

The monthly meeting of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board, Wednesday, August 24, 2022 held in the Gold Room at 4:00 P.M.

Recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yFT7vxWI3Q> (Each agenda item is time stamped for referencing the YouTube recording)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge Elliot Howsie

Councilman President Patrick Catena

Sheriff Kevin Kraus

Stephen Pilarski for County Executive Rich Fitzgerald

Judge Beth Lazzara

Terri Klein

Controller Corey O'Connor

Abas Kamara

Others in Attendance:

Warden Orlando Harper

Chief Deputy Warden Jason Beasom

Deputy HSA Dr. Brinkman

Deputy Warden of Administrative Operations and Employee Development Blythe Toma

Deputy HSA of Behavioral Health Renee Madden

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Rules (11:25):

Judge Howsie (11:25):

Meeting called to order and roll call was taken. The rules for the meeting were recited.

2. Community Corrections Reports (12:23)

A. Passages to Recovery (12:23):

Michelle Morris:

Passage to Recovery is continuing to partner with community agencies to provide services and support to their clients. Current population is 48, with 32 men and 16 women. Passages is working on implementing a new visitation policy for adult visitors to come back into the facility. Within the next month or so, Passages will be submitting requests to the jail for the clients to be able to go out into the community. They had 3 positive COVID cases in the past month.

Further conversation regarding length of stay. Typical stay is 6 months but can vary based on their sentence. Passages provides services and works with clients to make sure they have a smooth transition back to the community before they leave the facility.

Ms. Morris will request someone to provide an update at the next meeting regarding Passage to Recovery's involvement in the lead diversion efforts within Allegheny County.

Passages to Recovery provides induction Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for its clients.

B. The Renewal Center (18:21):

Frank DeClair:

Renewal Center had 11 volunteers participate in the Historic Hill Health Expo and Community Day event on August 20th, totaling 88 hours of community service. As per requested at last month's board meeting, May – 76% employment rate with average pay rate of \$13.17; June – 78% employment rate, with average pay rate of \$13.55; and July – 73% employment rate, with average pay rate of \$14.15.

C. Electronic Monitoring (19:52):

Steve Esswein:

There were 776 individuals on the bracelet at the end of June, with 27 individuals that successfully completed. This number includes Soberlink devices. Electronic Monitoring is working on getting more Soberlink devices. Grant money is typically used to purchase Soberlink devices.

3. Review of the Minutes for July 7, 2022 (21:40)

The board approved a motion (8 Yea, 1 Abstention) by Judge Lazzara, duly seconded by Councilman Catena, to receive the Jail Oversight Board Meeting Minutes from July 7, 2022.

4. Old Business (22:03)

A. Update on status of re-inspection from NCCHC (22:03):

Warden Harper:

The NCCHC performed the re-inspection from August 22-24, 2022. The draft report will be sent to the jail around 60-65 days after the inspection was completed. Warden Harper asked that any questions pertaining to NCCHC's historical review of fatalities at the jail be directed to the County Manager.

B. IIWF Report (23:39):

i. Update on survey with Pitt School of Social Work (23:39):

Judge Lazzara:

The survey is just about completed. Erin Dalton is going to provide a report at the September meeting.

ii. Update on Liaison Position (24:23):

Judge Lazzara:

The IIWF Sub-Committee came up with a detailed plan for recruitment and hiring of the JOB Liaison.

*ALLEGHENY COUNTY JAIL OVERSIGHT BOARD
INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WELFARE FUND SUBCOMMITTEE*

MOTION

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2021, the JOB voted in favor of a Motion presented by the IIWF Sub-Committee which authorized a Liaison position for the JOB in order to assist it in fulfilling its statutory obligations;

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2021, the JOB voted in favor of a Motion presented by the IIWF Sub-Committee which mandated creation of a full-time salaried position of JOB Liaison, incorporated the proposed job description into the position, authorized a search to be conducted by the IIWF Sub-Committee to fill the position, and authorized payment of salary and benefits not to exceed \$85,000 from the IIWF, said salary and benefits to be subject to regular review by the JOB;

WHEREAS search and research efforts have been conducted by the IIWF Sub-Committee to fill the JOB Liaison position, including extensive conversations with the Pennsylvania Prison Society (PPS), a statutorily authorized organization, since 1829, serving the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an independent prison and jail monitor and ombuds;

