

The monthly meeting of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board, Thursday, September 1, 2022 held in the Gold Room at 4:00 P.M.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Judge Elliot Howsie**

**Councilwoman Bethany Hallam**

**Sheriff Kevin Kraus**

**Stephen Pilarski for County Executive Rich Fitzgerald**

**Terri Klein**

**Controller Corey O'Connor**

#### **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 (6:23)**

##### **Judge Howsie (6:23):**

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

Ms. Hallam objected to Stephen Pilarski voting on behalf of Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

#### **2. Presentation on Pitt School of Social Work Survey (7:21)**

##### **Erin Dalton, Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) (7:21):**

DHS worked with the Pitt School of Social Work to conduct the survey. The survey was requested by the IIWF Subcommittee of the Jail Oversight Board. The primary purpose of the survey was to determine how to effectively use the proceeds in the Incarcerated Individual Welfare Fund. It also provided a snapshot of conditions in the jail at that time. The funds used to conduct the survey were from the Incarcerated Individual Welfare Fund and the Department of Human Services. The data was collected late summer/early fall of 2021, which was in the height of the pandemic. Ms. Dalton went through the process of how the survey was disbursed and how confidential data was collected, acknowledging the significant efforts made by the jail and the Pitt School of Social Work to achieve an 89% response rate, with 72% providing open ended responses. Ms. Dalton added that DHS does partner with the jail to obtain feedback from incarcerated individuals on a regular basis. Ms. Dalton informed everyone that the survey was done while the jail was following CDC guidelines/lockdown orders and may not be illustrative of what is happening in the jail today. Ms. Dalton provided statistics that over half of the individuals booked at the jail are there for 15 days or less and this type of survey may over represent people who have been at the jail for a while. Also, to note that the incarcerated individuals that are there for less time may not have the opportunity to be provided long-term services and resources. Ms. Dalton is interested in conducting surveys like this again in the future.

##### **Dean Farmer, Pitt School of Social Work (12:28):**

Dean Farmer provided more detail of the process of how the survey questions were compiled. Pitt School of Social Work worked with the IIWF Subcommittee on formulating the questions together. Dean Farmer reiterated that there was a high response rate and the jail was on lockdown due to the pandemic. Confidentiality of results was emphasized

to the respondents. The respondents received a Pepsi as an incentive to participate in the survey. Dean Farmer provided a summary of the survey results. Based on research it is believed that these survey results are representative. Dean Farmer wanted to note that 81% of the participants in the survey reported they had been in the jail previously.

In terms of basic needs, 28% of respondents said they have everything they needed to maintain basic hygiene and 82% of respondents said they purchased hygiene items from commissary. A list of items most frequently purchased was included in the report. The results were broken out by gender. In response to the questions regarding menstrual products, 29% of the women respondent's said they mostly had access to necessary products and 35% said the products they had were sufficient to meet their needs.

In terms of medical health, 66% of the respondents were either very unhappy or somewhat unhappy with the medical services within the jail. The 2 main concerns that were reported were wait time and not receiving proper medications for chronic conditions.

In term of mental health, standardized questions were asked. Approximately 50% of men and 44% of women responses suggested they have a likely diagnosis of a serious mental illness. Open-ended questions were not asked in this section, but some respondents did include additional comments.

In terms of comfort level, approximately 37% of respondents stated they were very uncomfortable and approximately 34% said they were somewhat uncomfortable in the jail. Only 25% stated they had sufficient clothes or covers to stay warm. Many respondents stated that they do not sleep well, which timing of sleeping medication seemed to be a common concern.

In terms of food, 72% of respondents stated very dissatisfied with the food. There were 76% of respondents that reported the food is not meeting their dietary requirements. There were 53% that frequently went to bed hungry and 35% that sometimes went to bed hungry. Many respondents were purchasing food items from commissary to meet their food needs and are unhappy with the costs of commissary based on open ended responses.

In terms of activities and services in the jail, respondents were utilizing the tablets greatly. Tablets were used as entertainment as well as connecting with family/friends as visitors were not allowed in the jail at the time of this survey. There were 94% respondents that used the tablet every day for a variety of activities. Only 4% of respondents stated they had enough money to cover paid material on tablets, with 34% stating never and 48% sometimes did not have enough. Around 75% of respondents had contact with their family at least once a week. There were 83% stating telephone and 72% stating tablet/video chatting was most frequent means of communication.

