

## ENFIELD PRISON/TOWN LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – 6:00 PM

### VIRTUAL MEETING

<https://youtu.be/Nr0EpOWfOAI>

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

#### **Roll Call**

Present for the meeting were Chairman Nelson Rodriguez, Timothy Slade, Steven Niemitz, Kenneth Edgar and Nanci Harvey

Absent: Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall

#### **Present from the Department of Corrections:**

Eulalia Garcia, District Administrator

Nick Rodriguez, District Administrator

Zelynette Caron, Warden Carl Robinson

Nicole Thibeault, Warden Willard Cybulski

Aesha Mumin, Deputy Warden Willard Cybulski

#### **Present from the Enfield Police Department**

Chief Alaric Fox

#### **Present from the Town of Enfield**

Donna Szewczak, Deputy Mayor/Council Liaison

#### **Approval of Minutes**

December 9, 2020 – Timothy Slade made a motion to approve the minutes, Kenneth Edgar seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

#### **New Business**

- a. Closing of Northern Correctional Facility – District Administrator Rodriguez informed the committee by June 30th there should be no inmates in the buildings. The inmates will be moved to level 4. There are approximately 72 inmates at the facility. They have 1 special circumstance as a phase 2 overflow.

Mr. Slade questioned if there were any prisoners from out of State.

D.A. Rodriguez stated they currently have one Osborn inmate from England. There may be one or two but unsure of the exact number.

Mr. Slade stated he asks because there have been prisoners sent to other states for various reason.

D. A. Rodriguez noted Connecticut does have an interstate compact agreement. There are some scattered throughout the state. Maybe 6 inmates between Enfield and Somers. Sometimes there are high profile prisoners they move around to change the geographic location.

### **Old Business**

Steve Niemitz questioned when in person meetings will happen.

Mr. Slade noted town council and board of ed are meeting in person. Maybe the next meeting will be in person.

Mr. Slade stated he saw on the media that there was one death in the prison system in the past three months.

Rodriguez stated that the numbers are on the website. He believes around 9 deaths. Positivity rate is very low for both staff and offenders. There are strict cleaning/sanitation guidelines. The staff have done a great job in curbing the infections.

Mr. Niemitz questioned if the new inmates get the vaccines as they come in.

D.A. Rodriguez confirmed they do get vaccinated as they come in.

<u>Report of Population Counts</u>		<u>Current Qtr.</u>	<u>(12/2020)</u>
Warden Thibeault	Willard Cybulski Correctional Institute	317	355
Closed	Enfield Correctional Institute	0	0
Warden Caron	Carl Robinson Correctional Institute	773	795

### **Willard Cybulski**

Mr. Slade questioned if there has been any first amendment activity.

District Administrator Garcia believes there has not been any additional first amendment activity.

District Administrator Rodriguez stated there have no major incidents. There is a New implementation for the virtual visits in the prison that had a great response. They have video court appearances that reduces the transfers to courts.

Mr. Slade questions if there has been an increase of computers at the locations.

D.A. Rodriguez stated it depends on the size and capacity of the location.

Warden Garcia stated Asnuntuck is still suspended, but there are several higher education classes being taught at the prison.

D.A. Rodriguez informed the committee that 12 offenders that past due to Covid related issues. No staff.

Chief Fox stated he had a meeting with the DOC. They will activate emergency notifications through Everbridge themselves or go through troop C. For town of Enfield as a redundant effort will also put out a message. His concern before was the Enfield PD didn't want to be the main point of contact for State/DOC events.

Mr. Slade questioned what types of incidents the DOC would be communicating

Chief Fox stated he did not get into detail with them, that with be with DOC in the event the chief is not aware of something going on.

Mr. Slade stated we had a presentation regarding the Everbridge system several years ago and DOC stopped using it without notifying residents.

Mr. Rodriguez stated he is confident that if something happens in the community we will be alerted.

Mr. Slade stated the primary needs to be DOC and EPD will be secondary and assist anyway they can.

Mr. Rodriguez requested to have a mayor or deputy mayor find out why the notification system changed and why the committee wasn't notified.

Chief Fox DOC continues to be a good partner and has not identified any issues. They communicate very well for training exercises.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Slade motioned to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Mr. Niemitz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Date of Next Meeting: June 9, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alexis Nai, Recording Secretary