

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
Board of Prison Inspectors
September 8, 2022

***THE BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON-SITE AT THE FACILITY AND
VIA ZOOM***

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m. with an Executive Session. Following that, the public session started with a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and roll call.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Vice-President Craig Browne, David Reed, Julio Algarin, Ted Baird, Vernon Steed, Solicitor Brian Phillips and Secretary Richard Dresher. **Absent:** Nancy Wieman.

PRISON STAFF: Warden Sean McGee, Assistant Wardens Marcy D’Orazio, Sean Smith and Tom Berger; Majors Interante and Moyer; and Captain Zerr.

Administrative: Brandon Craig, Gary Chesney, and Kathy Brighter; **PrimeCare**

Medical: Joe Lynch, P.J. McTiernan, Tiffany Morykan and Kelly Ehrich

PUBIC IN MEETING: The public is invited to attend at the facility...when open to visitors again... or on *ZOOM* when meetings are held via that medium. No public was in attendance in person or virtually. .

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES:

Motion to Approve:
Algarin

Second:
Steed

Board Approval:
Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

APPROVAL OF WAGES, INVOICES, AND MONTHLY REPORTS:

Motion to Approve:
Algarin

Second:
Steed

Board Approval:
Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE: None

RETIREMENTS: Two long-term employees retired:

o Correctional Officer Michael Koener retired on September 2, 2022 after

37 years and 11 months of dedicated service.

o Correctional Officer Michael Malley also retired on September 2, 2022 after 38 years and 5 months of dedicated service.

We wish both a happy, healthy, retirement.

PRESENTATIONS: Brandon Craig, MCCF Technical Operations Coordinator for the GTL CooreTrak Inmate and Officer Accountability gave a presentation to the Board.

Corretrak enables tracking of such necessities as:

- o Rounds
- o Meal Delivery
- o Activity and Incident Logs
- o Cell checks
- o Service Delivery

- o Inmate Count
- o Programs
- o Movement
- o Identification

PROMOTIONS: None

WARDEN REPORTS:

Warden McGee:

- o There seems to be a higher overall incidence of prison deaths...many as a result of suicide. Bucks County has suffered four deaths in the six months...of which three were suicides. Such is probably caused by an unusually high number of individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues that are entering the jails. (Board members received a copy of an article from the Bucks County Herald, "*Four deaths in six months at county jail raise questions.*")
- o Met with the Commissioner on the capital budget.
- o Planning an October 15th Job Fair.

Assistant Warden Marcy D'Orazio

Programs/Administration/Finance/Operations/Female

o Administrative Dispositions: A total of 14 inmates were completed During the month of August and the average length of sentence were 2.6 To 15.9 months.

o Preliminary Hearing Video Waiver Program: There were 250 ZOOM hearings. Two hundred and forty-two were Common Pleas and 8 were Preliminary hearings. Such hearings are being held in multiple locations in the jail.

o Professional Video Visits: There were 426 such visits.

o Veterans Court: There were 7 inmates in the program with no admissions and no discharges/graduations.

o **Behavioral Health Court:** There were 29 participants with no admissions and no discharges/graduations.

Assistant Warden Sean Smith
Community Corrections Center

o **COVID:** MCCF has been under a COVID watch for 103 weeks...and counting. In August, 11 staff and 57 inmates tested positive.

o **Inmate Video Visits:** 435 inmates signed up, but only 193 visitors followed through.

o **Work Release:** No room and board was returned to the Treasurer. There were a total of 14 inmates on Work Release wearing GPS ankle bracelets and

o **Community Farm Task Program:** There were only 6 inmates on the farm due to the lower population causing a diminished pool of eligible inmates.

o **Community Corrections Courtroom:** No judges made use of the MCCF courtroom in August.

Assistant Warden Thomas Berger
Custody/Security

o **Population:** The inmate population as of meeting day:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL*</u>
September	810	97	907
August	812	93	905

*Not all housed within the facility.

o **Training:** There were 100 hours of in-service training and 968 pre-service hours for a total of 1,068 hours.

o **Open Positions:** There are currently 50 Correctional Officer openings. Thirteen officers are in class; 6 start and 5 scheduled for testing this week.

o **Tours of the Facility:** No tours due to quarantine.

o **Contraband:** A few improvised weapons were discovered and 8 inmates were charged with MAT/MOUD misconducts.

o **Employment Applications:** Thirty who filed applications were not eligible; 11 did not respond; 6 were "no-shows;" and two were hired.

INSPECTION COMMITTEE REPORT: Staff completed inspections and reported back to the Board. After reviewing the report, a Board vote was taken.

Motion to Approve:
Algarin

Second:
Steed

Board Approval:
Unanimous

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

BOARD MEMBER'S AND OTHER REMARKS: Dresher commented that he thought that member Ted Baird's suggestion that MCCF coordinate with the MONTCO Police Chiefs Association in recruiting was a good one and could result in finding new MCCF recruits.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 13, 2022

ADJOURNMENT: 9:46 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: *Richard J. Dresher*
Board Secretary

(Revised October 14, 2022)

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