Some additional data regarding activities and services, keeping in mind the incarcerated individuals were on 23 and 1 lockdown during this time. In terms of exercising, men were exercising more and more satisfied with amount of exercise and types of exercise than women. There were 76% of respondents stating that reading was a usual activity and were reading quite often. Many respondents indicated they read well but would like to read better. Respondents also provided list of reading materials they are interested in. There were 57% of respondents that frequently or sometimes participated in religious activities at the jail.

The survey provides a summary of the information as well as tables of data collected for further detail.

The JOB was then provided an opportunity to comment and ask questions regarding the survey results. (30:14)

**Controller O'Connor (30:20):**

Mr. O'Connor made a motion to add the results to the meeting minutes, so they would be open to the public.

***The board unanimously approved a motion by Controller O'Connor, duly seconded by Councilwoman Hallam, to add the Pitt School of Social Work Needs Assessment Results to the minutes.***

**Survey Link: <https://allegHENYcontroller.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Pitt-School-of-Social-Work-ACJ-Needs-Assessment-Fall-2021.pdf>**

Mr. O'Connor suggested doing the survey more often. Jail Administration is looking at doing the survey annually at the least. There has not been discussion, at this time, that Pitt School of Social Work will conduct the survey again, but Dean Farmer agreed it would be beneficial to survey again coming out of the pandemic.

Mr. O'Connor requested a cost estimate from the commissary vendor for providing items around basic needs to the incarcerated individuals. Basic need items are currently provided on the pods and the jail administration is looking into expanding some of those items. Jail administration will provide a list of the most popular brands of basic needs items purchased on commissary with associated costs.

Mr. O'Connor requested a list of services/meetings being provided at the jail with a comparison of services that were provided pre-pandemic to where we are now. The services have increased since the survey was done, and the jail continues to monitor and implement more as COVID cases decline.

**Councilwoman Hallam (36:06):**

Ms. Hallam thanked Dean Farmer and everyone who assisted in getting this done. The Warden stated he received the survey results in early August. The Board was given the survey September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Hallam is concerned of the number of individuals that reported not receiving hygiene products. Warden Harper clarified that individuals coming into the jail receive "socks, t-shirts, underwear, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, all hygiene items they need". These items are also on the cell blocks and can be requested from a correctional officer. The incarcerated individuals purchase items off commissary if they do not prefer the ones provided. Ms. Hallam does not feel these items are provided to the incarcerated individuals, specifically mentioning access to toilet paper and menstrual products. The types of menstrual products were increased earlier this year when it was brought to the jail's attention. They have also been monitoring supplies and will continue to better as the population changes. Deputy Warden Toma mentioned that another survey will help determine whether the changes they have made over the last year have been impactful. Another change that is in the process based on survey results was an increase in the clothing provided. The jail has to look at how making a change will impact other services. Ms. Hallam requested the jail provide a list of changes they have made based on the survey results.

Ms. Hallam is concerned over the results in the medical section and the specific quotes provided by the respondents. Warden Harper reiterates what was stated earlier that this survey was in the height of the pandemic and did everything they could to provide service as quickly as possible. Medical staff at the jail have 4 minutes to respond to a medical emergency. Wait times on the day of the survey for non-emergency first appointment to medical was 8 days and 39 days for psychiatry. Ms. Hallam commented that incarcerated individuals are the only people in United States that have a constitutional right to healthcare. She is concerned about medications being given on time and the respondents reporting having to wait days for medications when they were coming into the jail. Ms. Hallam is concerned about respondents not getting adequate sleep and sleeping medications not given at correct times. Warden Harper confirmed, as previously reported, medications were given late during the height of the pandemic.

Ms. Hallam is also concerned about the results of survey in terms of food. Ms. Hallam requested information on what has been done in terms of rodent issues with food. The jail has an exterminator come twice a week and a food services RFP will be going out soon. The jail is cleaning and sanitizing more often as well. The current ACHD reports have a decrease in issues at the jail. Ms. Hallam is concerned that the dietary restrictions are not being reviewed by the correct individuals. This concern is being addressed with the new RFP for food services which is currently in review.