WHEREAS conversations with the PPS were unproductive, and it was agreed by the JOB that the position of JOB Liaison would be recruited, hired and maintained in a Department within the County;

WHEREAS the Office of the Sheriff of Allegheny County has agreed to maintain the position of JOB Liaison;

WHEREAS the JOB approved the creation of the JOB Liaison within the Office of the Sheriff of Allegheny County by unanimous vote on July 7, 2022 and further tasked the IIWF with creating and presenting a detailed plan for the recruitment and hiring of said position:

IT IS HEREBY MOVED that the JOB shall approve the recruitment and hiring plan attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Submitted: August 24, 2022

*ALLEGHENY COUNTY JAIL OVERSIGHT BOARD LIAISON
RECRUITMENT AND HIRING PLAN*

The Incarcerated Individuals Welfare Fund (IIWF) Sub-Committee (IIWFSC) shall engage in the following steps to actively recruit, and ultimately hire, an outstanding candidate for the position of JOB Liaison.

- 1. The IIWFSC shall submit the attached advertisement to the advertising sources listed on same attachment within five (5) days of receiving approval of the hiring and recruitment plan by the JOB.*
- 2. The IIWFSC shall allow twenty-one (21) days for the collection of resumes in response to the advertising. The Office of the Controller shall be responsible for the physical collection of the resumes. The Controller shall distribute the resumes to the members of the IIWFSC as they are received.*
- 3. Following the twenty-one day resume collection period, the members of the IIWFSC shall individually review the resumes and provide to the Controller's Office a list of their top five (5) candidates. The list of candidates must be provided to the Controller's Office no later than the end of business on the tenth (10th) day following receipt of the resumes at the conclusion of the twenty-one day collection period.*
- 4. If the IIWFSC, in its discretion, does not believe that a sufficient number of qualified resumes are received, then the IIWFSC shall request an additional period of time from the JOB to advertise the position and collect resumes.*
- 5. After the Controller's Office receives the list of the top five (5) candidates from each member of the IIWFSC, it shall compare the lists and provide a list of the overall top five (5) candidates to the IIWFSC. These top five (5) candidates shall be interviewed by the IIWFSC. Each of the top five (5) candidates shall be advised of their status within three (3) days of the list being provided to the IIWFSC.*
- 6. Interviews of the top five (5) candidates shall be conducted by the IIWFSC within fourteen (14) days of the list of the top five (5) candidates being submitted to it.*

7. *The IWFSC shall have a recommendation to the JOB of a person to fill the position of the JOB Liaison within seven (7) days after the final interview.*

PLACES TO ADVERTISE

Handshake

Interests: Law Enforcement, Legal Studies, Criminal Justice, Paralegal

LinkedIn

Indeed

Glassdoor

ZipRecruiter

Paralegal Programs

Duquesne

*University of Pittsburgh College of General Studies
CCAC*

County Affiliated Websites

Office of the Controller

Sheriff's Office

ACJ

5th Judicial District (possible...needs discussion)

Law Schools/Programs

University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Duquesne University School of Law

Point Park University – Legal Studies BA

Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA)

The board unanimously approved a motion by Judge Lazzara, duly seconded by Ms. Klein, to post and move forward with the recruitment and hiring plan presented.

Prior to voting on the motion, Judge Howsie appointed Sheriff Kevin Kraus to be the Incarcerated Individual's Welfare Fund Subcommittee.

F. ACJ and Alternative Housing Population Statistics (33:21):

Judge Lazzara was unable to obtain this information in time for this meeting.

G. Information regarding staff on 5F (33:52):

Judge Lazzara:

Judge Lazzara had discussion with the Warden regarding 5F. She was informed that there is one less Correctional Officer on that pod due to the work the staff is doing to keep people more stabilized on that pod. Judge Lazzara suggests discussion with the individuals on 5F prior to making any recommendations.

C. Update Regarding ADA Compliance Employee and Solicitor Attending Meeting to Discuss Tier System and Solitary Confinement Ban Referendum (35:02):

Warden Harper:

The ADA Compliance Employee is unable to attend the JOB meetings. The Warden does not supervise that employee and is unable to mandate them to attend. The Warden believes there has already been conversation regarding the Solicitor attending the meeting.

