

JUVENILE DETENTION BOARD MEETING

March 29, 2021 @ 10:00AM

Members Present: Commissioner Sean Kertes, Commissioner Gina Cerilli, Commissioner Doug Chew, Controller Jeffrey Balzer, Sheriff Albert, and Judge Bononi

Controller Balzer called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting was made by Judge Bononi, and seconded by Commissioner Chew, Unanimous

Director Nicole Kamer gave the Director's Report.

A total admission for February 2021 was 13 residents. The Juvenile Detention has operated at 60% capacity for the month. The average daily population was 9.5 out of 16. There were 9 incident reports.

As of March 11, 2021, Judge Bononi issued a court order reinstating visitation at the Juvenile Service Center. All visits are being held in our "screened" room and we are following CDC guidelines.

Covid-19 - Testing began on December 10, 2021 for all new residents. To date, we have only had a total of 3 positive cases with residents. We have had zero positive cases with staff.

School for residents went from remote learning to in person school on March 8, 2021.

On February 24, 2021, a Detention resident flooded his room and hallway by placing clothing down his toilet. The leak caused the fire system sensor to malfunction and later causing the fire alarm to sound. Multiple fire departments arrived; the building was evacuated and later cleared. Juvenile Probation Office suffered significant damage. The total cost of the damage was \$6,096.47. The resident that caused this damage is being charged with Institutional Vandalism. He was relocated back to Allegheny County immediately after the incident.

On February 5, 2021, staff was notified of possible drugs in Detention. All residents, rooms, and the unit were searched. The Westmoreland County Prison dog also searched the facility. All residents involved were drug tested, and tested negative. No drugs were found.

New hires: Four new Casual Employees were hired. Three of the new employees are currently in training. The Fourth employee is awaiting his clearances.

Commissioner Chew made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Cerilli. Unanimous.