There was further discussion regarding the meal substitutions and reasons for substitutions. The contract for food services separates meals for incarcerated individuals and employees due to volume. Summit employees usually provide supervision the food preparation and service but occasionally officers and sergeants have done it due to staff shortages at Summit. The jail is hiring a contract compliance monitor and the management team are and will oversee the food process. Ms. Hallam suggested an emergency contract be put into place until new vendor is chosen to provide adequate food. Summit's contract was amended to add a protein supplement. The jail administration and the food vendor have corrective action meetings to address issues and concerns regarding the food service. The RFP will include more defined duties and responsibilities based on the concerns of the current contract.

Ms. Hallam is concerned regarding the mental health results. Every jail employee has received mental health first aid training. De-escalation training and crisis intervention training are in the works. Group services have increased and will continue to increase to pre-pandemic levels. To participate in a substance use disorder program the individual will have to apply, which they obtain by submitting a request to the substance use program. Once application is submitted and program criteria is met, they are able to participate in the program. There is a class size limit and currently a wait list for this program. If staff is accused of mistreating an incarcerated individual, the employee will have a hearing to determine if the infraction occurred. Ms. Hallam expressed concern regarding the lawsuits regarding mental health treatment in terms of use of force. Warden Harper reiterated the process as discussed in previous meetings using de-escalation techniques.

**Ms. Klein (1:13:37):**

Ms. Klein thanked Dean Farmer, the incarcerated individuals that participated and the jail staff. Ms. Klein was curious about DHS's payment for a portion of the survey. It was clarified the DHS supplemented an additional \$10,000 to the original \$20,000 paid for by IWF to make sure there was enough resources to get a high-quality survey.

Ms. Klein is inquiring if there is anything that can be generalized from the survey to today. Dean Farmer does not feel she is in a position to do that and it would be speculation. She recommends repeating a modified version of the survey now while not in the height of the pandemic.

Ms. Klein requested that the subcommittee meet to discuss survey results and come up with suggestions on how to use the Incarcerated Individual's Welfare Fund.

Ms. Dalton added that the tablets were a strong investment using the Incarcerated Individual's Welfare Funds based on the survey results for that period of time.

Controller O'Connor requested a written response to the survey from the jail administration on things that have occurred since the survey. Warden Harper will look into it. Councilwoman Hallam requested to make a motion to ensure the jail administration provided a written response for the next meeting.

**Councilwoman Hallam (1:20:27):**

Councilwoman Hallam is concerned about the 23 and 1 lockdown. The jail is currently on split recreation but there are times where individuals do not get 4 hours a day out of cell time. Warden Harper stated he would provide Councilwoman Hallam information regarding any potential lockdown from the previous weekend.

Councilwoman Hallam expressed concern about staffing issues and how the jail administration will not provide information to the board despite a news article from today providing detailed statistics and staffing at the jail today compared to 2009. Warden Harper was not aware of any article. The jail administration was planning on presenting staffing information requested from President Pat Catena at the next JOB meeting. Councilwoman Hallam let the jail administration know the Jail Oversight Board is entitled to this information, as well as, information on deaths in the jail, any policies and procedures, any other information and will resort to subpoena powers of County Council and will ensure through court order or at the JOB meetings the jail administration will provide requested information.

**3. Review of the Minutes for August 24, 2022 (1:27:10)**

*The board unanimously approved a motion by Councilwoman Hallam, duly seconded by Terri Klein, to receive the Jail Oversight Board Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2022.*

**4. Public Comments (1:27:23)**

**A. Elaine Frantz (1:27:23):**

Ms. Frantz is concerned about the upcoming election and the access of people in the jail ability to vote. She is aware of the process that has been set up for incarcerated individuals to vote. Her concern is for individuals who are currently incarcerated and will still be in jail at the time of the election but have not been convicted of a felony, individuals who are currently incarcerated that are not sure if they will be incarcerated at the time of election, and individuals that will be arrested between now and Election Day. Ms. Frantz would like transparency on the steps the jail is taking to ensure all incarcerated individuals are given the opportunity to vote as well as education these individuals about their rights.

**B. Jay Ting Walker (1:29:41):**

Mr. Walker is concerned about the lack of compliance with the posted book policy on ACJ's website. Mr. Walker referenced Policy #430 stating it says only the Warden and Deputy Warden may reject materials, as well as that the jail administration will let the incarcerated individual and publisher know, in writing, regarding rejecting a book with the opportunity to appeal. Mr. Walker does not believe this policy is being followed and demands the JOB hold them accountable.

