

The monthly meeting of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board was held on Thursday October 3, 2019 in The Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at 4:00 P.M.

Members Present

Honorable Judge Beth Lazzara
Kevin Kraus for Sheriff Mullen
Brad Korinski representing County Controller Chelsa Wagner
Barbara Parees representing County Executive Rich Fitzgerald
Councilman DeFazio
Terri Klein
Abass Kamara

Others in Attendance:

Warden Harper
Deputy Warden Williams

1. President’s Report

Judge Lazzara -

Meeting guidelines –

1. Everyone in this room will be treated with dignity and respect. No exception
2. Everyone will have the opportunity to be heard, within reason. Depending on the number of public comments that sign up to speak there may be a time limit imposed.
3. Profanity and yelling will not be tolerated. Anyone using profanity or anyone who is yelling will be removed from this meeting.

Announcements –

1. The next oversight meeting will be held October 29th at 4pm in Gold Room
2. The steam system in the Allegheny County jail is in need of major repairs, in order to begin the necessarily repair of the steam system the system was shut down on September 29th, 2019 through October 2nd, 2019 and I would report that it was up and running as of 10:30 AM on October 2nd of 2019.

This is not the only shutdown that will be necessary to make the repairs. The tentative schedule for future steam system shutdowns at the Allegheny County jail is October 13th, 2019 through October 16th of 2019 and October 20th, 2019 through October 23rd, 2019. In preparation for the steam system shutdowns, the jail has installed a 40-gallon hot water tank in the medical holding area for emergency situations. While the system is shut down, the inmates will eat using styrofoam trays, plastic spoons and plastic forks. All repairs will be completed before the winter season so that certainly everyone can have a heat in the jail during the coldest months.

2. Old Business

Judge Lazzara –

- A. Suicide Prevention Study update
 - Has been completed, we do not have the results yet
- B. Incarceration on Transgender Individuals
 - Judge Clark is still working on scheduling a meeting with leaders of that community

- Current census in the ACJ – 10
- C. Richard Burke
 - Due to pending litigation there can be no further discussion on this individual in his forum
- D. Reduced rate bus tickets from Port Authority
 - Talks are still ongoing, there has been no specific resolution
- E. Intake and Release processes
 - Will be covered in the Health Services Report
- F. Medically assisted treatment
 - Will be covered in the Deputy Wardens Report
- G. Services Provided to Federal Inmates
 - Will be covered in the Wardens Report
- H. Pepper Spray Incident
 - Related to the incident mentioned that is in litigation, there will be no further discussion
- I. Data on Pregnant women
 - Current census in the ACJ – 12
- J. Jail Oversight Board staff to conduct investigations
 - Discussions and meetings are on going
- K. Program for Offenders data on completion
 - Will be covered in the Deputy Wardens Report

3. Public Comment

a. Damick –

I'm delighted to hear that you have reports back. We haven't had it done before. I will say the first thing though, I do want to wish, I wish all of you a very healthy and happy New Year if you know what is the Jewish New Year, which just started this week and then will end on October 9th, when we will hopefully make amends for any things that we may have done.

I do regret warden and not mentioning about the juvenile starting school. That's an excellent project. I happened to of all things miss it, but not having I don't always go what on my internet to gather information like that. But its an excellent thing, and I'm delighted that you're doing it and I hope we can get reports of how many young people, how many juveniles, are progressing in that, it would be very helpful. Also speaking of that, many counties have art programs.

It turns out that if there is an art program, usually the colleges provide the service for it. I run an art gallery and would be happy to be a part of such program. I'm also glad to hear about the times that you're letting people out because that has been a problem. It did come up before and I'm glad that that's working out. There are no suicides. Do you know that there are no suicides and haven't been for several months and we're all very pleased on that. However, every month there's an attempt.

This is an issue I think that you really ought to look at. Why are we somebody either doing it continually or different people, attempting suicide in the jail. It's true. Suicides have risen in the community into the whole United States as a matter of fact. And

they're particularly high. And between ages of all things are 10 and 34. You don't have many inmates here of 10, but you do start at the teenage area, you do have them 34. There could be, because I know there are certainly two universities. One has very big medical school and a school for psychiatry and the other one happens to have pharmacy. They might be able to figure out why some people or somebody are feeling so strongly that they want to commit suicide.

