

Minutes of the Monthly
Meeting of the
Lancaster County Prison Board
April 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Joshua Parsons at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Lancaster County Administrative Office Building.

Members Present: Commissioner Joshua Parsons, Commissioner Dennis Stuckey, Commissioner Craig Lehman, Assistant District Attorney Mark Fetterman, Sheriff Christopher Leppler, and Controller Brian Hurter.

Others Present: Cheryl Steberger, William Aberts, Robert Wolfe, Ashley Garcia, Tammy Moyer, Charlie Douts, Charlette Stout, Cody Scheid, Kathy Kunkel, Diana Rivera, Mike Baldwin, Kent Kroehler, Toni Warfel, Ben Lefever, Linda Schreiner, Harry Klinger, Kelly Rhoads, Todd Haskins, Sue Lao, Neil Ward, Tom Zeager, Larry George, Tricia Nabors, Gerardo Reyes, Rachael Hartman, Mark Raymond, Mary Krout, Quinn Shaffer, Luis Chirichello, Mike Welsh, Alice Rohrer, Elizabeth Reichenbach, Kim Reichenbach, Trish Link, Loren Waltz, Todd Brown, Stacie Dixon, Ron Ashby, Judge Jeffery Wright, Jon Singer, Kelly Ehrich, and Emiley Parkes.

President Judge Dennis Reinaker and District Attorney Craig Stedman were unable to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Parsons stated that the Prison Board met in executive session on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss labor negotiations, litigation, and personnel matters related to the discipline, suspension, and termination of employees. Specifically, under litigation, the Board discussed the Brown, Diaz, Gatewood, Kanney, Ramos, and Rettew cases.

Controller Hurter moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2018 Prison Board Meeting. Commissioner Stuckey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Cheryl Steberger, Warden; Robert Wolfe, Deputy Warden for Operations; Joseph Shiffer, Deputy Warden for Inmate Services; William Aberts, Major/Security Operations; Tammy Moyer, Director of Administration; and Charlie Douts, Director of Facilities Management; gave reports on their areas of responsibility. All of these reports, including operations and statistical information, are posted on the County's website.

Warden Cheryl Steberger reported that the inmate population this morning was 872. She reported the average inmate population in February 2018 was 857 and 853 in March 2018.

Warden Steberger reported that she was invited to speak to the Political Club in March at Penn Manor High School by Mayor Richard Moriarty of Millersville. She stated she

spoke to a group of students regarding the Prison's policies and procedures, suicide, and the K-9 Unit.

Commissioner Parsons commented that the political club is more of a leadership club than a political club.

Warden Steberger reported that she, Deputy Warden Wolfe, and Major Aberts met with the Constable Association. She stated that the Constable Association has new leadership and want to work on their relationship with the facility. She reported that Gary Spangenberg is the new President of the association. Warden Steberger stated that they discussed their policies and procedures and what they can do to work on a creative relationship. She stated they will have quarterly meetings and have exchanged emails and contact information should any problems arise with transporting inmates.

Warden Steberger reported that the Prison had Chocolate Cross Day. She thanked Tom Zeager, Justice & Mercy, and all the volunteers who delivered chocolate crosses to the inmates. She reported that Tom Zeager invited her to speak at the Eden Resort following the delivery of the crosses.

Warden Steberger reported that the Prison was awarded the 2018 Best Practice Jail Award by the County Commissioner Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) for their PrisonStat Program. She stated that the idea behind the award is to highlight what a facility is doing and to share information with other facilities. She stated that she is very proud of this award and CCAP will present the award in late August at a presentation at the Commissioner's Meeting. Warden Steberger stated that PrisonStat was created to have public meetings to review metrics that were selected to measure how the Prison is performing. She stated that she is holding her team accountable for their departments on issues that arise, policies and procedures, and ideas on what needs to be changed within those metrics.

Robert Wolfe, Deputy Warden for Operations, reported that staff continues to conduct the weekly and six-month inspections and policy and procedure reviews.