There was further discussion regarding ADA compliance employee accommodations are handled through the County's Human Resources Department and the Law Department will get involved if there are legal questions. There was a concern regarding number of lawsuits and the money being spent. It was requested to have further discussion on this matter at a later date.

D. Update regarding Summit's dietician attending meeting (39:28):

Warden Harper:

The Dietician will not come to the board meetings. Summit requested the board submit questions to be answered. Warden Harper sent the board an email at 3:45pm today with Summit's Dietician's contact information. As well as the Commissary RFP, the mortality rate, the maintenance requests, and a link to the food menu and food substitutions.

There was further discussion regarding the Commissary RFP. The RFP will be awarded on September 7th. There were 3 vendors that submitted proposals.

It was suggested that Warden Harper send the information prior to 15 minutes before the meeting going forward.

To access the food substitutions, you need to go to the jail website, click on "Inmate Information", click on "Inmate Meals and Commissary", and click "Menu Substitution". These updates will be updated monthly on ACJ's website.

E. Rethinking the Jail RFP Information (44:16):

Warden Harper:

The RFP was submitted through DHS and Erin Dalton will give a presentation in the near future.

5. Public Comments (45:41)

A. John Kenstowicz (45:41):

Mr. Kenstowicz is speaking for Corrections Collective based in Western Psych. For the JOB to be able to fulfill their statutory right to review records of incarcerated individuals that have died in the jail and to eliminate the hesitation of jail administration due to potential leak of files, Mr. Kenstowicz suggested JOB review the documents on site. Also suggests the members of the board sign a confidentiality agreement preventing the board members from providing information to the public or press with severe consequences if violated. Mr. Kenstowicz is also recommended the JOB conduct exit interviews. In April 2022, there were 58.5 vacancies of medical and mental health providers. He suggested the JOB email all staff at the jail letting them know they would like to conduct exit interviews for employees that are leaving the jail to build awareness of the operations of the jail. Mr. Kenstowicz's third recommendation is that the JOB provide a statement to all ACJ staff regarding the board's oversight responsibility; the JOB Liaison role; value of staff insights; confidentiality when speaking with Liaison: detail of what would be done with information given to Liaison.

Judge Howsie informed Mr. Kenstowicz that the board will be having an executive session in the future to identify ways to have discussions regarding the deaths in the jail and the investigations by the county police.

B. Marion Damick (50:21):

Ms. Damick was impressed to read the article regarding the upcoming investigations on jail deaths. She expressed her concern regarding the rats at the jail. She suggested looking at the construction of the jail to try and see where the rats are getting in and spend the money to fix it. She does not believe anyone should be eating the food the jail is currently serving.

C. John Kenstowicz (Deborah Luffy signed up to speak but gave her 3 minutes to Mr. Kenstowicz) (54:27):

Mr. Kenstowicz concerned that for months he has mentioned the state statute requiring the JOB to do unannounced jail inspections at least 2x per year. This is to be accompanied by a written report to be uploaded to the JOB website. The only inspection report on the JOB website is one for Ms. Klein in 2021.

Judge Howsie (56:27):

Judge Howsie summarized the public comments that were submitted online. They are all included at the end of the minutes.

6. Warden's Report (59:12):

Warden Harper:

Warden Harper announced a new training work program at the ACJ that Amy Kroll is going to present.

Amy Kroll:

The Pre-Release Lead Abatement and Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program at ACJ is being offered by Professional Training Associates (PTA). This program was chosen due the feasibility of this training as well as the amount of employment opportunities in Allegheny County. Ms. Kroll provided details of what lead abatement is and the details of the program. The participant has to complete 24 hours of instruction to get both of these certifications with class taking place Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:00am-12:00pm. The first class consisted of 11 participants whom all passed their Renovation, Repair, and Painting Certification (written and hands-on tests) on August 19th. All 11 have signed up for the next class, which is a Lead Abatement Worker Certification. Once passed, these individuals will be eligible Lead Abatement Technicians. This training is eligible for any individual who will be at ACJ for 6 weeks and will be returning to Allegheny County. ACJ has been and will continue to work with connecting the individuals with construction and job opportunities along county bus lines. Ms. Kroll detailed many of the job opportunities for these individuals that obtain these certifications.

There was further discussion on expanding the opportunity to women in ACJ. As well as the alternative housing programs. There was around 40 men who signed up for the class. They picked applicants that previously had construction experience for the first class. The money for these trainings comes from grants: Pathways Home Grant through Partners4Work and Allegheny County Jail Collaborative funding. Judge Howsie commends the jail for providing these opportunities, as it has a positive impact on the individuals, and there is less of a chance of recidivism.

