

Minutes

MEETING OF BOARD OF INSPECTORS FOR THE POTTER COUNTY JAIL October 7, 2022, Gunzburger Building

CALL TO ORDER - Paul Heimel, Chair

ROLL CALL – Members Glenn Drake, Stephen Minor, Andy Watson, Nancy Grupp, Barry Hayman, Paul Heimel, all present. Warden Angela Milford, present. Administrator Jessica Giebel, present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Citizen Kim Goodenough addressed the board with her concerns about suicides at the jail.

MINUTES --

August 5, 2022; S. Minor moved to approve; N. Grupp seconded; all in favor.

GUEST SPEAKER –

Julia Alday, PIMCC/Cost Management; quarterly report

PIMCC (Prison Inmate Medical Cost Containment)/Cost Management Plus reviews medical service costs at the jail and advises jail management on related matters. Quarterly cost savings from March to August through PIMCC services was \$7,408.23. Ms. Alday reported that a Provider Relief Fund for COVID-19 diagnosis is depleted, so testing costs will now be borne by the county. She also said the Pa. Dept of Corrections is revising regulations. Among changes that will likely affect Potter County are a requirement that those providing medications to be inmates be licensed, and a requirement that county jails have in place an electronic health records system.

OLD BUSINESS –

-The telepsychiatry contract with CenClear was approved at the Oct. 6, 2022, meeting if the county. Jail management is working on implementation.

NEW BUSINESS –

-Coudersport Area Ministerial Association members Rev. Warren Cederholm and Pastor Don Caskey advised the board that the organization intends to establish a Potter County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Prison Society. Members will meet with jail inmates to determine their needs and listen to their concerns, which will be

shared with jail management. They also intend to investigate providing transportation services for inmates' family members to facilitate visits to the jail.

-Jim Kockler, Potter County Human Services (PCHS) administrator, sought the Jail Board's involvement with the county's Sequential Intercept Mapping Initiative. SMI training was held in August 2019 with involvement of the county's criminal justice system, PCHS, county commissioners, law enforcement community and other partners. Most of the goals for criminal justice reform have been achieved, Mr. Kockler reported, but the county still lacks a necessary system to collect, share and analyze data on criminal justice outcomes and related topics. He pointed out that the Potter County Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) has identified establishment of improved data services as a high priority in its annual strategic plan. Mr. Kockler added that improving mental health services for individuals involved in the criminal justice system is another high priority for CJAB. He noted that steps are being taken to do that and access to quality data and electronic health records would support the effort.

REPORT FROM WARDEN –

Warden Milford reported there are 40 inmates in the jail; nine females in other facilities; one inmate from McKean County, and two from Cameron County. She also noted that attendance at drug/alcohol support group meetings has increased and the AA organization needs volunteers. One inmate is studying for a GED. The jail is no longer requiring COVID-19 quarantine for incoming inmates and is testing each of them upon entry. On-call mental health crisis services are available through the county's contract with the Center for Community Resources.

GENERAL DISCUSSION --

-none

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

-12:40 pm to discuss litigation

NEXT MEETING –

-November 4, 2022 - noon

ADJOURNMENT – G. Drake moved; A. Watson seconded; all in favor.