Deputy Warden Wolfe reported that four chaplains will be attending the correctional chaplains training on May 1 to May 3, 2018.

Deputy Warden Wolfe reported that he, Warden Steberger, and Tammy Moyer attended the Pennsylvania County Corrections Association (PCCA) conference last week. He stated that the topics discussed were Assault Management Applications in Corrections (AMAC), hostage negotiating, sexual harassment, legislative updates, addictions for veterans and first responders, and Act 80 grant funds / vivitrol initiative. He reported that AMAC is a new defensive tactic created in the state prison system. Deputy Warden Wolfe reported that only a few county facilities have implemented the system into their

facilities. He stated that they will be sending some of the Prison's instructors to learn new material that they will be able to bring back to the Prison to teach staff.

Deputy Warden Wolfe reported the Prison's K-9 Unit has been going to the Magisterial District Judge's offices to search the common areas and bathrooms for any contraband that may be entering the offices.

Commissioner Parsons commented that he wants to thank the Courts for their cooperation on the searches, as well as the Sheriff's Department and the Drug Task Force. He stated that we are doing everything we can during the opioid epidemic to make sure that we keep the facility as safe as possible.

Deputy Warden Wolfe reported that they have met with vendors to view body scanners. He stated that the scanners can detect any contraband within the body. He stated that they are pursuing and looking at getting body scanners for the Prison.

Commissioner Stuckey commented that the body scanners can detect anything non-organic, such as a hip, knee, or any kind of plate or artificial valve in the body. Deputy Warden Wolfe stated that the body scanner can also detect screws or bolts inside the body. He stated that the body scanners are more advanced than an x-ray machine.

Joseph Shiffer, Deputy Warden for Inmate Services, reported on the Vivitrol Program. He stated that 17 inmates have received the injections. He reported that vivitrol is a long-lasting injection that will block opioid cravings. Deputy Warden Shiffer reported that 16 inmates are on the waiting list to receive the injection. He reported that the program started on October 2, 2017, and started giving the injections in December for inmates who were on the October and November waiting list. He reported six or seven additional injections have been given in March. Deputy Warden Shiffer stated that the program has been a success.

Deputy Warden Shiffer reported that he attended the Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) conference in March. He stated that the agenda items included drug and alcohol and mental health issues. He stated the conference provided good ideas for his staff to follow up on.

Deputy Warden Shiffer thanked Tom Zeager and the volunteers who helped coordinate Chocolate Cross Day. He stated that it was a huge success.

Deputy Warden Shiffer invited Quinn Shaffer, Inmate Services Specialist, and Corporal Luis Chirichello to the podium to present them with certificates for their work with the Mental Illness Substance Abuse (MISA) team. He stated that the focus of the team is to work with inmates who are seriously mentally ill and get them the services they need within the institution and outside the institution when they are released to address their

mental illness. Quinn Shaffer gave a short speech and stated that it is a tough environment to work in and they try to do the best they can to make sure things run smoothly. Corporal Luis Chirichello gave a short speech and stated that it is a very challenging unit to work in and it has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Shaffer and the MISA team members. He thanked everyone for their hard work and support.

Commissioner Stuckey congratulated and thanked Mr. Shaffer and Corporal Chirichello for their hard work.

Commissioner Parsons commented that he is excited about the MISA team and that it has brought a significant positive change to the Prison. He stated that there are many challenges presented by the seriously mentally ill inmates and now we are addressing those individually to figure out what can be done differently with those inmates. He stated it is one of the reasons the Prison has been suicide free and the numbers are going in the right direction. Commissioner Parsons welcomed any of the Prison Board members to attend the MISA meetings.

Controller Hurter asked Deputy Warden Shiffer a question about the Vivitrol Program. He wanted to know if any of the inmates who received the injection prior to being released have been back to the facility. Deputy Warden Shiffer stated that they are gathering the numbers and that a few inmates have returned to the facility. He stated that when the inmates are released they should be participating in counseling services to help keep them in the right track. He stated that he will have an update at the next Prison Board meeting.