**C. Marion Damick (1:31:39):**

Ms. Damick is concerned about the money being spent to light up the bridges when the money could be spent on medical care at the jail, as well as the rat problem. Ms. Damick read through the vacancy report of the medical staff at the jail. She would like the county to spend the money where it is needed and to get people out of the jail to be productive citizens.

**D. John Kenstowicz (1:35:52):**

Mr. Kenstowicz is concerned about a potential conflict of interest by having the same vendor for commissary and food services at the jail. The economic incentive is high for the vendor to provide a low-quality meal to boost commissary sales. He recommends two separate RFPs be issued and a prohibition against a single vendor being awarded for both contracts. He also recommends providing valuable training for the liaison. He believes the liaison should have knowledge of the jail's policies and procedures. He recommends the liaison, as well as the JOB members, should have a copy of the NCCHC Standards for Health Services in Jails. Mr. Kenstowicz insists information from the jail should be disclosed to the public. He mentioned a study from Public Source stating Allegheny County Jail redaction of policies far exceeded other counties. He recommends the county contract with a correctional expert to conduct an assessment and make recommendations regarding the ACJ's practice of disclosing information to the public.

**E. Richard Garland (1:39:26):**

Mr. Garland is concerned about the education of juveniles at ACJ. He stated the correctional officer that was assigned to the Juvenile Education Unit was reassigned and a replacement has not been provided. He also stated that the juveniles are now staying on the housing unit for school. He is concerned there is no classroom and no access to computers. He is requesting the JOB make the change.

**F. Reverend Richard Freeman (Minister Ella Scales spoke on his behalf) (1:41:04):**

Minister Ella Scales read Reverend Richard Freeman's comment as he was unable to stay. Reverend Freeman is the President of the Pennsylvania Interface Impact Network and Senior Pastor of the Resurrection Baptist Church in Braddock, PA. Minister Scales presented 7 demands on a quest for justice and mercy for the incarcerated individuals that have lost their life. "1) Incarcerated individuals receive immediate medical attention, at their request, at no cost and the determination to provide care not to be left to the correctional staff. 2) Incarcerated individuals be given the ability to add, delete, or modify emergency contact information at their request during all stages of incarceration and custody and that this request be processed within 1 day of the ask. 3) Allegheny County Jail to notify the emergency contact and the Jail Oversight Board with complete details around the incarcerated individual's medical emergency, hospitalization, or death within 2 hours of any emergency event happening. 4) Family members or listed emergency contacts be allowed to immediate access to a hospitalized incarcerated individual. 5) Transparency into medical records of deceased incarcerated individuals. 6) Practical resources be made available for detainees and incarcerated individuals in the Allegheny County Jail. 7) A committee meeting with the Jail Oversight Board be held within 30 days of this demand that should be carried out."

There was discussion regarding making a motion to accept these recommendations. It was discussed that it would be addressed for next meeting.

**G. Reverend Rod Tate (1:44:46):**

Reverend Rod Tate stated he is the organizer of Pennsylvania Interface Impact Network and agrees with the demands of the previous speaker.

**H. Tanisha Long (1:45:13):**

Ms. Long was unable to attend the last meeting and is concerned that her online submitted comment was either not read or overly summarized. Her online comment referenced her concerns with the behavior of the JOB at the previous meeting. Concerned that people submitting comments online are not getting the full effect due to not being read or are being over summarized. Ms. Long commented that incarcerated individuals, as well as their families, have been voicing the same concerns as the results of the survey for years. Ms. Long expressed concerns about the excuse of Covid being used, the disrespect of the Warden, and the JOB members being stopped from asking questions.

**I. Juana Saunders (her sister, Diane, is reading on her behalf) (1:48:38):**

Ms. Saunders is the mother of Gerald Thomas Jr. who passed away on March 6, 2022. Ms. Saunders will continue to attend the meetings until incarcerated individuals are safe. Ms. Saunders is concerned of the effects that understaffing is having on the incarcerated individuals with 23-hour lock down, no rec time, and no visitation. Ms. Saunders believes nothing has changed in the last 4 months she has been attending meetings. Ms. Saunders is asking the board to make some changes.