If they do it when every month somebody does. They're not out in the community; they get their healthcare, they get their food, they get sleep, they get two meals and a cot. You're responsible for them while they're here. It's a big responsibility. It's really an awfully serious responsibility and once they undoubtedly, there's suicides rising in the community. People are coming here and that's where you come in because that's what you have control over and here you have people who I see in the report you may not have though the of number or have a psychiatrist that would be able to help or identify the medication that they need or if not medication the therapy.

These are the two that you have the moment they give four hours each week, each one which considering how many individuals who have is not very much, not much time to do therapy. It's something I think you are to really look to to try and reduce. Reduce the attempts to suicide. At least people should feel secure, that life is going to go on that they can improve that they can get out again while they're here and also as I usually pass around it, when you come in and your in pain or you're in getting a lot of medication to cut the person off right away is a disaster. You know what it causes. Maybe you looked at it a different way. I don't know what the organization that looked at the source, I thought looked at that part of it, but your studies. Depriving people of medication makes life impossible. You don't want to do that. I know you don't, and I think you can keep that up. Thank you very much and have a good year.

Judge Lazzara -

I would just note that we all know suicide is such an exceptionally difficult problem. It's a difficult problem to solve. There are so many factors that go into it. I'm interested in seeing what the company that did the suicide review for the jail did and whether they have suggested ways to even avoid attempts. And so, we'll certainly be very interested to review that report when we receive it. I think before we involve, Pitt of Duquesne, let's see what they say and let's see what we're doing right. Let's see what we can improve on. And then if we need further things, we certainly do have fantastic universities and community out there that perhaps we can tap into.

Damick -

They would be probably very anxious to help out. And I do. Since you mentioned it, the Prison Society did introduce the fact, the seriousness of the suicide rates or what's going on, I think would be terrific if we, after you've heard the report that you, I presume you make it public.

Judge Lazzara -

I don't know what the process is for making it public at this point. Let's see it first. Okay. That's our first step. We haven't received anything yet

b. Olivia Bennett

Thank you for your time. I want to say maybe the last, not the last, but the second to last meeting that Judge Cashman oversaw. We brought up the situation of inmates being released at two, three, four o'clock in the morning, without any transportation home. And Judge Cashman advised us that the reason why this is happening is although it is a problematic, is because it's unconstitutional to keep people in Allegheny County jail after they have made their bail. So, I'm kind of confused on why that is applicable or why that is the case for people being released at two, three, four o'clock in the morning. However, it was not applicable for immigrants. Someone from Casa San Jose made me aware that while our County jail does not cooperate with ice, if ice calls them, inmates are being held after they have made their bail to be picked up by ICE.

So it's unconstitutional for a person to be held after they make bail and be released at two, three, four o'clock in the morning. Why is it not unconstitutional to hold somebody after they make bail for ICE to come and pick them up? So, I don't expect that you have an answer right now at this present moment, but I did want to bring this to the oversight board's attention as it was brought to mine and hopefully, we can get some answers.

Judge Lazzara -

I don't have a specific answer about it. I can tell you that a lot of times people make bail on one thing, but there are other detainers or other holds that are placed on them by other entities and obviously if there is a probation detainer lodged, if there's a detainer from another County lodge, a federal hold, then they can't be released at that point in time.

I don't know what the specifics are about ICE and that is certainly something that we can look into and update you on.

Bennett -

Yes, I'm being told that that is not the case. That there are not other detainers this is specifically being held for ICE.

