

Warden's Report
March 2025

Warden Laura Williams reported the following:

Monthly Statistics –February 2025:

- Current population: as of 3/11/25:1,102 incarcerated persons (decrease of 34 from last month's meeting)
- Weekender Program:
 - There were 16 Weekender participants in February (last month was 17)
 - 9 of the 16 were "first timers"
 - 6 were female
- Total commitments: 438 (last month was 460)
 - 2024: 518
 - 2023: 522
- Total discharges: 457 (last month was 524)
 - 2024: 540
 - 2023: 483
- Recreation – Full recreation was provided unless otherwise indicated:
 - 2/2/25: 2nd Shift: 8B – modified recreation
 - 2/5/25: 1st Shift: Unit 4 - modified recreation
 - 2/7/25: 1st Shift: Full Facility – temporary electrical power loss – recreation occurred when power was restored
 - 2/10/25: 1st Shift: Full Facility – modified recreation
 - 2/10/25: 2nd Shift: 4B – modified recreation
 - 2/15/25: 2nd Shift: 7D – locked down
 - 2/16/25: Both Shifts: Power outages – no recreation
 - 2/28/25: 2nd Shift: 5C – no recreation

Point in Time: Census Snapshot: February 1, 2025, at 1200 hours:

| | 2/1/2025 |
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| Total | 1130 |
| Total Male | 990 |
| Percentage Male | 87.61% |
| Total Female | 140 |
| Percentage Female | 12.39% |
| Total Sentenced | 137 |
| Sentenced Males | 112 |
| Sentenced Females | 25 |
| Percentage Sentenced | 12.12% |
| Total Pre-Trial | 993 |
| Percentage Pre-Trial | 87.88% |

Wellpath Health Services:

Health Services Administrator Kristen Grady, provided an overview of health services which include daily operations of the medical unit, as well as the care of 50 plus patients housed in the medical unit, pill call for the entire facility, Intake screenings, dental services, xray/ultrasound services, labs, sick call process, outside consult scheduling, EKG services, detoxing/withdrawal, diabetic services, mental health services, psychiatry, observation, body sheets and segregation review, segregation rounds, chronic care services, hospitalizations, MAT services, tele-health services and discharge planning. Ms. Grady also presented medication usage, pharmacy expenses, patient demographics and a metric compliance breakdown.

Monthly Statistics:

As of March 11th there were 192 patients enrolled in Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), which is 17.42% of the current population; there were 209 IPS engaged in MAT services; 139 individuals continued Buprenorphine; 12 inducted to Buprenorphine; 26 continued on LAI Buprenorphine with 3 individuals inducted to LAI Buprenorphine.

Employee of the Month:

The following employees were selected for March: Academic Instructor Colleen Gilmartin and Correctional Officer Angelo Lester. Supervisor of the month was Sergeant Sheena Mason. Incentives include parking in the employee of the month designated space, recognition amongst staff and a certificate.

Years of Service:

The following employees were awarded certificates for years of service: Correctional Officer Jayah Konowah 11 years (3/3/14); Correctional Officer Darrial Scott 11 years (3/3/14); Correctional Officer Tyrone Bacon 14 years (3/30/11); Lieutenant Robert Davis 16 years (3/9/09); Correctional Officer John Daniels 17 years (3/17/08); Correctional Officer Louann Law 37 years (3/21/88).

Training Academy:

Class 0125-A graduated on Friday, February 14th. Honorable Judge Rachel Berry administered the oath. A new class began on Monday, March 3rd. The next graduation will be held on Friday, March 14th. Actively recruiting for the next class to begin on Monday, March 31st.

Promotions:

The following employees were promoted on March 3rd: Sergeant Abdelkader Sadouki - former correctional officer. Sergeant Darrell Veney - former correctional officer. Sergeant Joshua Wah - former correctional officer.

Partnerships with Philadelphia County:

CERT Instructor Course was held from February 24 – February 28th. Lieutenant Jarred McCafferty and Instructor Damon Loadholt assisted Brian Clark, TJA Use of Force Training. Immersive De-Escalation training was held on March 5th. Warden Pierre LaCombe and Philadelphia Prison Commissioner Michael Resnick was in attendance with Temple Police Department.

Capital Improvements and Projects:

Roof Repair and HVAC replacement of secure facility. Contract was awarded to WTI/Tremco and Elliott Lewis. Project has begun and will finalize the administration building while continuing to work inside controls to prepare for the new units to be placed. Systematic phasing has been developed with WTI/Tremco and Elliot Lewis to complete the work.

Electronic Security and Surveillance Project: Construction Management Firm BSI, has been working diligently with engineer firm PSE, Delaware County Public Works as well as GWHCF staff. On-site construction management superintendent began on Monday February 3rd. Site mobilization is anticipated to begin on April 30th with phase one completion tentatively identified as December 26, 2025. Remaining phases are anticipated to be completed in increments of 2 months with strategic implementation of services. Staffing resources and temporary bid assignments will be increased, as needed to ensure that safe procedures are maintained during operations. Working to achieve minimal disruption to other procedures in the institution, but there may be periods in which visitation may be disrupted. Alerts will be posted online to family members in advance, when able.

