

Warden's Report
February 2025

Warden Laura Williams reported the following:

Monthly Statistics –January 2025:

- Current population: as of 2/11/25: 1,106 incarcerated persons (decrease of 36 from last month's meeting)
- Weekender Program:
 - There were 17 Weekender participants in January (last month was 13)
 - 15 of the 17 were "first timers"
 - 5 were female
- Total commitments in January: 460 (last month was 473)
- There were 136 individuals were committed under VOP only (29.57%); 34 individuals were FTA only (7.39%); 28 were VOPs with new cases (6.09%)
 - 2024: 611
 - 2023: 547
- Total discharges in January: 524 (last month was 514)
 - 2024: 519
 - 2023: 522
- Recreation – Full recreation was provided unless otherwise indicated:
 - 1/1/25: 1st Shift: No recreation
 - 1/6/25: 1st Shift: No recreation
 - 1/7/25: 1st Shift: Modified recreation
 - 1/8-1/22/25: 2nd Shift: 10B Modified recreation after 1900
 - 1/24/25: 2nd Shift: 10B No recreation
 - 1/26/25: 2nd Shift: Upper Medical no recreation
 - 1/29/25: 2nd Shift: 10B Modified recreation
 - 1/30/25: 1st Shift: Unit 6

Major Incidences:

- 1/3/25 - IP was assaulted on housing unit 10-A and sent to an outside hospital for further evaluation. This incident was referred to CID
- 1/14/25 - IP assaulted another IP with a food tray on Unit 9C and was sent to an outside hospital for further evaluation
- 1/21/25 - IP was injured and sent to an outside hospital for treatment
- 1/22/25 - IP was assaulted by 3 other IPs and transferred to an outside hospital. Incident was referred to CID

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

| | 1/1/2025 |
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| Total | 1185 |
| Total Male | 1027 |
| Percentage Male | 86.67% |
| Total Female | 158 |
| Percentage Female | 13.33% |
| Total Sentenced | 146 |
| Sentenced Males | 118 |
| Sentenced Females | 28 |
| Percentage Sentenced | 12.32% |
| Total Pre-Trial | 1039 |
| Percentage Pre-Trial | 87.68% |

Behavioral Health Statistics:

As of Tuesday, February 11th there were 193 patients enrolled in Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), which is 17.45% of the current population; there were 221 IPS engaged in MAT services; 138 individuals continued Buprenorphine; 16 were inducted to Buprenorphine; 37 continued on LAI Buprenorphine with 10 individuals were inducted to LAI Buprenorphine.

Employee of the Month:

The following employees were selected for February: Correctional Officer Mamadu Saccob, Records Technician Steve Bonaventure and Sergeant Pegdwende Savadogo. Incentives include parking in the employee of the month designated space, recognition amongst staff and a certificate.

Service Year Recognitions:

The following employees were awarded certificates for years of service: Correctional Officer Kirsten Alsbrooks: 5 years (2/3/20); Sergeant Duolu Goanue: 5 years (2/24/20); Correctional Officer Celestina Osei-Danso: 5 years (2/24/20); Correctional Officer Barry Robinson: 5 years (2/17/20); Correctional Officer Fannoh Wisseh: 5 years (2/17/20); Correctional Officer Tailey Tarwayson: 6 years (2/19/19); Correctional Officer Khalil Andrews: 9 years (2/1/16); Correctional Officer Robert Barclay: 9 years (2/1/16); Inmate Account Coordinator Jamie Finnegan: 12 years (2/5/13); Lieutenant Amanda Lubrano: 13 years (2/6/13); Correctional Officer Christopher Clyde: 16 years (2/23/09); Lead Booking Technician John Kuriakose: 16 years (2/9/09); Education & Workforce Development Administrator Joan Skurski: 16 years (2/23/09); Records Technician Beth Curry: 26 years (2/1/99); Correctional Officer Michael Bassetti: 3 years (2/4/90); Major Albert Pleasant: 36 years (2/6/88).

Training Academy:

Class 1224-A graduated on Friday, January 24th. Judge Krull administered the oath. A new class began on Monday, February 3rd. The next graduation will be held on Friday, February 14th. Actively recruiting for the next class to begin on March 3rd.

Promotions:

Lieutenant David Coleman was promoted – formerly a Sergeant.

Partnership with Chester County:

Professional Development Training for Supervisors will be conducted on Wednesday, February 19th. There will be 1 lieutenant and 2 sergeants attending the Pointman Institute full day training at no additional charge to Delaware County.

Resources in Equipment:

Received equipment/elements for the control systems from Chester County on Monday, February 10th.

Capital Improvements and Projects:

Roof Repair and HVAC replacement of secure facility. Contract was awarded to WTI/Tremco and Elliott Lewis. Applications for permits have been completed. Anticipated start date for HVAC installation will begin on Monday, February 17 (weather permitting and pending approval of permits).

