

DELAWARE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION BOARD OF MANAGERS
TUESDAY APRIL 15TH, 2025
5:30PM
HYBRID: DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AND VIRTUAL

Board Members Present:

Kevin Madden, Chair/Council Member
Marie N. Williams, Vice-Chair
Elaine Schaefer, Council Member
Kelly Diaz, Deputy Controller

Chris Eisermann
Candice L. Linehan
Chekemma Fulmore Townsend
Rev. James Turner

Call Meeting to Order: Councilwoman Schaefer called the meeting to order at 5:31PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only): No public comment.

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Turner motioned to approve the March Meeting Minutes. Board Member Diaz seconded the motion. The Meeting Minutes from March 18th were approved.

Reports:

- A. Monthly Detained Youth Report, Danielle DiMatteo-There are currently fifteen (15) youths in detention. There is one (1) male at George Junior Republic, three (3) males at Abraxas Morgantown, one (1) male at Bucks County, one (1) male and one (1) female at Chester County, one (1) male at Jefferson County (Ohio), one (1) male at Adelphi Village and one (1) male at Montgomery County. The remaining five (5) youths are direct file cases with two (2) males at Delaware County Prison, two (2) males at George Junior Republic, and one (1) female at Montgomery County.
- B. Interim Director of Juvenile Justice Services, Nelson Walker- Mr. Walker updated the Board on programming with Safe Corridors and YAP Mr. Walker stated that YAP launched their Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) programming in February and reported serving twenty-five (25) youths in the first month with an average of 12-19 youths being worked with daily. YAP's other program, Targeted Intensive Prevention Services (TIPS) launched in late March and has already received twenty (20) program referrals and has nine (9) youths signed up for programming.

Mr. Walker also reported that he visited Academy Park High School as well as Chichester High School and witnessed firsthand how professional and diligent Safe Corridors staff was with the youths that they serve.

Mr. Walker additionally reported that he is scheduled to go back to Clock Tower with an architect to assess what updates need to be made regarding the space that will be used for a shelter care facility.

Councilwoman Schaefer asked which youths would be sent to Clock Tower.

Mr. Walker responded that the court determines who would be placed there and that those youths could include youths who are awaiting adjudication. Direct file youths would not be sent to shelter care and a judge would assess the nature of the charges before sending youth there.

Councilwoman Schaefer asked what the housing capacity would be at Clock Tower.

Mr. Walker responded the capacity would be around thirty (30), however numbers would try to be kept near twelve (12) at a time while a senior staff is established.

Board Member Turner asked how the acquisition of space at Clock Tower and hiring of staff will coincide in the meantime.

Mr. Walker responded that once the space is fully secured, hiring will begin so a proper program can be put in place and presented the Pennsylvania Office of Children, Youth, and Families (OCYF) in order to be granted a license for the shelter.

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 Townsend seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm.