

Warden's Report
July 2025

Warden Laura Williams reported the following:

Monthly Statistics –July 2025:

- Current population: as of 7/8/25:1,082 incarcerated persons (decrease of 15 from last month's meeting)
- Weekender Program:
 - There were 16 Weekender participants (last month was 16)
 - 14 of the 16 were "first timers"
 - 7 were female
- Total commitments: 502 (previous month was 531)
- Review of New Commitments from 6/1/25-6/30/25: there were 121 individuals committed under VOP only (24.10%); there were 52 committed under FTA only (10.36%); 41 were VOPs with new cases (8.17%)
 - 2024: 516
 - 2023: 556
- Total discharges: 514 (previous month was 518)
 - 2024: 487
 - 2023: 513
- Recreation – Full recreation was provided unless otherwise indicated:
 - 6/2/25-6/4/25: Both Shifts: 8B - Tier Recreation
 - 6/13/25: 1st Shift: 7D - No Recreation
 - 6/14/25: 2nd Shift: 6B - No Recreation
 - 6/19/25: 2nd Shift: No Recreation
 - 6/20/25: Both Shifts: Unit 4 and 8 - No Recreation
 - 6/24/25: 1st Shift: 8A/8B– Modified Recreation

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

	6/1/2025
Total	1086
Total Male	983
Percentage Male	90.52%
Total Female	103
Percentage Female	9.48%
Total Sentenced	115
Sentenced Males	102
Sentenced Females	13
Percentage Sentenced	10.59%
Total Pre-Trial	971
Percentage Pre-Trial	89.41%

Behavioral Health Statistics:

There were 823 individuals with AMI (any mental illness) which is 73.81% of the population. There were 590 IPs with SMI (serious mental illness) which is 52.91%. There were 165 patients enrolled in Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), which is 15.25% of the current population; there were 185 continuations of MAT services; there were 19 continuations on Methadone; 152 individuals continued Buprenorphine; 22 inducted to Buprenorphine; 12 continued LAI Buprenorphine and 2 individuals continued Naltrexone.

Employee of the Month:

The following employees were selected: Correctional Officer Taajudeen Cousin and Classification Coordinator Mike Moore. Supervisors of the month were Sergeant Christopher Burke and Prison Advisor Joe McCreary. Incentives include parking in the employee of the month designated space, recognition amongst staff and a certificate.

Years of Service:

The following employees were awarded certificates for over 10 years of service: Correctional Officer Albert Johnson, 14 years (7/11/11); Law Librarian Dana Keith, 19 years (7/10/06); Senior Records Technician Michael Meyer, 21 years (7/23/04); Classification Coordinator Mike Moore, 22 years (7/23/03); Operations Technician Dan Ryder, 22 years (7/28/03); Disciplinary Hearing Officer Belita Davis, 25 years (7/3/00); Correctional Officer Stacy Jones, 25 years (7/10/00).

Training Academy:

There was a graduation held on Thursday, July 3rd. A new class began on Monday, June 23rd with the next graduation scheduled for Friday, August 1st. Actively recruiting for the next class to begin on Monday, July 21st.

Services:

Prisoner Rights in the United States are protected by the US Constitution. While incarcerated, many rights enjoyed by US citizens are limited while others are protected:

- 1st Amendment – protections of free speech and religion
- 5th Amendment – protections against self-incrimination, double jeopardy, and the requirement of due process
- 8th Amendment – protections against cruel and unusual punishment which includes the right to humane conditions of confinement (food, clothing, shelter and medical care)
- 14th Amendment – protections of rights to due process and equal protection under the law (protections of discrimination)

This is all relevant in the context of budget discussions. The protections require government agencies to evolve in applications of services and policies, which will inherently impact the operation budget by:

- Solitary confinement
- Conditions of confinement
- Food/dietary needs
- Medical Care
 - Behavioral Health Programs
 - Infectious diseases

Pennsylvania Title 37, Chapter 95:

The Pennsylvania Code dictates the mandatory minimum operational requirements for county facilities. George W. Hill Correctional Facility will be audited/inspected for compliance by the DOC (Pennsylvania Department of Corrections). Standards to include, but not limited to: inmate rules, classification procedures, housing, bedding, clothing, food service, medical and mental health services, visitation, communication, legal resources, recreation, religious services, disciplinary procedures, grievance procedures and investigations. Prior to county operations, the facility was in non-compliance. The first year (2022), the county was non-compliant due to deferred maintenance and capital investment. The facility was compliant in 2023 and did not require an audit in 2024. The annual inspection will take place on Tuesday, July 15th.

Medical Care and Budgetary Impacts:

Pennsylvania Law 31, No. 21, signed into law on June 13, 1967, prohibits the use of medical assistance (Medicaid) while an individual is incarcerated thus placing the burden of cost directly on the county prison. The law was amended in 2016 (Act No. 76 of 2016):

- Benefits were previously “cancelled” and an individual had to re-apply for coverage once released into the community.
- Benefits are currently “temporarily suspended for a period of up to two years from date of incarceration”.
- The burden of cost still remains within the county correctional facility to provide adequate medical care

Warden Williams additionally provided an overview of population trends, healthcare costs, a breakdown of the budget and a comparison of Philadelphia and Collar Counties.