Judge Lazzara -

So, let us take a look at that so we can give you an answer next meeting. We are, it is going to be our practice from this point forward that we were going to try to update you on issues that are raised. And so hopefully we'll be able to have a good answer. Sometimes you have to understand, you know, the wheels move sort of slowly and so we may not be able to answer specifically or in as much detail as you'd like the next time, but we certainly will make sure that it is addressed again.

c. Laura Perkins

Hello there, my name is Laura Perkins. I am from Casa San Jose. So, this is very topical. Just to do some follow up with that. Um, I'm the emergency response organizer at Casa San Jose in the city. So, the family separations that are having in Pittsburgh. I'm the first responder for that. And all of my clients that I know of that have been in Allegheny County jail that don't have federal holds put on them by federal warrants or any other

type of warrant. It's only ICE detainees and none of my clients that have gotten into Allegheny County jail without anything else have left without being detained by ICE. It is a huge problem. And I know that there was an ACLU case where they were in the settlement on the last page. It specifically says that Allegheny County jail does not recognize ICE detainees. It's in there and I'd be happy to share that with you if anyone would like a copy of that. So, thank you for bringing it up, Olivia and I would like to be included in the update on that. The other thing I wanted to bring up is just whenever there is an independent review, I'm using air quotes. I would like it to be not announced beforehand. If someone comes into investigate something or if there's a review of any policy in the jail by an independent organization when they arrive, it should not be announced so that things can be prepared or kind of shoved under a carpet. So, I'd like that to be noted. Thank you.

Judge Lazzara -

I can certainly tell you that when this board visits the jail, it is not announced. I know that the warden is very well aware of that. So, when we went in the beginning of May, they had no idea we were coming. It was very apparent. No one had any idea. We were coming by the surprise that was on everyone's faces. We were able to conduct our visit without there being any, you know, things swept under the rug. As you say, we were able to meet with folks and take a tour of the jail without there being anything changed because they knew we were coming. How it works for other independent reviews, at this point, I cannot say.

4. Review of the Minutes for September 5, 2019 meeting

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Mr. Korinski, duly seconded by Mr. Kamara to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2019 meeting.

5. Warden's Report

Good afternoon everybody, board members in front of you, you will see photographs of signs that's been posted in our pre-arrangement area leading to Pittsburgh municipal court. We've met with community individuals and they informed us that individual that paid bail part of being released during all periods of the night and during inclement weather. And as we report it to everyone, we cannot hold these individuals, but these signs say you are released from the custody of Allegheny County jail. You have the opportunity to enter PMC, Pittsburgh municipal court building and wait there in the lobby area for your ride to come. You can also wait in the lobby area of the PMC if you desire to await a bus. So, individuals that have paid bail have the opportunity if they would like to stay in PMC until daylight or until their ride up comes to PMC.

The next thing that I would like to bring before the board, if state Ms. Damick brought up programming for federal inmates and we do provide programming for minimum and medium custody federal inmates and some of the programs that we provide our reentry classes, education services, computer literacy, pre-apprenticeship, batterer's intervention, creative writing and bother support groups. So, we do provide programming and services for our federal inmates.

Mr. Uber brought up the issue last oversight board meeting pertaining to scheduled releases and I am not going to consider scheduled releases at the Allegheny County jail. One of the things that we do at the Allegheny County jail is released individuals responsibly and I'm talking about individuals that have been committed to the Allegheny County jail. We have a discharge and release center, and anybody being released is given the chance to call their loved ones for ride given a bus token, clothing and Narcan. So, we're not going to consider the scheduled releases as requested by Mr. Uber.

And the last thing I want to talk about is the issue about inmates staying in our intake department for longer than they should. We came up with a plan as to how all inmates that are in our intake department will be upstairs in the classification pod within 24 hours. So, each shift will receive an intake housing report. That intake housing report will show every inmate that's in the intake area. The Sergeant is responsible, not just the Sergeant, but the Sergeant and the healthcare department will work together, and they must fill out that intake housing report to let us know where they are in the process. For an example, do they need a mental health clearance? Do they need a physical assessment, do they need showers, Etc. And each shift that it's filled out by the Sergeant, and we have a Major in charge of the intake area now. They must make sure that those individuals are processed upstairs as quickly as possible. My team, we will, every day, monitored this to make sure that these individuals are upstairs within 24 hours. This hasn't been in place for a week and a half and it has worked effectively. So, I just want to say, I want to commend my staff for the work that they'd done.

