

Warden's Report
November 2021

Acting Warden Donna Mellon reported the following:

Current Population: 1,519

County Males: 1,343

County Females: 176

Transfers: 28

Lodgers: 34

Weekenders/Male: 39

Weekenders Female: 7

Total commitments in October-- 597

Total discharges in October -- 517

Recidivism rate: 63%

Security Update:

On Monday, October 18th GEO Deputy Facility Administrator Walter Brick-Tripp was promoted to Facility Administrator. Ms. Mellon is looking forward to working with Mr. Brick-Tripp.

GTL Update:

There were 510 Video Visits scheduled in October. To date, there were 6,067 video visits scheduled and remain free of charge. There were 464 in-person visits scheduled in October.

Behavioral Health Update:

There were 2 residents on the Norristown State Hospital wait list. There were 6 residents with possible diversion to other programs. There were 78 residents discharged to inpatient treatment facilities in October.

Education Programs in October:

Contact teaching continues in small same unit cohorts. In October, there were 31 GED tests administered with a 48% passing rate for the month. There was 1 GED earned, bringing the year total to 24.

On Monday, November 1st Religious Service Volunteers have returned to the facility on a limited schedule. Class size is limited to 15 participants due to social distancing.

Treatment Programs:

The MAT Vivitrol Program had 13 (10M/3F) participants with 3 graduates. Currently there are 28 participants in the Vivitrol Program, with 15 females.

George W. Hill is exploring the possibility of opening the Work Release Program to operate inside of the main jail and not the DUI building. Currently, there are 5 residents who are court stipulated to the program.

Maintenance Update:

Issues have occurred with the installation of the tray washers in the kitchen. One tray washer is almost completely installed, the other tray washer had to be redesigned. A meeting was held with the supply company and the installer. The 2nd tray washer is being expedited. Hopefully both tray washers will be operational by the end of the year.

Other:

The Coalition for Prison Reform will be collecting holiday cards for distribution to the inmate population. The Inmate Welfare Fund was used for postage last year. Ms. Mellon would like to continue that this year.