Diane also stated her concern about the communication between jail administration and families. Diane believes there is no trust in the jail administration because of her experiences as an emergency contact for family members that are incarcerated in the jail. Diane states that she always has to reach out first.

**J. Brandi Fisher (1:52:49):**

Ms. Fisher commented on how she would like to know some of the answers of items that were raised during public comment. Ms. Fisher is concerned that there is no accountability of the issues going on at the jail and the Board's lack of emotion from hearing the results of the survey. Ms. Fisher expresses concern regarding what is being done in the jail to address all the issues that are being raised. Ms. Fisher commented on how incarcerated individuals are still in solitary confinement even with the ordinance in place. Ms. Fisher believes there has been no change.

**K. Sharon Bonavoglia (1:56:45):**

Ms. Bonavoglia stated the names of all the incarcerated individuals that have recently passed and believes the board should read those at the beginning of every meeting, "Richard Lenhart, Robert Blake, Cody Still, Daniel Pastorek, John Brady, Martin Bucek, Robert Harper, Vinckley Harris, Justin Brady, Paul Allen, Roger Millsbaugh, Paul Spisak, Gerald Thomas, Jerry Lee Ross Jr., Victor Joseph Zilinek, Ronald Andrus." Ms. Bonavoglia praised the public that attends the meetings as well as the board members that speak out. Ms. Bonavoglia is concerned that the Warden has been in this position for 10 years and has not been held accountable. Ms. Bonavoglia is planning on attending JOB meetings going forward and thanked Ms. Damick for her commitment to continue to show up.

**L. Ciora Thomas (2:00:20):**

Ms. Thomas was unable to stay to present her comment.

**M. Tim Stevens (2:00:26):**

Mr. Stevens, on behalf of B-PEP, requests that the Pitt School of Social Work survey be reviewed by the jail and board members, collectively, within the next 2 weeks. Mr. Stevens also requests that everyone respect Ms. Hallam. Mr. Stevens commented on the lack of passion of the board while reviewing the survey results. Mr. Stevens believes this is inhumane treatment and a large percentage of the people in the jail have not been found guilty. Mr. Stevens commented that the board should not permit this to happen. Mr. Stevens believes the jail should provide incarcerated individuals with all the basic items they need. Mr. Stevens requested that all incarcerated individuals be permitted to watch a video, created by B-PEP for individuals in jail, and be provided an opportunity to vote.

There was further discussion regarding clarification on the number of incarcerated individuals in ACJ that are convicted of a crime.

**5. New Business (2:06:57):**

Councilwoman Hallam inquired as to whether the NCCHC audit has begun. The jail administration did not enter the contract with the NCCHC audit for investigating deaths in the ACJ yet, so all questions need to be referred to the County Manager's office. At this time, no documentation has been requested from the jail for that audit. The contract has not been signed yet.

There was also discussion regarding female or non-binary juveniles are brought into the jail. They are housed separate from the juvenile males. The police officer that brings the juvenile to the jail will provide committing documents for the juvenile being charged as an adult. Councilwoman Hallam requested Warden Harper to find out who signs the committing documents.

**A. Motion for IIWF monies to be put on incarcerated individual accounts (2:12:14):**

**Councilwoman Hallam (2:12:37):**

*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 1,479 folks currently incarcerated in the jail. \$100 for each person, for a total cost of \$147,900.*

***The board unanimously approved a motion by Councilwoman Hallam, duly seconded by Controller O'Connor, to request money from Incarcerated Individual's Welfare Fund to be put on the commissary and tablet joint account of each incarcerated individual (1,479 individuals x \$100.00 = Total \$147,900).***

Judge Howsie received a letter from Summit stating they will answer questions in writing and/or attend a meeting if necessary. There was discussion as to whether it was appropriate and fair to other potential bidders

for Summit to attend in person due to being in the middle of the RFP process. Judge Howsie suggested the board submit questions regarding food service in writing regardless if Summit will be attending in person or not.

Judge Howsie also informed the board the Ms. Moss fell and has been unable to attend the last 2 meetings. He asked that you keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

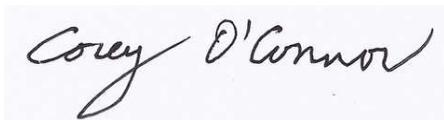
Judge Howsie thanked Ms. Klein for her commitment. Her birthday was the same day as August's meeting and her wedding anniversary was the same day as this meeting.

