

Lancaster County Board of Corrections

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LANCASTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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Agenda

Thursday, August 20, 2020

8:30 a.m.

- I. Approval of the February 27, 2020 minutes
 - a. February 27, 2020 minutes

- II. Population Statistics & Charts
 - a. Population Comparisons
 - b. Booking and Lodging Totals
 - c. Pre-Trial and Sentence Conversion Release
 - d. Custodial Sanctions/County Reinvestment Act
 - e. Regional Center Waiting Periods
 - f. Community Hospital Posts
 - g. Felonies Sentenced to Lancaster County
 - h. Drug Court Remand
 - i. Violation of House Arrest
 - j. COVID Update
 - k. Fiscal Year 2020 Report

- III. Programming

- IV. Transportation

- V. Work Crews

- VI. Training

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**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
10:15 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Deb Schorr, Chair; Sean Flowerday; Roma Amundson; Rick Vest, and Christa Yoakum

Others Present: Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Brad Johnson, Corrections Director; and Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall at the back of the meeting room.

AGENDA ITEM

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2019

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the November 7, 2019 meeting minutes. Vest, Yoakum, Flowerday, Amundson and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Johnson reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that covered various aspects of the Corrections Department (see agenda packet).

- II. POPULATION STATISTICS & CHARTS**
- III. PROGRAMMING**
- IV. TRANSPORTATION**
- V. WORK CREWS**
- VI. TRAINING**

Johnson noted a 4.5% increase in incarcerations. He also covered statistics of various sentences, holds for jurisdictions and bond releases.

There has been an increase in possession cases the previous five years and methamphetamine (meth) is the driving factor. Johnson emphasized that if a person with a meth addiction wants to make a change, there needs to be support and programs available to assist that person. Some deterrents in place appear to be working, i.e., not having easy access to cold remedies

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in pharmacies and increased security at anhydrous facilities.

According to Johnson, bookings are down.

Johnson reviewed custodial sanction statistics.

Johnson felt SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) is having a positive impact on Regional Center housing.

Johnson said the number of felonies sentenced has an impact on the jail population. He informed the Board that twenty-one (21) felons will serve 5,021 days for meth and meth related behavior.

Johnson noted that the length of stay has increased 18.6% since 2014 and that LB 605 has contributed to the increase as people are now serving longer sentences for the same crime.

The population growth in Lancaster County accounts for some of the increasing growth in jail numbers but not all of it. In one instance, a person was sentenced to five one-year sentences and will serve at least two and a half years in the County facility. Before legislative changes, this person would have been housed in the Nebraska Penitentiary.

With the passage of LB 605, no misdemeanor sentences are served at the State.

Graphs showing the incarceration rate per one hundred thousand were discussed (see agenda packet). Johnson said the female jail population is growing and that much of that can be attributed to meth. He added that fewer people are coming into the jail but they are staying longer.

Vest wondered if all solutions to reduce the jail population have been exhausted. He mentioned caseworkers, volunteers and other things being done to assist people.

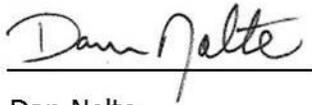
Amundson inquired if more diversionary activities are needed.

Johnson replied that mental health comes into play and that there is not enough support once an individual is released. He said some need more treatment upon release or they will re-enter the system. He said a lot of problems start early (18 months to 3 years of age). Poor parenting, parents not committed to education, substance abuse and other factors affect children at an early age and cause issues that lead to incarceration down the road. Johnson said he sees grandkids in the jail that also had parents or even grandparents who were incarcerated at one time.

