

DELAWARE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION BOARD OF MANAGERS
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18TH, 2025
4:30PM
HYBRID: DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AND VIRTUAL

Board Members Present:

Dr. Monica Taylor, Council Chair
Elaine Schaefer, Council Member
Joanne Phillips, Controller

Chekemma Fulmore Townsend
Candice L. Linehan
Rev. James Turner

Call Meeting to Order: Councilwoman Schaefer called the meeting to order at 4:33PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only): No public comment.

Approval of Minutes: Rev. Turner motioned to approve the October Meeting Minutes. Board Member Townsend seconded the motion. The Meeting Minutes from October 21st were approved.

Reports:

- A. Monthly Detained Youth Report, Danielle DiMatteo- There are currently eleven (11) youths in detention. Five (5) youths are being housed at George Junior Republic with four (4) of them being direct file cases. There are two (2) direct file cases being housed at George Hill Prison and two (2) direct file cases at Abraxas Morgantown. The remaining two (2) juveniles are being housed at Adelphoi Village.
- B. Interim Director of Juvenile Justice Services, Nelson Walker- Mr. Walker provided the Board with an update on current programs. Mr. Walker stated that he is working with the Solicitor regarding the Shelter Care proposal with Clocktower. There is also an architect that will be working with them to create a trauma informed space on Clocktower's campus. Additionally, the documentation process for OCYF regarding programming model, staffing plan, and supervision protocols is being drafted.

Mr. Walker additionally stated the YAP programs (Neighborhood Resource Center, Delco Rising, and Targeted Intervention and Prevention Services) are continuing operations with promising results and positive feedback from participants and stakeholders.

Mr. Walker also noted that the Upper Darby Teens and Police (TAPS) program is underway and is slated to be approved by the Conty Council next month (December).

Mr. Walker additionally stated that the OJJDP grant in the amount of \$425,000 still hasn't been used due to setbacks beyond the department's control, however Mr. Walker additionally stated that he would be going before County Council again in December to have the coordinator position formally approved.

Board Member Townsend asked what the timeline for the grant is.

Mr. Walker stated that the timeline is 18 months, however Mr. Walker is going to ask for an extension in December. Funds will not increase, but more time will be allotted to run the program.

Councilwoman Schaefer asked if the TAPS program could be utilized through court referrals.

Mr. Walker stated that he would investigate that possibility.

Councilwoman Schaefer additionally asked what the timeline is for the state regarding Shelter Care approval.

Mr. Walker responded that the timeline is approximately four to six months.

Councilwoman Schaefer asked for clarification regarding the oversight of the facility.

Mr. Walker responded that the County will manage the shelter care facility and that the Juvenile Detention and Rehabilitation Department will manage the oversight, staff, training and programming. Staff will include county employees as well as contracted providers.

Board Member Linehan asked for clarification on the amount of beds that the shelter care facility will have.

Mr. Walker responded that there will be eight to twelve beds to begin with.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: No new business.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Board Member Comment: Board Member Townsend commended Mr. Walker and his team on the progress and hard work that has been achieved over the years.

Reverend Turner wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Adjourn: Councilwoman Taylor moved to adjourn. Board Member Linehan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.