

Warden's Report
February 2022

Warden Laura Williams reported the following:

Current Population: 1,387

County Males: 1,239

County Females: 148

Lodgers: 40

Weekenders: 32

Total commitments in January -- 431

Total discharges in January -- 457

Recidivism rate: 59%

Behavioral Health Update:

On Thursday, February 3rd there were 3 residents scheduled for transfer to the Norristown State Hospital, pending COVID testing results. There were 14 residents awaiting 402 orders. There were 59 residents discharged to inpatient treatment facilities in January.

Education Programs:

Contact teaching continues in small, same unit cohorts. In January, there were 54 students enrolled in GED preparation class. There were 28 GED tests were administered with a 36% passing rate (10 students passed their module). There were 2 GED's earned. There were 8 students who earned the Flagger Force certification (1 female). There were 60 participants (45M/15/F) in PREP I with 13 completions. There were 25 participants in PREP II (15M/10F) with zero completions. There were 10 participants in Work Place Essential Skills with 2 completions (female).

Thresholds started Micro-session with clients on Monday, January 17th.

Treatment Programs:

There were 10 residents in the MAT Program (5 males 5 females). There were 4 graduates in January. Enrollment has decreased from previous month's due to staffing shortages.

On Thursday, January 27th Warden Williams met with Wellpath to review the COSSAP Suboxone grant proposal. There was a follow up meeting held with Wellpath, the Department of Human Services, members of the Single County Authority for Drug & Alcohol programs, Crozer, current GEO Group Healthcare members and George W. Hill administrative staff on Tuesday, February 8th. They addressed standard operating procedures and confirmed resources that will be committed to ensure that buprenorphine services would be available to provide at the time of Wellpath's transition. The first step towards a sustainable program would be to continue all active buprenorphine participants (those who test positive for buprenorphine at time of intake and have a verified active prescription) as they are admitted. As the process gains traction and Wellpath's transition is stabilized, the program would be expanded for those who are assessed as clinically eligible for the program.

Assistant Warden Kelly Shaw provided an update regarding ViaPath Technologies (formerly Global Tele Link GTL). ViaPath Technologies assists formerly incarcerated individuals to acquire successful training and employment. ViaPath currently provides the facility's phone, tablet and video visit services. Upon signature of the ViaPath contract they will provide a third-party mail management system. There were 542 video visits in January. Video visits continue to remain free of charge and are between 9AM and 2PM. In-person visitation remains cancelled due to safety precautions surrounding COVID-19. Prison staff continues to coordinate with ViaPath to execute video visitation on the housing units.

Maintenance Update:

Unit 2 A/D remains closed while waiting for heating system parts. Unit 10 A/D continues to use a temporary heating unit while waiting for replacement parts.