William Aberts, Major/Security Operations, reported the Officers of the Month for March: First Shift, Officer Michael Costello; Second Shift, Officer Travis Reifsnyder; and Third Shift, Officer Robert Turka. The officers were unable to attend the meeting.

Major Aberts invited Officer Gerardo Reyes to the podium to announce his promotion to Sergeant. Major Aberts and Warden Steberger pinned him with his chevron. Sergeant Reyes received a round of applause from those in attendance. Sergeant Reyes gave a short speech and thanked the Administration for giving him this opportunity.

Commissioner Parsons commented that they are happy to see someone promoted from within the facility and to continue to go up the ranks. Commissioner Lehman and Commissioner Stuckey congratulated Sergeant Reyes.

Judge Jeffery Wright attended the meeting to congratulate Sergeant Reyes on his promotion. Judge Wright commented that he got to know Sergeant Reyes, who has been in the Marines for eight years with five deployments. He stated that he is very proud of him and everything Sergeant Reyes accomplished has been done on his own.

He stated that he is very grateful to the Prison and the Warden for investing their trust in Sergeant Reyes.

Major Aberts stated that his staff continue to have policy and procedure reviews and institutional inspections.

Tammy Moyer, Director of Administration, reported that it was decided to end the Personal Book Program in a continued effort to eliminate contraband from entering the facility. She stated that fake labels were being created for companies like Barnes and Nobles, which could not be identified as fake or real. She stated that they are ramping up the in-house library with the help of Cody Scheid and Heather Nunemaker. Ms. Moyer stated that arrangements were made to select books from the Quarryville Library and Penn Manor School District book fairs. She stated that in the last month they have added 3,000 books to the library. She stated that they have earmarked money from the inmate welfare fund to continue to improve the library. Ms. Moyer stated that a few volunteers from the Lancaster Library will also help to catalogue the books. She stated that notification went out to the inmates and onto the Prison's website that we will no longer be accepting personal books through the mail.

Commissioner Parsons commented that the public has been able to donate books in the past and we should consider having the books checked by a drug dog before entering the facility. He stated that books being sent directly to the facility was a potential threat as people could create real looking packages from a book store with contraband in the packages.

Charlie Douts, Director of Facilities Management, reported that CGL has one vacant position. He stated that some of the people who were hired are in the process of training and/or undergoing background checks.

Mr. Douts reported that they will be replacing a roof top heating unit in the kitchen in June. He reported that a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for next week with the contractor to go over details for replacing the roof in Building B. He reported that they continue to have meetings with the contractors and vendors for the elevator and control room upgrades.

Larry George, Director of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services, provided a follow-up to the Transition to Community (TTC) Program. He stated that this is a residential treatment facility located on New Holland Avenue, which serves as a forensic diversion program and has been operating since June 2017. He stated that this program is largely funded by the State Department of Human Services. Mr. George reported that to date there have been 28 admissions to the program. He stated that five of the 23 individuals who have been discharged returned to the Prison. He stated that two of the individuals committed parole violations, two others committed new charges,

and one of the individuals was picked up upon leaving the program which was against his conditions. Mr. George stated that this is a 21% recidivism rate. He stated that all the individuals in the program are seriously mentally ill and this is an extremely challenging population to work with. He stated that they will look to further enhance the services being provided. Mr. George stated that the program has been so popular that they are looking to add two additional beds, which will put the program up to eight beds. He stated that he will continue to provide updates on their progress.

Mr. George reported that they are working with the Public Defender's Office in subsidizing a Social Worker position within the Public Defender's Office. He stated that this will be a Block Grant Fund initiative and will not be a cost to the County's General Fund. He stated that they will present their request to the Salary Board in early May.

Commissioner Parsons commented that the position must go before the Salary Board and it is not approved yet.

Commissioner Parsons reported that the next PrisonStat meeting will be held on April 23, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Lancaster County Administrative Office Building.

In business from guests, Tom Zeager, Justice & Mercy, asked if the new scanning equipment would be visible to the public. Warden Steberger stated that it will only be used in the commitment area.