6. Deputy Warden's Report

Deputy Warden Williams -

Good evening board. So, I will reference first the program for offenders that we do have a representative here. So, if you have specific questions, I would encourage you to direct that to them. But during the monitoring period, sometimes the data reported can seem skewed, which I think is what brought up some of the questions during the last meeting when there were zero individuals who had completed. So female offenders have a lengthy program and during that monitoring period nobody had completed. So, it's a six-month program. It's not that women aren't engaged, active and participating as they're directed to do. It was just that we didn't have any successful completions during that period of time.

But again, during a program for offenders when they make their announcement, if you have additional questions, I'm sure they'll be happy to answer that.

I do have a request for an inmate welfare expenditure, and this is something that we have been requesting in the past as it relates to some of the tablet programs that are available. So, we have a female housing unit 4 Delta and a male housing unit 2 Delta in which the tablets are available, and we utilize the Edovo software. They are able to complete self-guided programs. It provides some education as well as some entertainment, a little bit of a break from being incarcerated and allowing them the opportunity to work on things. One of the most popular programs has always been a mechanic section, so they can learn engine parts and things like that, build some skills before they are reintegrated into the community.

We've elected to seek to continue this program for a six-month period. So, in order to fund that, we are requesting \$75,000 to come from the inmate welfare fund. We are going to be

reevaluating as to whether or not we'll continue this program in the future as we are still seeking to expand the tablet programs throughout the facility to open it to more individuals than just these two housing units. So, I do bring that request to the board for your consideration.

Klein -

I have a question. It's not a question, it's more a comment. I just got notice of this yesterday. I would, and I'm fine because I've talked to inmates about this, but I would just ask generally if there's going to be a request of the inmate welfare fund that we get more than 24 hours' notice so that we can evaluate fairly.

Korinski -

I have a question. Has it been decided who's going to be providing the tablet's moving forward?

Deputy Williams -

Has that contract has not yet been announced.

Korinski -

Is Edovo one of the companies?

Deputy Williams -

I don't believe I'm able to even comment on that. I'm not part of that planning process.

Korinski -

I would just suggest that we do have over \$3 million in the inmate welfare fund. So certainly, there is enough resources, it seems to me that inmates should be able to have a tablets and all other manner of programming that you would deem necessary to please come before this board and make those suggestions because the money does appear to be there and has been increasing each year.

Kamara -

he only question I had is, and this may not be, it'll be answered here today and may be more on the lines of requests, but I think when that final evaluation happens for the program, if there's any way that we, that can occur via demonstration from the board, that would be helpful in terms of seeing what the product is, where it goes and what it does and some kind of engagement from the rest of the board in terms of a short term or longer term contract.

Judge Lazzara -

You're talking about the long-term contract and not specifically this six month period.

Kamara -

Correct.

Judge Lazzara -

I can certainly tell you that when I interact with inmates who come to the courtroom, they are all very happy when they have the ability to engage in the use of tablets and that they're able to actually get some learning and get some skills that are going to help them outside of the courtroom. That's actually something that is often spontaneously brought up when they are

talking about how they're doing down in the jail. So, it is an appreciated program.

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Mr. Korinski, duly seconded by Ms. Klein to approve the Inmate Welfare Fund Request of \$75,000 dollars for continuing the Edovo software tablet program for a six-month period.

Deputy Williams -

In additional part of my report, I wanted to discuss the release process because that has been something that's come up in several different meetings. So, all community releases from the Allegheny County jail are process to the discharge and release center to allow for supportive services to be offered to individuals who will be reintegrating into the community. Now this is a contracted service that is actually supported through the inmate welfare fund as well. And it's one that we have been working to evaluate and analyze to make sure that we're providing the most appropriate resources. We're going to actually be introducing an assessment on the housing units as well for inmates to actually fill out prior to their release process so that they can put some consideration a little bit more than the notice that they're provided at time of release, which could be a chaotic, albeit exciting, but chaotic time for them.