Controller O'Connor acknowledges a new staff member, Ankur Sakaria, Criminal Justice Attorney, at the Controller's Office that will be assisting and reaching out to all the board members.

**9. Adjournment (2:19:03)**

***Sheriff Kraus made the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned approximately 6:30pm.***

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature reads "Corey O'Connor" in a cursive, flowing script.

## September 2022 JOB Public Comments

### Weapons/Violence

Name: Brett Campbell

Address: Sharpsburg, PA 15215

Comment: Judge Howsie read my question at the last meeting but did not allow for any discussion so I am asking it again. I would really, really, really like an answer to this question. 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?

### Food

Name: Jane Adams

Address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15208

Comment: What nutritional guidelines does the dietician use to prepare menus for incarcerated persons and employees at the jail? Do ACJ managers or personnel assist in creating or reviewing these guidelines?

### Books

Name: Tanisha Washington

Address: Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Comment: Barnes & Noble is an authorized book seller for the Allegheny County Jail. However, ACJ has been rejecting books purchased from Barnes & Noble if there is no paper copy receipt. This is unfair. The Barnes & Noble warehouse that sends books to ACJ has gone paperless, meaning there is no paper copy of the receipt in the book shipment. Why is ACJ rejecting book shipments on this basis? What can be done to guarantee that inmates receive their books?

### Medical/ Health

Name: Rachel McGrady

Address: Wexford, PA 15090

Comment: Why was NCCHC inspecting the jail recently? Did they already complete their review of deaths at ACJ?

Name: Malcolm Durrige

Address: Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Comment: I feel like there is some confusion about why ADA compliance keeps coming up at meetings. To be clear, the Americans with Disabilities Act covers more than employment discrimination and other HR issues. The ADA also requires that "qualified inmates or detainees with disabilities are not discriminated against, denied benefits to which they are entitled, or excluded from programs, services, or activities for which they are eligible." [Fact sheet here: <https://adata.org/factsheet/corrections>]. The concern is that the jail's Tier System may discriminate against individuals with psychiatric disabilities by denying them benefits and/or excluding them from programs, services, and activities. Can the county PLEASE just look into this???

### Miscellaneous

Name: Holiday E Adair

Address: Pittsburgh, PA 15228

Comment: Sheriff Kraus supervising Prison Liaison is a conflict of interest July minutes of the JOB: "The JOB will supervise and direct the actual work performed by the liaison" Conflict of interest to let prison lawyer Mr. Bacharach decide what information the Jail can share with the JOB It is unacceptable that Warden Harper and Mr Bacharach continue to comply with simple requests Example Is the jail ADA compliant? Has come up for 3 JOB meetings JOB members have staff who can find out Failure to make data-based decisions despite having data at hand is amazing Rethinking the Jail consultation project needs accurate data Warden Harper is ignorant of proper statistical analysis (skewed report of prison deaths)750 limit violates 5 min. allowed!

Name: Carol Nichols

Address: Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Comment: Why do you even bother taking questions from the public if you're not going to answer them? Why can't the jail and the Jail Oversight Board be as open with the public about how our tax dollars are being spent as other jails?

Name: Savanna M Green

Address: Wilkinsburg, PA 15221

Comment: I just want to give a SHOUT OUT to Judge Lazzara, Terri Klein, and Bethany Hallam for their dedication to the Board. I'm really excited to see what happens next with the JOB Liaison position and the IIVF Committee. Keep up the good work!!!

Name: Miracle Jones

Address: Pittsburgh , PA 15219

Organization(s):1Hood Power

Comment: Good Afternoon Jail Oversight Board, My name is miracle jones, and I am a resident of Allegheny County. I am reaching out to you because there are people in the jail who are not only able to register to vote but also vote in this election. It is imperative to ensure the right to vote is protected and accessible for the most vulnerable of our populations. To that end, I ask that you to ensure the jail administrative decision-maker develops a public and detailed policy that affirms eligible voters in jail will be provided with an opportunity to register as well as vote in this and future elections. Thank you for your time and understanding.

Name: James Sullivan

Address: Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Comment: Inmates at ACJ haven't been able to get hard copies of the grievances they've submitted electronically on their tablets. What should they do? How long does this process take? Who is responsible for overseeing this process?