It was suggested that maybe the County start a points system for awarding contracts to vendors that have hired these individuals that have obtained these certifications through ACJ. It was agreed that it is worth looking into/discussing in the future.

Warden Harper:

The Food Service RFP will hopefully be posted by next week.

Both the food service and commissary service contracts with Summit will expire at the end of this year.

It was asked for the Warden to add use of force data to the jail website monthly. Warden was uncomfortable with posting it online but agreed to send it to the JOB monthly.

7. Chief Deputy Warden's report (1:12:45)

A. Staffing promotions and hiring (1:12:45):

Chief Deputy Warden Beasom:

There have not been any staff promotions since last month. There are 15 cadets that are scheduled to graduate on September 2nd. A new class started on September 12th, with 9 cadets scheduled at this time. There are 5 sessions scheduled for week of September 19th to complete the physical agility test. The next cadet class after September is tentative for beginning of November.

There was further discussion regarding staffing. Warden Harper requested that staffing not be discussed in a public setting. There was a concern regarding not sharing enough information with the public. It was discussed that the Warden attend an executive session and then the board can decide on how and if information can be disseminated to the public. Controller O'Connor's office is looking into conducting a staffing audit of the jail. The last one was done in 2009.

B. Update on Suicide Resistant Cells (1:20:45):

Chief Deputy Warden Beasom:

There are still 7 of the 10 suicide resistant cells complete. The contract is in the process of being extended for the contractor to come in and finish the cells.

G. Number of Incarcerated Individuals at ACJ waiting to go upstate (1:21:01):

Chief Deputy Warden Beasom:

There are 42 male individuals waiting, which consists of 3 with detainers, 8 have open cases, 12 scheduled on next transport, and 19 remaining.

C. COVID update (1:21:37):

Deputy HSA Dr. Brinkman (1:21:37):

The ACJ has to follow different COVID mitigation efforts due to the congregate settings, as well as its large size. The incarcerated individuals come into the facility from a many different areas and have a higher rate of medical conditions. There is also regular movement around the facility between incarcerated individuals, staff, and visitors. The ACJ takes mitigation efforts seriously to protect safety and security of anyone who enters the jail and take guidance from infectious control experts, including CDC, NCCHC, state and local health departments and AHN partners. Since the pandemic began 2 years ago, ACJ has had 1 incarcerated individual death due to COVID. There have been 2,901 deaths of incarcerated individuals nationally and 166 within PA Dept of Corrections.

The number of incarcerated individuals tested for COVID-19 during July 2022 was 1,683, and of those, 1.7% were found to be positive. There are currently 23 incarcerated individuals presently positive in the facility with zero hospitalizations due to COVID-19. There has been an overall positivity rate of 4.05% at the Allegheny County Jail since the first diagnosed case of an incarcerated individual on April 6, 2020. Regarding employees, there have been 315 staff report positive throughout the pandemic. We presently have 2 individuals who continue through their recovery process and have not yet returned to work.

Vaccination: The ACJ has supported the vaccination of incarcerated individuals by providing over 2,952 total doses thus far. The ACJ has continued to store Pfizer and Moderna vaccine. Last month, there were 592 individuals reported to have their full series. This month there is 614 individuals, which is 42%, that have received their full series. This is the same percentage as last month.

D. Medication Assisted Treatment (1:25:14):

Deputy HSA Dr. Brinkman (1:25:14):

Regarding medications for opioid use disorder and the expansion of these efforts, the jail continues to provide medication assisted treatment options including Naltrexone and Vivitrol for the treatment of alcoholism and opioid disorder and Suboxone and Sublocade for the treatment of opioid use disorder. During the month of July, there were 31 individuals prescribed oral Naltrexone, with 3 individuals receiving the Vivitrol injections prior to community release. During the month of July, 121 individuals were treated with Suboxone, and 15 individuals were treated with Sublocade. The jail continues in its contract expansion with Tadiso, its Methadone provider, and are finalizing implementation of the Methadone services for individuals currently receiving Methadone in the community. Tadiso has begun orienting on site and ACJ is finalizing processes and IT needs.