So that resources can be allocated to them individually based on what they've self-reported that they need. The discharge and release center is currently operational Monday through Saturday from 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM. It's currently closed on Sundays, but services are offered through the coordination of the intake supervisory staff and the center individuals are able to make a free phone call to coordinate for transportation. They received supportive referrals to housing authorities. They may be provided with a bus ticket and offered whether appropriate clothing. All individuals released in the community are offered an intranasal Narcan and we've actually been doing that since October of 2016 we just celebrated three years, which is exciting in the release process. Individuals are also reviewed by mental health and physical health staff to ensure that medications and scripts if applicable, are made available at the time of release and additional resources may also be assembled and provided if there is an identified need by mental health staff.

Korinski -

A few questions, one are people being discharged on Sundays? And if so, why don't we staff the discharge or release center on a Sunday?

Deputy Williams –

While we had not been due to staffing issues that we were having. So, the intake Sergeant was largely handling those resource allocations, but with the full staff complement that we have now, we're trying to determine the best use of their time. We may be reducing the center's hours on Saturday because the majority of individuals are released before 8:00 PM and then opening on Sunday. But that's something that we're currently looking at for trends to see how many people would be served.

Korinski -

And then my other question, looking over the healthcare staff vacancies, I note two substance abuse counselor vacancies and two part-time abuse counselor vacancies and then two psychiatrist vacancies. Could you speak to that?

Deputy Williams -

So AHN is our provider for our psychiatric providers, either mid-levels, NPS, PAs or MDs. And we utilize, though it's not reflected in those numbers, what we would consider to be agency staff for psychiatrists. So, they're called locums. Uh, they're not reflected in those numbers because they are not employees of AHN, but we utilize supplemental staff through contracts. We've actually filled our substance use positions. We just haven't started those employees yet. So, we went through a period of turnover within that department. Some people who were able to, through advanced education we had some that achieved their doctorate and moved on to other employment. So, we've been working on filling those vacancies.

Perkins (Casa San Jose) -

Is there any way that a nonprofit organization can collaborate with this process?

Deputy Williams -

With the release process? You're talking

Perkins (Casa San Jose) -

The release process by giving better resources. We worked in the community and we have a lot more resources that are clearly not being provided in this process. Is there any way that we could collaborate with them to do that?

Deputy Williams -

If you have, if you're speaking about your organization, specifically

Perkins (Casa San Jose) -

Speaking about many organizations that are ready to help and want to provide services. Clearly the list accurate because people are coming out extremely ill prepared.

Deputy Williams -

So I don't want to like to ignore, but I also want people to, can everyone hear if I'm not speaking into the microphone, I think that there's absolutely a need for additional resources. And I think sometimes when people are released, imagine getting that news. I think about if I got that news, what, what I would think about, I would need immediately, and I may not identify all of those things. We have a new lead discharge and released center coordinator, which is a position that we didn't previously have, and she is starting to integrate into the community. I'm happy to either share my contact information or hers because I think there is a need and we're certainly looking for agencies who are willing to serve our population because not everybody, a lot of times people here just got out of jail and they think something about that. And we want to make sure that we can have individuals receive all of the resources.

Perkins (Casa San Jose) -

My other question is why there's somebody part time or not full-time employees. Is it so you don't pay benefits? Like I've seen the list of all the employees with a contract and a lot of prep time and wondering if the reason why it's so hard to fill this position.

Deputy Williams -

We do have fulltime vacancies as well. A lot of our health care staff has other employment too, so they elect to do part time positions. That's something that we've done. They can sign up for

more shifts available to them, but we have a lot of what we call PRN staff, which is casual as needed and part time positions. But many of these have been decided kind of long before and in terms of contract for how we would do staffing allocation.

7. Allegheny County Jail Medical Services

a. Allegheny County Health Network Deputy Warden Williams –

So, one of the requests in the last meeting was to provide an update on medication assisted treatment and that is something within the facility we recognize we're a very large facility. Approximately 25% of our individuals come in and they are placed on at least one form of detox protocols. Typically, because we're speaking mostly about opioids when we're talking about medication assisted treatment of our detoxing population, we have are around 65 to 70% that are on an opioid detox protocol. So, we recognize as an agency that we have a ways to go. The things that we do currently do, are opiate opioid dependent pregnant females. So coming in either addicted or physically dependent on opioids or already engaged in medication assisted treatment are either maintained on their treatment program, which could include buprenorphine, also known as Suboxone or methadone throughout their incarceration.