Electronic Security and Surveillance Project: BSI, Construction Management Firm has been working diligently with engineer firm PSE, Delaware County Public Works as well as GWHCF staff. Prequalification of bidding was completed. County Council awarded the contract. On-site construction management superintendent began on Monday February 3rd. Preliminary timelines indicate a project start of May 2025 with anticipated completed in August 2027.

Kitchen Renovation: Construction Management Firm, BSI will complete a review of the schematic design drawings. New schedule to be developed with a tentative start date in 2025-2026.

Cost Recovery Items –January 2025:

| January 2025 | Monthly | YTD | Prior Year Total |
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| Deposits to General Fund | | | |
| Processing Fee | \$16,308.10 | \$16,308.10 | \$225,583.34 |
| Damage to Prison Property | \$508.44 | \$508.44 | \$4,939.09 |
| Medical Visits | \$529.87 | \$529.87 | \$5,075.86 |
| Postage | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$81.64 |
| Vending Commissions | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$14,437.65 |
| Total Funds Recovered | \$17,346.41 | \$17,346.41 | \$250,117.58 |
| Deposited to Inmate Welfare (under \$1.00) | \$4.65 | \$4.65 | \$52.09 |
| Interest Income | \$11,953.15 | \$11,953.15 | \$160,063.78 |
| Commissary Commissions | \$64,773.26 | \$64,773.26 | \$477,726.56 |
| Total Funds | \$76,731.06 | \$76,731.06 | \$637,842.43 |
| Balance of Inmate Welfare Fund as of 1/31/2025 | \$4,429,569.74 | | |

2025 Program and Support Goals:

Enhance Capacity Building:

- Reduce attrition and maintain staffing levels for the Programs and Support Department
- Enhance on-boarding process with training for non-security personnel
- Identify staff for train the trainer on specialized topics
- Continue training on evidence-based practices such as: MI, EPICS and T4C
- Create a Programs and Support Department PowerPoint presentation for new employees
- Utilize college interns
- Identity professional development for non-security employees
- Establish new Volunteer Training for 2025

Conduct quality assurance and efficiency review in all programs and support areas:

- Electronic notification reminder of IPs for case management services on OMS
- Increase electronic recording. Maximize OMS tailored to each department
- Completion of case management Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
- Assess current program for efficiency

Enhance current programs and increase program availability of best practices for re-integration services:

- Implementation of New Leash on Life program (January 27th)
- Implementation of Branch Up program from the Horticultural Society
- Implementation of gender focused parenting classes
- The Second Annual Career community base resource fair is scheduled for the spring of 2025
- Partnered with Juvenile Detention and Rehabilitation service department and Delinquency Prevention for services

Community Outreach and Engagement:

- Community advisory board meetings are held quarterly for substance use disorder (SUD) and reentry with county movement agency
- Continue to partner with Center of Excellence to provide continuum of care for the SUD population
- Partner with Center of Excellence and Delaware County government agencies to pursue funding opportunities for service enhancement

GED: There 2025 GED passing rate is 52%. Congratulations to Academic Instructor Ms. Gilmartin for educating 100 IPs since her onboarding in May 2021.

Case Management: Deputy Warden Faly welcomed a new Mental Health Coordinator and Case Manager who recently completed training.

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

Ramadan: Ramadan begins on February 28th and ends on March 29, 2025. Notification regarding the preparations and observation of Ramadan were provided to the IPs via tablets as well as copies posted on each housing unit.

Seeking additional Employees: GWHCF is currently seeking the following positions: Case manager (4 vacancies); 1 Substance Abuse Counselor; 1 Program Coordinator; 1 Discharge Planner; 1 Central Files Records Manager, and a Wellness Instructor.

Program & Reentry Administrator Kelly Shaw presented the following 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.

First Step Program: Education Data System, Inc. (EDSI) staff administer a 4-week job readiness course. Cohort 22 began on Monday, January 13th with 6 individuals completing the cohort. To date, there were 85 completions with 25 placements in training with 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 with a peer specialist and reentry case manager bi-monthly. This service is available 60 days post release. So far there were 3 new 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 5 participants.

Thresholds: Decision making and soft skills program which had 12 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 17 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 69 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 was 1 participant.

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 892 learning resources completed on the EDOVO platform and 62 courses completed on the CYPERWORX platform.

2025 Ramadan: Chaplain Cokelia Dunn stated that the chaplain is responsible for spiritual guidance and education to the incarcerated population as well as prison staff. The chaplain conducts notification of death and critical illness/emergency to the incarcerated population regarding their family members. The Chaplain also reviews and approves religious diets. About 71% of the incarcerated population participates in religious services and attend in-person religious services. George W. Hill Correctional Facility is supported by 16 religious volunteer organizations. There were 174 individuals who participated in Ramadan in 2024. George W. Hill is accepting donations for the Muslim population and need the following:

- Noble Qurans (soft cover only)
- Kufis – Black only
- Hijab – Black only
- Prayer Rugs 46” Lx27” Wx 1/8” thickness in size including the fringe