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MOTION: Amundson moved and Vest seconded to adjourn the Board of Corrections meeting at 10:59 a.m. Amundson, Vest, Flowerday, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



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II. Population Statistics (January-June, 2020)

A. Population Comparisons

- The average daily population (ADP) for this period of 2020 was 532.4 detainees compared to 626.1 for the same period in 2019. This is a 15% decrease due to onset of COVID in mid-March.
- This period ADP consumed 80.1% of the department's operational capacity of 665.
- Other Population Totals Over 1st half of 2020:
 - Felony Arrests-1260
 - Misdemeanor Arrests-1505
 - Felons Sentenced-144
 - Misdemeanors Sentenced-170
 - Held for other Jurisdictions-220
 - Percent Conditionally Released Average-29.5%
- Current Population Statistics-**As of July 31, 2020**
 - 510 inmates were in custody
 - Average bookings per inmate – 11.69
 - Average FTA per inmate – 4.05
 - Average FTC per inmate – 3.13
 - 25% or 126 inmates had a history of state incarcerations

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B. Booking & Lodging Totals

- Average bookings were down 32.3% compared to same time period last year.
- Average lodgings were down 26.6% compared to same time period last year.

C. Pre-Trial/Sentence Conversion Release

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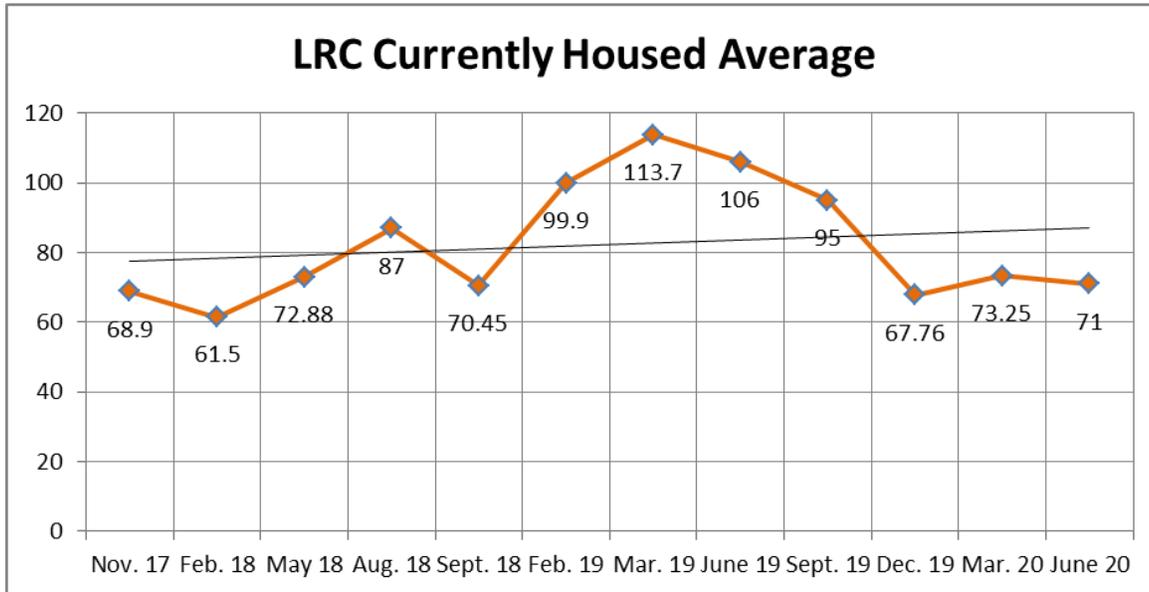
- Lancaster County Department of Corrections tracked offenders who were incarcerated for violating State Post Release Supervision. These 12 inmates had their State Post Release Supervision revoked and were re-sentenced to county time. The 12 sentences totaled 1,428 days or 119 days per individual.

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E. Regional Center Housing

- 17 individuals waiting for 1,207 days (71 days average per individual)



- 7 individuals waiting 489 days (69.85 average per individual)

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F. Community Hospital Posts

- 14 inmates admitted to community hospital in 2020 year to date. 55 days with 1 inmate admitted, 9 additional days with 2 inmates admitted.