Capital Improvements and Projects:

Roof Repair and HVAC replacement of secure facility. Contract was awarded to WTI/Tremco and Elliott Lewis. Project is ongoing.

Electronic Security and Surveillance Project: Construction Management Firm BSI, has been working diligently with engineer firm PSE, Delaware County Public Works as well as GWHCF staff. On-site construction management superintendent began on Monday February 3rd. Site mobilization is anticipated to begin on April 30th with phase one completion tentatively identified as December 26, 2025. Remaining phases are anticipated to be completed in increments of 2 months with strategic implementation of services. Staffing resources and temporary bid assignments will be increased, as needed to ensure that safe procedures are maintained during operations. Working to achieve minimal disruption to other procedures in the institution, but there may be periods in which visitation may be disrupted. Alerts will be posted online to family members in advance, when able. Project is ongoing – there will be temporary disruptions throughout the institution. Prioritization of court ordered programs will continue to occur.

Cost Recovery Items – June2025:

June 2025	Monthly	YTD	Prior Year Total
Deposits to General Fund			
Processing Fee	\$16,690.89	\$106,105.59	\$225,583.34
Damage to Prison Property	\$272.10	\$2,986.01	\$4,939.09
Medical Visits	\$443.90	\$3,410.92	\$5,075.86
Postage	\$0.00	\$22.69	\$81.64
Stop Payments	\$32.00	\$67.00	\$14,437.65
Total Funds Recovered	\$17,438.89	\$112,592.21	\$250,117.58
Deposited to Inmate Welfare (under \$1.00)	\$2.00	\$17.46	\$52.09
Interest Income	\$11,869.78	\$70,747.36	\$160,063.78
Commissary Commissions	\$40,274.14	\$270,788.22	\$477,726.56
Monthly \$25 Stipend	(\$22,775.00)	(\$112,325.00)	\$0.00
Total Funds	\$29,370.92	\$229,228.04	\$637,842.43
Balance of Inmate Welfare Fund as of 6/30/2025	\$4,491,493.28		

Programs and Support:

Average Daily Population: is 1,115. To date, there were 1,561 commitments and 1,558 discharges. There were 3 youthful offenders.

Warden Williams provided an overview of substance use disorder, demographics, age range and drug of choice.

Religious Services: 51% of the population participates in religious services and attend in person religious services. The facility is supported by 16 religious volunteer organizations.

Grievances: there was a decrease in both RFIs (requests for information) and grievances from the previous quarter. To date, there were 9,317 requests with 354 grievances. About 88% of them were proven unfounded.

GED: there were 20 individuals who achieved their GED. The current passing rate is 62%. There were 90 newly enrolled IPs.

Career Fair: George W. Hill Correctional Facility hosted its Second Annual Career and Resource Fair on April 24th. There were 7 community-based organization with 164 incarcerated participants.

Training: Thinking for a Change (T4C) 4.0: two staff members of the substance use department attended the training from June 2 – June 5th

Seeking additional Employees: GWHCF is currently seeking the following positions: Case manager (2 vacancies); a Substance Abuse Counselor; a Program Coordinator; a Discharge Planner.

Kelly Shaw, Programs & Reentry Administrator provided the following Program and Reentry updates:

Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC): staff collaborates with participants to develop an individualized plan which identifies goals and addresses behavioral and physical health, recovery and family supports, housing, employment, vocational/educational needs, and other community supports. Participants meet with a per specialist and reentry case manager bi-monthly. There were 3 referrals offered in June.

First Step Program: Education Data System, Inc. (EDSI) staff administer a 4-week job readiness course. Cohort 27 completed on Thursday, June 12th with 8 men successfully completing the course. There were 6 successful completions. Cohort 28 began Monday June 16th with 11 men who signed up for the course.

New Leash on Life: During the month of June, participants attended 8 career readiness classes; 7 life skills classes, 4 animal training classes and 4 basics animal care classes. Cohort 2 began on May 19th. There were 12 male participants.

Veterans Employment Project/Veteran engagement: The Delaware County Workforce Development Board will partner with the Delaware County Veterans and Military Affairs Department to help veterans and their spouses' overcome barriers to employment or part-time work and assist with other reentry needs. There were 3 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 16 participants.

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 2 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 59 releases to treatment.

Maternity Care Coalition: provides individual support for pregnant women, new moms, their baby and their family. There were 2 participants.

Electronic Learning: via the tablet, courses provide educational, vocational, and rehabilitative curriculum. Users learn at their own pace and have free access to the platform post release. There were 2,046 EDOVO learning courses and 29 Cyberworx courses.

Thresholds: a decision making and soft skills program. There were 12 participants.

Aramark provided an overview of their support team, nutrition, programs, and services offered.