And during a period of postpartum as well. If they're not already converted to that, uh, then we will work with the local hospitals who will do a management moderate monitoring process to get them appropriately engaged. The most efficacious form of treatment efforts are currently underway to expand programs to a larger population that expands beyond the pregnant female. The Alleghany County jail in partnership with other organizations is working to ensure that all of our providers receive training, exposure and credentials to increase the prescription capabilities so that we might be able to serve this population better. Currently we're working with centers of excellence and certified peer recovery specialists to increase referrals to medication, medication assisted treatment within the community. Another form of MAT that we provide is Narcan and I referenced that a little bit earlier in our discharge and release center. So since October 1st of 2016 the Allegheny County jail is that enhance the release process to include the offering of intranasal Narcan.

The resources offered to all community releases as well as JRS and alternative housing. Since the program's inception, the Allegheny County jail has provided nearly 2000 kits and this initiative was made possible with a partnership between the Allegheny County health department, department of human services and Prevention Point Pittsburgh. So, they all really assisted us in getting that going as well as continuing to help us apply Narcan. Lastly, we do provide individuals with Vivitrol and or Naltrexone. So, we'll do the oral form or the injection. So, our efforts to expand these initiatives in 2017 our first individual was inducted with a Naltrexone in the injectable form. So, this individual started on November 17th, 2017 so we're almost at two years into this program, we provided 54 unique individuals with a Vivitrol injection and we've continued many more others on the oral form. If we were not able to get somebody the injection prior to their release because of coordination, we have been able to release on the oral naltrexone as well.

So that is our current status update. We appreciate the opportunity to be able to report out on that.

Judge Lazzara -

I would just like to say that I absolutely love the Vivitrol program in the jail. It has been so exceptionally helpful to a lot of our population. I do both mental health court and a domestic violence court at this point and to be able to make sure that folks that are returning to the community can do so in a safer way because they're on Vivitrol has really been invaluable. So, we really appreciate that.

Deputy Williams -

It's been really nice just speaking from the jail perspective that it's not just specialty court individuals. We had a lot of judges work with us to coordinate the lease so that we can provide this resource to people before they are reintegrated into the community.

Klein -

When someone's released on Vivitrol, are they given information about community resources to continue?

Deputy Williams -

So typically, right now we had, we started initially with a grant in 2017 and there was a case manager specifically assigned to individuals to ensure that they had their next appointment scheduled in the community. Right now what we do, if they're not part of a grant population or assigned a case manager, we're actually reaching out to community providers within their area, making sure that they have medical assistance so that they can continue the treatment and then providing them with information based on their last injection date so that they know when they can get their next one.

Klein -

Do we, and this probably is out of your purview, but do you have any idea of what the follow through?

Deputy Williams -

I did not bring that data with me, but we do track that. So, we have had some individuals who have recidivated but it's important that we not define that as a failure. They've just come back for some reason. It could be just a violation for missing a court hearing, but we've had many individuals continue on the program, some earlier ones that are still in the community and have been maintaining their treatment as well.

Swain Uber -

So, what, what steps do we need to be taking kind of what are the barriers for providing Suboxone and other MAT?

Deputy Williams -

So I won't stand at the microphone again. But, so the first step is making sure that all of our providers, are to be able to provide in prescribing Suboxone. AHN is our partner in that. So, they have scheduled all of the providers to receive the training that's required so that they can get their waivers. So, we've been breaking it down and the step by step

process and that's where we're just starting, everybody should be trained by the end of November. It's not just about the medication, it's also about the assisted treatments, the counseling part too. So, we're working on formulating how we're going to integrate people into the services.

Swain Uber -

So looking at treatment starting in December?

Deputy Williams -

I don't know if I want to commit to that. We're working with vital strategies too, who some of you may have been aware were awarded through the Bloomberg philanthropies of money to assist Pennsylvania in general enough.