2020 Year to Date Days with Community Hospital Post

2020	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JAN				1 A	2	3	4
	5 B	6 B	7 B	8	9	10 C	11 C
	12 C	13 C	14 C	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22 D	23 D	24 D	25 D
FEB	26 D	27 D E	28 E	29 E	30 E	31 E	1 E F
	2 E F	3 E	4 E	5 E	6 E	7 E	8 E
	9 E	10	11	12	13 G	14 G	15 G
	16 G H	17 G H	18 H	19 H	20 H	21 H	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	1	2 I	3 I	4 I	5 I	6 I J	7 I J
	8 I J	9 I J	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
APR	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13 K	14 K	15 K	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29 L	30 L	1 L	2 L
	3 L	4 L	5	6	7	8	9
MAY	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21 M	22 M	23 M
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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	M	M	M	M	M	M	
	31	1	2	3	4	5 N	6 N
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
JUN	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30				

G. Felonies Sentenced to Lancaster County

- Felony 3A
 - 24 inmates @ 5,832 days (243 average days)
- Felony 4
 - 57 inmates @ 15,430 days (270.7 average days)
- ✓ **Total of 81 inmates will serve 21,262 days (262.5 average days)**

H. Drug Court Remand-

- 31 drug court participants will serve 36 remands during this quarter totaling 1,433 days (46.2 average days per individual)

I. Violation of House Arrest-

- 33 violations served 4,378 days (132.7 average days)

J. COVID Update-

- 120 Inmates have been tested
 - 8 Positive tests with no hospitalizations
 - 3 positive at booking
 - 5 identified during screening or quarantine period
- 38 Staff members have been tested
 - 3 Positive
 - 1 hospitalized

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K. Fiscal Year 2020 Statistics Report

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MONTHLY STATUS REPORT															
FISCAL YEAR 2020	2019						2020						AVERAGE	TOTAL	
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TO DATE	TO DATE	
Average Daily Population @ADF	662.7	661.9	641.9	643.4	655.2	631.9	632.5	615.2	588.1	463.1	442.7	452.5	590.9	N/A	
High for Month	670	672	651	643	673	663	635	628	606	492	444	477	604.5	N/A	
Low for Month	627	615	613	610	612	583	596	575	502	423	416	429	550.1	N/A	
Total Number of Bookings	825	862	780	732	773	675	781	694	600	300	425	505	662.7	7,952	
Felony Arrests	263	275	253	254	261	221	265	245	233	140	179	198	232.3	2,787	
Misdemeanor Arrests	419	464	394	344	377	337	376	332	285	118	182	212	320.0	3,840	
Felons Sentenced	41	38	29	44	38	25	37	30	20	12	22	23	29.9	359	
Misdemeanants Sentenced	54	28	44	44	49	32	48	43	20	16	16	27	35.1	421	
Held for Other Jurisdictions	48	59	60	46	48	57	54	44	39	12	25	46	44.8	538	
Total Conditionally Released	304	338	282	271	291	262	309	242	222	65	91	115	232.7	2,792	
Percent Conditionally Released	36.85%	39.21%	36.15%	37.02%	37.65%	38.81%	39.56%	34.87%	37.00%	21.67%	21.41%	22.77%	33.6%		
Pre-Arrestment Releases	173	167	148	150	160	134	157	131	105	28	56	52	121.8	1,461	
Court Disposition Releases	131	171	134	121	131	128	152	111	117	37	35	63	110.9	1,331	
Total of Individuals Lodged	521	524	498	461	482	413	472	452	378	235	334	390	430.0	5,160	
MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES															
Referred to Jail Physician	138	96	96	90	73	69	112	64	60	62	51	53	80	964	
Referred to Mental Health/LRC	3	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	13	
Transferred to Emergency Room	12	16	11	10	12	12	8	11	12	3	7	5	10	119	

III. Programming (January-June, 2020)

- Religious (812 Meetings)
 - Bible Study- 135
 - Church Service- 145
 - Discipleship Mentoring- 107
 - 1:1 Religious Counseling – 409
 - Healing Heart Wounds - 16
- Substance Abuse Education & 12 Step Programs (71 Meetings)
 - The Bridge Behavioral Health Substance Abuse Education for Men- 18
 - St. Monica's Substance Abuse Education for Women- 9
 - AA Meetings- 36
 - NA Meetings- 8

