DELAWARE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION BOARD OF MANAGERS TUESDAY JANUARY 21ST, 2025 5:30PM

HYBRID: DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AND VIRTUAL

Board Members Present:

Kevin Madden, Chairman of the Board/Council Member Dr. Monica Taylor, Council Chair

Kelly Diaz, Deputy Controller Hon. Nathaniel Nichols Rev. James Turner

Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Madden called the meeting to order at 5:34PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only): No public comment **Approval of Minutes:** Board Member Nichols moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from October's meeting. Board Member Diaz seconded the motion. The Meeting Minutes from December 17th, 2024 were approved.

Report:

- A. Monthly Detained Youth Report, Danielle DiMatteo-There are currently ten (10) youths in detention. One male and one female are currently being housed at Chester County. One male is being house at Adelphi Village. The remaining seven are direct file cases with three males being housed at Delaware County Prison, one female being housed at State Correctional Institution (SCI) Muncy, two males being housed at George Junior Republic and one male being housed at Abraxas Morgantown.
- B. Interim Director of Juvenile Justice Services, Nelson Walker- Mr. Walker shared with the Board that departmental goals for January and February include visiting Clocktower at Glen Mills with an architect to consider building shelter care housing on site. Mr. Walker additionally stated that he and Juvenile Detention Deputy Director Kirshna Hillyard have completed certification for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) grant that allows them to manage the funds. Mr. Walker also stated that next steps include looking to hire a contract position of Project Coordinator with funds from the grant. Mr. Walker stated that he would create a scope of the position and share that with the Board. Mr. Walker also stated that he intends to hold community meetings to gather input for the position.

Chairman Madden asked if there was a rough timeline for understanding how much shelter space would be needed and what the staffing needs would be.

Mr. Walker responded that within two months he plans to be able to share that information with the Board and the County with the knowledge that staff is required to participate in six

weeks of training before working in a hands-on capacity with the youth as specified in Regulation 3800.

Board Member Nichols stated that he was interested in visiting the Clock Tower facility.

Mr. Walker welcomed Mr. Nichols to visit Clock Tower and agreed that if a young person must be sent to Clock Tower, it is in the best interest of the Board to have a clear understanding of the facility to ensure best outcomes.

Chairman Madden stated that this is not a replacement for secure detention, but rather an additional option for the courts to utilize that may be a better option for youth who may need to be temporarily removed from the community.

Board Member Turner additionally stated that he too would like tour the Clock Tower facility.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: No new business.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Board Member Comment: No Board Member comment.

Adjourn: Board Member Turner moved to adjourn. Board Member Turner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:41pm.