There was additional discussion regarding providing inductions for prescriptions for MATs. The jail is unable to provide a timeline as to when this may occur. The jail plans to re-evaluate after the other programs are fully up and running.

E. Tracking commitment to Torrance (1:28:05):

Deputy HSA Dr. Brinkman (1:28:05):

During the month of July, 4 persons were admitted and transferred to Torrance State Hospital. In July, 7 new persons were committed and there are currently 13 patients awaiting admission. The longest wait is from June 10, 2022.

Judge Lazzara requested that the individuals whose commitment is rescinded based off of reevaluations.

F. Tier 4 and Tier 5 (1:29:17):

Deputy HSA Dr. Brinkman (1:29:17):

As a reminder, tier 5 includes any patient who is actively suicidal or self-harming. Tier 4 is any patient who is at imminent risk of harming themselves or others. In the month of July, 2 individuals were identified as tier 5 and 11 individuals who were identified as a tier 4. One of these individuals appeared in both tiers. The duration of time that a patient is on a tier will vary, which can be from hours to days.

There was a discussion regarding the autism screening not being able to be loaded into the jail's healthcare record. Warden Harper and IT personnel have a meeting scheduled tomorrow with Ms. Randall, who submitted a public comment, to get more information and to see if this is something that can be done. Warden informed the board that Ms. Randall trained the jail 2 years ago on how to identify individuals with autism. The jail has screenings in place already for developmental and mental health, the one being discussed is specific to autism spectrum.

H. Medical Wait (1:34:26):

Deputy HSA Dr. Brinkman (1:34:26):

Just an FYI, the numbers being provide also include individuals who have scheduled follow-up appointments, which may make wait times appear longer. There are 125 current medical sick call requests, longest wait is 16 days. There are 4 current mental health sick call requests, longest wait is 1 day. There are 156 psychiatry sick call requests, longest wait is 33 days. There are 0 waiting for mental health specialists.

If there is a concern regarding an incarcerated individual that is waiting to be seen, they can be "bumped up" and seen sooner.

8. New Business (1:37:37):

A. Motion for IIWF monies to be put on incarcerated individual accounts (1:37:37):

Councilman Catena (1:37:37):

Motion to request money from the IIWF to be put on the joint tablet commissary accounts of each person incarcerated at the ACJ. There are 1,503 folks currently incarcerated in the jail. \$100 for each person, for a total cost of \$150,300.

The board approved a motion by Councilman Catena, duly seconded by Judge Lazzara, to request money from Incarcerated Individual's Welfare Fund to be put on the commissary and tablet joint account of each incarcerated individual (1,503 individuals x \$100.00 = Total \$150,300).

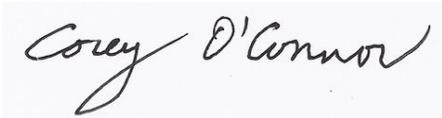
B. Motion requesting to post and fill newly created liaison position (24:23):

This was presented in Old Business.

9. Adjournment (1:40:59)

Sheriff Kraus made the motion to adjourn, duly seconded by Controller O'Connor. The meeting adjourned approximately 5:30pm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Corey O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned on a light gray rectangular background.

August 2022 JOB Public Comments

Medical/ Health

Name: Nota Buyinit

Address: Pittsburgh , Pa 15211

Organization(s): County employee

Comment: Members of the board, could you please look into the recent information provided to the community that Mr. Fitzgerald has the NCCHC coming into the jail to investigate recent deaths? This is completely false information. The NCCHC is an accreditation that jails apply for. There has been members of the NCCHC walking around the jail for months looking around the jail and providing managment with issues to be resolved to become accredited. It is a joke that anyone would believe he just got someone in the jail that fast to do an investigation. Please, for the safety of inmates and frontline staff, could someone please look into this lie? We are going to continue to have more deaths and less staff if a real company isn't hired to investigate.

Name: Carol Nichols

Address: Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Comment: Fitzgerald contracting with the NCCHC to investigate deaths at ACJ is a step, but that will take months. What are the Jail Oversight Board and jail administration doing *today* about preventing more deaths? Especially in light of Ronald Andrus' death, the most recent of a long string of deaths of people in ACJ's custody. No one at ACJ has been sentenced to death; the jail's most basic job is to keep people in custody alive. You're failing.

