

Warden's Report

June 2020

Acting Warden Donna Mellon stated that the current inmate population is 1,017.

There are 911 males.

There are 106 females.

For the month of June, there were 373 commitments and 370 discharges.

The average daily population for June was 1,005.

There were no major incidents.

Acting Warden Mellon reported that there are 8 people on the Norristown State Hospital wait list.

The Mental Health/Restoration of Competency meeting was held Friday July 10th. Last month the two inmates were returned from community placement. They are back on the Norristown Hospital wait list.

There were 29 inmates released to Drug and Alcohol programs in June. There are 7 inmates in the Vivitrol Program.

PREP I, PREP II, Anger Management, and Sex Offender Program instructors can now meet with inmates individually if they need assistance. The Law Library will be open on a modified schedule. New computers will also be installed.

All meetings are scheduled by cohorts. Masks are worn and social distancing is observed in the classrooms. All meetings are held in the unit classrooms so that meetings are not co-mingled.

Zoom church programs continue to be held by the Chaplin. Each unit has the opportunity to participate in religious services. Currently AA & NA zoom meetings are being held on 1st shift. PREP Coordinator, Tiffany Johnson is working with Corrections Correspondence Services. CCS links AA members who are incarcerated with AA members in the community. The members of each group can share experience, strength and hope with each other. Inmates interest in signing up will receive the 12 Steps book and 12 Traditions book.

Assistant Superintendent Kelly Shaw has done a great job of getting the Tablet Program up and running. In addition to music and movies that may be purchased, there is free educational material on the tablets as well. There is 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, Behind the Walls, The AA Big Book, NA Basic Text, NA 12 Steps, 12 Steps in Spanish and NA How It Works. There are also 9000 free books.

The Weekender Sentencing Program has resumed July 9th. The program has been suspended since March due to COVID-19.

Acting Warden Mellon reported that she has had the opportunity to work with the Department of Motor Vehicles for inmates to obtain a camera card upon release. It needs approval from the JOB, County Council and the DMV.

Maintenance Update: The Sewer Plant continues to need maintenance and parts. It's also running on a temporary generator that is 20 years old. The generator needs to be replaced and it will cost about \$37K. Ms. Mellon is also working with Ed Magargee from the Delaware County Conservation District. They plan to treat the prison property for Spotted Lanternflies the week of July 20th.