Board Action: Farm Shop Award Contract:

EA Roofing Company has met project qualifications and was determined to be the lowest bidder. Public Works intends to submit the construction contract in the amount of \$198,000 for approval by County Council during the March 18th preliminary meeting. If approved, the project will begin on Monday, March 24, 2025. Duration is anticipated for 3 months (June 13, 2025). Motion made by Controller Phillips to support the approval of EA Roofing Company for the Farm Shop, seconded by Ms. McDonald. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Recovery Items –February 2025:

| February 2025 | Monthly | YTD | Prior Year Total |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Deposits to General Fund | | | |
| Processing Fee | \$16,089.23 | \$32,397.33 | \$225,583.34 |
| Damage to Prison Property | \$728.61 | \$1,237.05 | \$4,939.09 |
| Medical Visits | \$637.29 | \$1,167.16 | \$5,075.86 |
| Postage | \$18.55 | \$18.55 | \$81.64 |
| Vending Commissions | \$3,326.98 | \$35.00 | \$14,437.65 |
| Total Funds Recovered | \$20,800.66 | \$34,855.09 | \$250,117.58 |
| Deposited to Inmate Welfare (under \$1.00) | \$7.71 | \$9.97 | \$52.09 |
| Interest Income | \$10,874.51 | \$22,827.66 | \$160,063.78 |
| Commissary Commissions | \$37,102.54 | \$101,875.80 | \$477,726.56 |
| Monthly \$25 Stipend | (\$22,225.00) | (\$22,225.00) | \$0.00 |
| Total Funds | \$25,759.76 | \$102,488.43 | \$637,842.43 |
| Balance of Inmate Welfare Fund as of 2/28/2025 | \$4,441,580.05 | | |

Monthly Highlights and Announcements:

GED: the graduation passing rate has increased to 67%

Ramadan: Observance of Ramadan began on February 28th. There were 149 participants. JOB member Jonathan King donated 64 Qurans as well as 11 different Islamic pamphlets.

Ash Wednesday: Staff and the IP population had the opportunity to observe Ash Wednesday on March 5th in partnership with Father Robert Ianelli from Saint Katherine of Drexel. Deacon William Kussmaul blessed the Virgin Mary.

New Volunteer Service Training: The New Volunteer Service Organization is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26th

Career Fair: the 2nd Annual Career and Resource Fair is scheduled for April 24, 2025. For more information, please email Joan Skurski: SkurskiJ@co.delaware.pa.us or Keith Moore: Kmoore@eds.com

Seeking additional Employees: GWHCF is currently seeking the following positions: Case manager (3 vacancies); a Substance Abuse Counselor; a Program Coordinator; a Discharge Planner; a Central Files Records Manager, and a Wellness Instructor.

Grant Supported Reentry Programs:

Prison Reentry Program is a six-month, intensive program. During the first 12 weeks, shelter dogs are saved from euthanasia and brought to live with incarcerated individuals in prisons who take workshops on dog training, life skills, career readiness and basic animal care. The program is grounded in animal assisted therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, and trauma informed practices. The last 12 weeks of the program are spent doing weekly individual client services and paid internships while working toward long-term success.

New Leash on Life: There were 3 classes held for Basic Animal Care. The classes include 5 Dog Training classes: 5 Career Readiness classes and 4 Life Skills classes. Program components include paid internships (\$16.35 hr.), weekly workshops, animal-assisted therapy, free SEPTA bus passes, employment search assistance, individual case management, assistance obtaining identification and referrals to other resources.

First Step Program: Education Data System, Inc. (EDSI) staff administer a 4-week job readiness course. Cohort 22 completed on Thursday, February 6th with 5 men successfully completing the course. Cohort 23 began Monday February 10th with 6 men who had signed up for the class. To date, there were 90 completions with 25 placements in training. There is an 8% recidivism rate (11 were reincarcerated).

Delco Reentry: Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) staff collaborates with participants to develop an individualized reentry plan. Participants meet individually with a peer specialist and reentry case manager bi-monthly. Service is available 60 days post release. There were 3 participants.

Reentry Updates:

EDSI: on Tuesday, February 11th EDSI facilitated a workforce development workshop with the Medical Assisted Treatment Program. The workshop reviewed job readiness and life skills, resume service, career fields, interview practice, budgeting and credit score insight and recovery support. There were 27 participants.

Veterans Employment Project/Veteran Engagement: 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 or part-time work as well as assist with other reentry needs. There were 3 participants.

Thresholds: Decision making and soft skills program which had 13 participants

GWH Reentry Case Manager: engages with the sentenced population to determine community needs, post discharge. An individualized packet of community resources is provided to IPs prior to release. There were 18 participants.

Drug & 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 65 releases to treatment.

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 2 participants.

The Boys Council: Child and Family Focus Organization facilitates an 8-week course to the juvenile population that utilizes cognitive behavioral therapy to examine gender norms, respect relationships and diversity. There were 3 participants.

EDOVO Electronic Learning: Vis the tablet, courses provide educational, vocational, and rehabilitative curriculum. Users can learn at their own pace and have dree access to the platform post release. There were 698 learning resources completed on the EDOVO platform and 25 courses completed on the CYPERSWORX platform.