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- Educational Programs (180 classes)
 - GED Classes- 67
 - TABE Classes-4
 - Lincoln Literacy- 10
 - Christian Heritage Parenting- 16
 - Christian Heritage Within My Reach (Domestic Relationships Ed)- 16
 - Released & Restored Job/Life Skills- 13
 - Moral Reconation Therapy (M.R.T.) – 10
 - Dialectical Behaviorial Therapy-10
 - Food Prep Skills- 29
 - Food Handler Permit Testing-5
- Transition Planning (67 inmate contacts)
 - V.A. Outreach-51
 - Center Pointe Dual Diagnosis Homeless Outreach- 16
- Work/Court Ordered Release Averages per Month
 - January
 - 10- County Court
 - 8- District Court
 - February
 - 5- County Court
 - 9- District Court
 - Marach
 - 4- County Court
 - 9- District Court
- Other
 - GED Practice/Subject Tests-17
 - January- 9
 - 1 male earned his GED 1/8/2020
 - February- 5
 - 1 male earned his GED 2/19/2020

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- March- 3
- I've Got a Name-Held 1/17/2020
 - Informational presentation for female inmates about issues & available help regarding sex trafficking. Individual follow-up for inmates requesting more private/specific discussion.
- Crime Victim Empathy Class- 2/1/2020
 - Program facilitated by Community Justice Center for Probation to identify the victims of crime(s) committed and gain an appreciation for the scope of the impact of criminal conduct. This program is required for all individuals sentenced to Post-Release Supervision.
- VITA Tax Preparation Assistance- 2/28/2020
 - Volunteer tax preparation assistance for inmates.

IV. Transportation (January-June, 2020)

- Court Appearances
 - County Court
 - 3,401 Video Appearances
 - 537 Physical Appearances
 - District Court
 - 706 Video Appearances
 - 499 Physical Appearances
- Off-Site Transports
 - State Department of Corrections
 - 103 to Diagnostic and Evaluation
 - 18 to Nebraska Center for Women (York)
 - Medical
 - 55 to Hospital
 - 96 to Clinical Appointments

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- Mental Health
 - 54 to Lincoln Regional Center
 - 12 to Crisis Center

V. Work Crews (January-June, 2020)

- Lancaster County Event Center
 - A crew of eight inmates were utilized 12 times at the Event Center, cleaning horse stalls, setup and tear down for various events, including the NE Power Farming Show.
- Adult Detention Facility (ADF) or Yard Crews
 - Crews of eight inmates worked 90 times around the facility.
 - Cleaning the warehouse and showers throughout the building.
 - Picked up trash around the building
 - Fall clean up on facility grounds
 - Shoveled snow and put ice melt down
 - Deep cleaning in the staff dining kitchen
 - Unloaded a large order of monthly supplies into the warehouse. Pallets were loaded, supplies were brought into the building weekly.
 - Miscellaneous jobs in non-detention areas of the jail.
 - Shoveled snow and put down ice salt
 - Sewing crews of 8 inmates worked approximately 60 times and made over 5,000 masks.

VI. Training (January-June, 2020)

- Initial Orientation
 - 29 new officers completed initial orientation training. (80 hours)
 - 1 new kitchen employees (35 hours)
 - 3 Wellpath nurse practitioners (38 hours)
 - 1 Wellpath nurse attended partial orientation (20 hours)