Name: Malcolm Durridge

Address: Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Comment: I am grateful that the county has asked NCCHC to perform a review of deaths at ACJ, and I hope this is a step forward. I also have to ask, however, why the Jail Oversight Board was not consulted before the county made this decision? This is especially concerning as the County Executive has missed meeting after meeting of the JOB, and because the JOB has struggled to access any information about deaths even though they are statutorily entitled to that information. NCCHC are experts who will undoubtedly provide much useful data, but why bypass the JOB entirely?

Food

Name: Richard Engel

Address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Comment: Can the public please see a list of the meals that were supposed to be served and of the meals that were actually served in the jail for the month of July 2022? June 2022? If not, why not? There are common complaints that there is very little food being served and that it is of inferior quality. Does the contract with the current food vendor include a requirement to document their work? Does the RFP to replace the food vendor require any new food vendor to document their work?

Violence

Name: Brett Campbell

Address: Sharpsburg, PA 15215

Comment: The Board passed a motion in September 2021, almost a year ago, banning the use of guns and flash bangs in the jail. Earlier this year, however, Warden Harper said that the jail was in fact using those tools and would continue to do so. Are the rifles and shotguns the jail purchased still in use? If so, how frequently are they deployed?

Miscellaneous

Name: Anonymous jail employee Concerned

Address: Pittsburgh, Pa 15219

Organization(s): Jail employee

Comment: Mr. Pularski, the illegal representative on this board, this question is for you since you illegally sit in for Mr. Fitzgerald every month. Could you please tell me how Mr. Fitzgerald can find time to go and talk to residents and businesses owners on the south side, but he can't find the time to make it to a jail oversightboard meeting? A jail he is in charge of? Please do not respond by saying you can't speak for him, because you illegally do it every month. Please explain?

Name: Lu Randall

Address: Monroeville, PA 15146

lu@autismofpa.org

Organization(s): Autism Connection of Pennsylvania (our office is in Pittsburgh)

Comment: We can be the first in PA to support people with the hidden disability of autism in our jail. Autistic people: make disability-based social errors, get caught up in scams, are used to unknowingly commit crimes, or become homeless. They also have neurology-based behaviors that seem odd and are misunderstood by people who call 911. This disability can lead to charges and incarceration. But Autism is not screened for, so we cannot divert these people who need help. I've met with judges, doctors, and Warden Harper; all support putting an autism screener into the healthcare record. This requires a little funding. Please re-allocate costs to this, from savings due to the healthcare worker shortage, in this fiscal year. How may I follow up?

Name: Kiana Mayo

Address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235

Comment: Bethany Hallam (Allegheny County Councilor) is on the jail's oversight board and is cited as saying [incarcerated people] being fed "ground-up bologna" instead of the meal posted on the menu for that day. Lack of food quality, kitchen sanitation, lack of staff, lack of proper medical care, discrimination, and violation of human rights is alarming. If the purpose of a correctional facility is to acclimate alleged criminals and convicted felons into society, lack of humane treatment and absence of compassion will contribute to the cycle of the repeated failures of the justice system to help incarcerated people on mental emotional and social levels. Would a more transparent list of expenses prompt those in charge to better assess spending?

Name: Rachel McGrady

Address: Wexford, PA 15090

Comment: (***)This is a comment for Judge Howsie-- doesn't have to be read at the meeting(***) I noticed that for the past couple meetings Judge Howsie has called Pat Catena's name instead of Bethany Hallam's during roll call. I understand Judge Howsie is new to the Board but he should know that County

Council President is allowed to assign a designee. Ms. Hallam isn't just temporarily "filling in" for Mr. Catena, nor is she serving as an illegal proxy like Steve Pilarski. She is a full member of the Board in the same way that Judge Howsie, as Judge Clark's designee, is a full member of the board. I don't think Judge Howsie would like it if every meeting started with Ms. Hallam asking why Judge Clark isn't there.....

Name: tanisha long

Address: Crafton , pa 15205

tanishaevonne@gmail.com

Comment: I would like to state that I am appalled by the behavior of the "chair" at the last jail oversight board meeting. Refusing to hear the public, refusing to hear motions, attempting to silence other board members, being argumentative, disrespectful, and rude. This aids in the dysfunction of the oversight board and works against the much needed public transparency. My hope is that we are working to aid the families of and the people currently incarcerated. These are PEOPLE. We need to treat them as such. I am embarrassed by what I witnessed at the last meeting.