24		

Inmate Welfare Fund Request – Monthly Stipend:

Warden Williams requested to utilize the Inmate Welfare Fund for a monthly deposit of \$25 to each incarcerated person's account. Incarcerated persons housed in the facility for 15 days will receive a deposit. The deposit would be used for commissary purchases, phone calls, or tablets. At time of release, any remaining account balance will follow current procedures to process and collect fees. Any remaining funds will be released to the individual. With an average population of 1,250 approximate cost would be \$375,000.

Motion made by Chairman Madden to approve utilizing the Inmate Welfare Fund for the monthly stipend of \$25, seconded by Judge Pagano. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Dele Faly presented the following 2024 Education & Workforce Development Highlights:

2024 Census Data: Average daily population in 2024 was 1,207 vs. 1,220 in 2023. There were 6,457 commitments for with 6,483 discharges. There were 4,107 recommitted. Throughout the year there were 11 youthful offenders housed.

2024 Behavioral Health Stats: there were 15 individuals enrolled in the Restoration to Competency Program. There were 7 who were restored to competency.

2024 Medications for Opioid Use Disorder: there were 2,029 newly incarcerated participants in MAT. There were 110 inductions with 1,919 continuations.

GED: There were 64 individuals who had achieved their GED in 2024 vs. 82 in 2023. The current passing rate is 64%.

Career and Resource Fair: In partnership with PA Career Link, Delaware County Workforce Development, the first Incarcerated person career fair was held on April 17, 2024. There were 18 representative of Second Chance Employers. There were 148 incarcerated participants.

Fatherhood Foundation: Fatherhood Foundation completed its 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> cohort in 2024.

Case Management: All case managers have successfully completed Youthful Offenders Training to meet ACA standards. In 2024, there were 20,241 individual case management sessions completed. During the election, there were 62 newly registered voters with 23 mail in ballots. The case managers also facilitated a holiday card initiative to encourage the population to reach out to friends and family. Delco CPR donated 3,722 holiday cards. The IPs sent out 1,216 cards to their friends and family.

2024 Religious Services Data: George W. Hill is supported by 16 Religious Volunteer Organizations. About 71% of the incarcerated population participates in religious services and attend in-person religious services. There were 174 participants in Ramadan. Grief Counseling was provided to 31 incarcerated persons for death notification.

2024 Substance Use and Mental Health Services: GWHCF has partnered with two Center of Excellence Agencies (Aids Care Group and American Treatment Network) as well as Penn University for substance use disorder continuum of care services. There was also partnership with Community Health Emergency Preparedness and the Health Department to provide Narcan training to officers. George W. Hill Correctional Facility was awarded \$278,000 federal funding from BJA FY 2024: Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery outcomes for adults in reentry.

PREP I: there were 1,171 participants; PREP II had 323 participants in 2024. Additionally, there were 472 new enrollments.

Anger Management: there were 463 individuals enrolled in Anger Management.

Behavioral Modification: there were 46 participants

AA/NA: There were 345 participants in AA and 730 enrolled in NA. There were 776 drug & alcohol referrals

Narcan: there were 1,478 doses of Narcan administered

Grievances: there were 49,182 RFI (Request for Information) in 2024. Of the 49,182, about 94% of all requests had received an acceptable response to the population that did not move to the grievance level. There was a total of 2,714 grievances submitted and received response.

Seeking additional Employees: GWHCF is currently seeking the following positions: Case manager (4 vacancies); 1 Substance Abuse Counselor; 1 Program Coordinator; 1 Discharge Planner; 1 Mental Health Professional and a Wellness Instructor.

Programs and Reentry Coordinator Kelly Shaw presented the following:

Maternity Care Coalition: provides individual support for pregnant women, new moms and their family. Services include resources for the baby and children such as cloth diapers, toys and cribs. Case management helps aid with housing. There were 19 site visits, including 38 appointments.

Child and Family Focus Organization: facilitates prevention education programs to the juvenile population. Programs are designed to increase awareness of substance abuse, teach skills to resist risky behaviors, develop greater confidence and self-esteem and utilize coping skills. There were 24 site visits, completing 4 programs.

Financial Literacy Workshop: Widener University professors and Chester Partnership for Safer Neighborhoods (CPSN) collaborated to administer a financial literacy workshop that enhances fiscal accountability, debt responsibility, investment, budgeting, and personal financial management. There were 16 workshops held with 235 participants.

Thresholds Organization: facilitates a 7-week course, focusing on decision making skills under emotional pressure or deadlines. Thresholds has been volunteering at GWHCF for over 40 years. There were 31 completions the course.

Programs and Reentry Year in Review Grant Funded Programs:

Delaware County Reentry Program (DCRP): supported by Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC). Individuals are supported prior to release from incarceration and continued support upon reintegration into the community. Participants are provided an individualized plan which will identify goals in which the participants work upon release. Service is available to the incarcerated population as well as parolees.

First Step Program: Education Data System, Inc. (EDSI) provides supportive services post release to successfully reenter the workforce. There were 11 cohorts completed. Service is available until the end of June.

EDOVO Electronic Learning: users learn via a tablet; courses provide free access current and post release. There were 4,557 electronic courses were completed.