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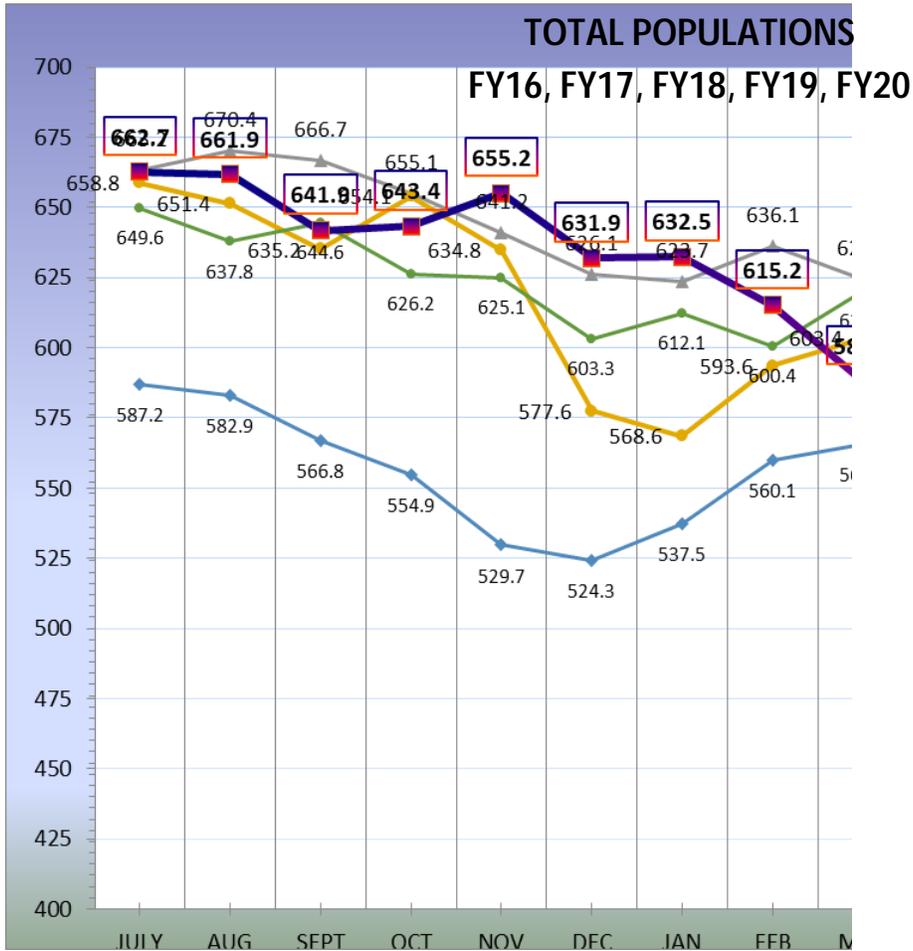
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- 2 Wellpath LMHPs (50 hours)
- In-Service Training
 - 269 employees completed the CJIS online training (2 hours)
 - 1 employee completed CJIS online Level 4 training (2 hours)
 - 1 staff member completed CJIS online LASO training (2 hours)
 - 209 staff members completed CPR/AED/1st Aid training (8 hours)
 - 59 non-security staff completed Non-Security Use of Force Training (4 hours)
 - 185 uniformed and 78 non-uniformed staff completed the Security Emergency Procedures Policy test. (2 hours)
 - 25 employees attended the Fitness for Confinement Class (1 hour)
 - 3 Sergeant attended supervisor training (24 hours)
 - 157 uniformed staff members completed “Use of Force” (8 hours)
 - 26 officers completed on the job training (80 hours)
 - 11 officers complete the field training program (32 hours)
 - 6 officers took the online NCIC recertification course (2 hours)
 - 2 employees attended Diversity Training (2 hours)
 - 1 officer attended Suicide Awareness/Restraint Chair make up class (8 hours)
 - 1 officer took the online course “Assessing Inmates and Risk” (3 hours)
 - 1 officer completed the online course “Assigning Inmates to Housing Units” (1 hour)
 - 3 uniformed officers took part in an online class, “Security Mentor” (1 hour)
 - 6 staff members worked with LPD implementing the new Motorola radio system (2 hours)
 - 3 officers attended Use of Force make up class (8 hours)
 - 3 Sergeants completed the supervisor orientation packet (15 hours)
 - 8 full time officers completed the academy (120 hours)
 - 2 on-call officers completed the academy (96 hours)
- Outside Training
 - 2 supervisors attended Continuum class, “Drug and Alcohol Recognition” (4 hours)
 - 1 employee attended Continuum class, “Grit and Perseverance” (2 hours)

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- 1 staff member took Continuum class “Crucial Conversations” (2 hours)
- 11 officers took an online class to get NCIC recertification (2 hours)



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