8. New Business

No new business

9. Community Corrections Reports

a. The Program for Offenders Mike Gilmore:

The deputy warden already addressed the accuracy of our numbers and our report from last month. I will say that it's unusual for us to not have completions but given the scatter of the intakes across the calendar year and then that six-month period, it is possible also as a further follow up to make sure that we didn't miss anybody between the cracks. In terms of our data reporting, we went back and evaluated our data entry processes. We found a wide variance across that performance continuum with our case managers and therapists, largely because we've hired a lot of new therapists and case managers in the last three months. So, to address that, we had a representative from the County jail come in last month and they provided training in ACJ data entry to 18 of our case managers and therapists and management people as well. So hopefully that will eliminate any possible data entry errors that we might hit going forward in the future.

Also, I would like to add that our agency has partnered with a child's place to provide trauma informed parenting classes to our West homestead facility residents. They're in the facility twice a week to provide training regarding healthy parenting techniques.

b. The Renewal Center Adam Zach:

On Saturday, September 14th, we had staff and reentrants participate in the Pittsburgh recovery walk. It was a, a well-attended and success successful event and we'll definitely be there next year. This past Sunday we had guys participate in the great race with the cleanup, set up and the running of the event. And this summer we had a lot of community service events that our guys helped out in.

Also, they take a charge over the cleanup of the block around the Boulevard of the Allies, Smithfield street and Third Avenue. And it was actually power washed the other day where it looks in a lot better condition, picking up a lot of litter. It was a busy

summer, but I think there's a couple of events coming up in the fall and winter here and there'll be out there in the community participating.

Judge Lazzara -

Great. Yeah, I actually walked down that block all the time on my lunchtime walks and I've noticed that it does look substantially better than it did. So, thank you very much.

c. Electronic Monitoring Steve Esswin:

Just a quick update for are the numbers there. On our reporting period, we had 862 individuals come through the program, 124 those completed success successfully and a 3 were returned for various violations actually to report for new arrest. But that's pretty good.

Korinski -

If you don't have the answer maybe next week, but what is the cost for someone to participate in electronic monitoring?

Esswin -

I do not have that figure it is a sliding scale based on an individual's income. The sliding scale goes from a dollar 50 a day to \$25 a day based on income.

Korinski -

And when does that individual have to pay? Is that, is it an upfront payment or each month

Esswin -

There is an upfront \$100 install fee and then it is a monthly fee after that. They are billed at the end of the month.

Korinski -

And then if they don't pay at the end of the month, are they out of the program?

Judge Lazzara -

Oh no, they're there. They are not removed.

Korinski -

So, is there any statistic as, as far as eligible participants who decline to participate because of cost or do you find that most people participate?

Esswin -

Actually, if somebody declines it, when we go into our interviews, we actually go back in front of the court and let the court make that final decision on what happens from there.

Judge Lazzara -

And a lot of them are not going to be declining. Perhaps some with your office, they may be declining in the courtroom and saying that they don't want to do that, or they can't come up with \$100. But, certainly in my experience, which is now 10 years in the

criminal division, people are very happy to be put on electronic monitoring instead of spacing long-term imprisonment. And so, they usually will have family and friends try to get that original \$100 so that they can get out and get started. So, we do have a couple that say they don't want it. They'd rather spend the time. But it certainly varies with individuals, but we don't see a lot of pushback.

Swain Uber -

Who collects the fee?

Esswin -

The fee gets collected by, it's sent into our billing, a billing clerk, and it gets forwarded down here to fret building. Everything is made out to Allegheny County.

d. Goodwill Bob Stape:

Good evening. My name is Bob Stape. I'm with a Goodwill Southwestern Pennsylvania. On September 8th, Goodwill announced to Allegheny County that we will be officially closing Goodwill center effective December 31st of this year. So, Goodwill wants to thank the County and our partners for working with us over the last 50 years and we're going to continue to be in the reintegration business just not in alternative housing.

Judge Lazzara -

Thank you. I am ever so sad. I really love to send folks there. You guys do a great job with them and it is very disappointing to see you guys closing. So, I for one, I'm very sad about that.

10. Adjournment

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Mr. Kraus, duly seconded by Mr. Korinski to adjourn the meeting at 4:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chelsa Wagner, Secretary