Mr. Zeager stated that he feels the Board has been doing a good job in working with Justice & Mercy and other groups, allowing input from the public.

Neil Ward, Have a Heart, asked if the Board was aware of the illicit use of the drug Gantepin. He stated that the misuse of this drug has been prevalent in the state of Ohio and is rather lethal.

Mr. Ward discussed his findings on the cost and usage of scanners. He stated that the cost at Cambria County Prison was \$77,000.

Alice Rohrer, a mother of a former inmate at Lancaster County Prison, attended the meeting to state that the Prison food is "slop" and has little or no nutritional value, with no fresh fruit or vegetables. Ms. Rohrer also stated that the employees eat better food.

Commissioner Parsons stated that he has eaten food at the Prison and he disagrees that there is no fresh fruit or vegetables. He stated that it is institutional food but disagreed with her characterization of the food as "slop".

Commissioner Lehman stated that he has eaten meals at the Prison, sometimes unannounced, and has taken the tray of food from the inmate food line. He stated that the food is okay for institutional food.

Commissioner Parsons read a statement regarding the death of Brandon Schatz, who died at the Prison on July 12, 2017. He stated the Coroner has concluded his investigation and listed the cause of death as Asphyxia and Interstitial Pneumonitis and the manner of death was undetermined. He also stated the District Attorney has concluded the law enforcement inquiry and closed the investigation. See the attached document for the full statement.

Kent Kroehler, Have a Heart, asked if the Prison has made any changes since Mr. Schatz's death. He asked how many times year to date drugs have been found. Warden Steberger stated that nothing specific was changed as a result of Mr. Schatz's death; however, they are constantly reviewing the policies and procedures that are in place. She stated that staff is working on those statistics for PrisonStat.

Mr. Kroehler stated that in Have a Heart's whitepaper they had urged the Board to have a plan in place for a new prison by December 2017. He asked the Board to lay the foundation to explore building a new prison. He stated that he would like the Board to make a statement that they are aware a new prison needs to be built and put some kind of a starting point for building on the docket. He urged them to take some steps to establish a public consensus to be ready in X amount of years.

Commissioner Lehman stated we won't know exactly what our actual costs are going to be for building a new prison and what our options are until we have a site for land acquisition. He stated that knowing the location is the most critical piece because it will determine what you can build and how much it will cost.

Mr. Kroehler stated the Prison should look for a different level of food offering. He noted that the Prison is the lowest cost provider of food at \$3.18 for 3 meals a day. He noted that the lowest cost for nursing home provider's food is \$8.00 a day. He stated that we should be a leader in food service with comparable sized prisons. Commissioner Lehman asked him to join him sometime for a meal at the Prison so he can experience the food for himself.

Jon Singer, Have a Heart, stated that he appreciated the cooperation from the current Board. He stated that he was very disappointed that the Prison has eliminated the Personal Book Program. Mr. Singer questioned why state prisons with a larger population allow the shipment of books. Warden Steberger stated that there is a big difference between available money and staffing at the state prisons compared to county prisons.

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Controller Hurter moved to adjourn at 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Lehman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Lancaster County Prison Board will be May 17, 2018 at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Lancaster County Administrative Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian K. Hurter
Secretary

Brandon Schatz statement.

The Coroner has concluded his investigation and listed the cause of death as Asphyxia and Interstitial Pneumonitis and the manner of death as undetermined.

The District Attorney has concluded the law enforcement inquiry and closed the investigation.

There is no evidence to suggest that this was either a suicide or homicide. Although there are facts that suggest Mr. Schatz was a drug user, our understanding is that the toxicology report does not show evidence that this was a drug overdose.

The Lancaster County Prison takes its responsibility for the welfare of both inmates and staff seriously. The Prison has obviously made great strides in reduction in inmate suicides and overall deaths over the last two and a half years. This is evidenced by the fact that this case is the only inmate death in 2016, 2017, or 2018 and there have been no inmate suicides during that time. The Prison team will continue to review all incidents to ensure our staff is learning from each one.