



# **LANCASTER COUNTY**

## **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

**LISTENING SESSION  
FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

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Lancaster County Prison Board

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# GUIDING PRINCIPLES



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## 1. Create a safe and supportive environment for staff, inmates and the public

- Design areas for staff wellness, including sufficient workstations, training space and break areas
- Ensure staff, inmates and the public are safe and feel supported
- Plan for spaces to support special populations such as female, mental health and vulnerable

## 2. Focus programming to support the reduction of recidivism

- Set the tone and behavioral expectations at acceptance: preparation for community re-entry process starts at the intake process
- Improve access to justice system stakeholders to connect inmates to the community
- Provide flexible spaces that can support a variety of program opportunities



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## 3. Plan a facility that will serve the community well into the future

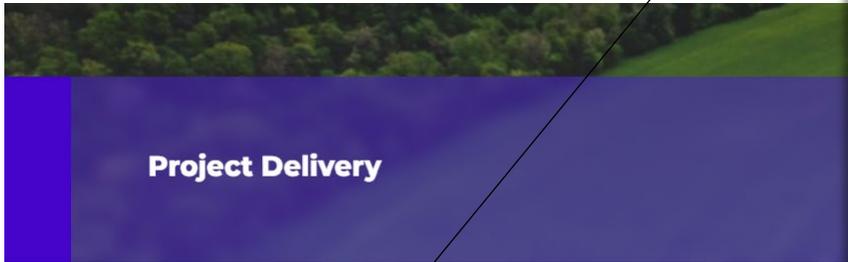
- Right-size housing units for operational adaptability and the populations served
- Allow for adaptability of design to incorporate future needs
- Integrate technology to advance and enhance operations, programs, facility maintenance and security

## 4. Establish a positive community footprint

- Create a facility that is mindful of the surrounding community, including impacts related to building appearance, noise, light pollution and traffic
- Leverage the location for building, site and environmental sustainability
- Incorporate nature inside and outside the facility



# NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Project Delivery

## Needs Assessment

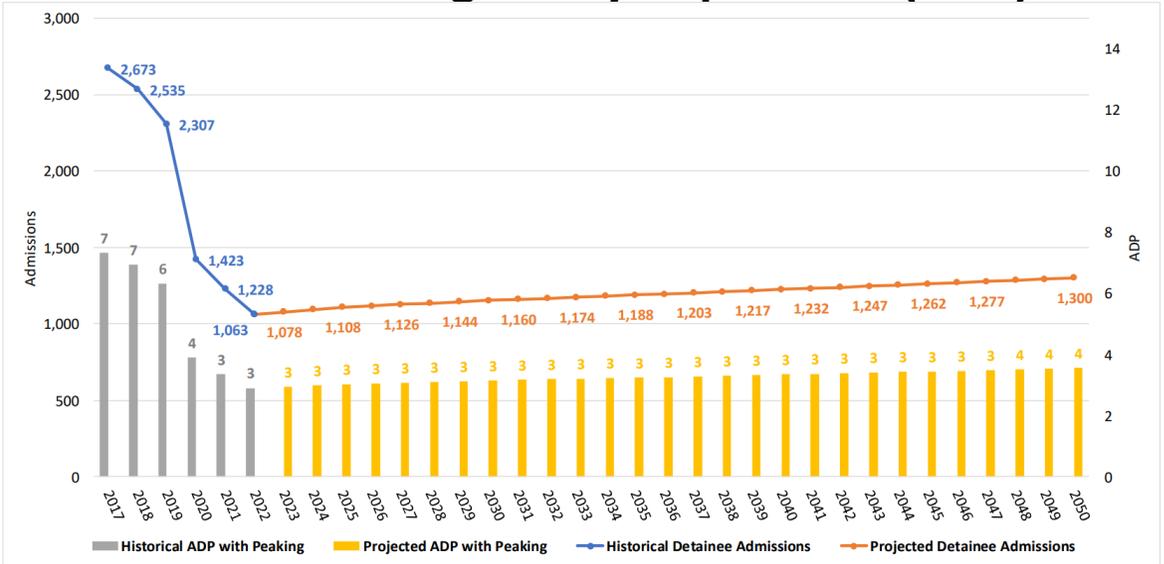
A needs assessment aids in decision making for long-term capacity requirements by taking into account industry norms and specific information. Data assessed includes average daily projections, peaks in population and bed requirements for fluctuating classification.

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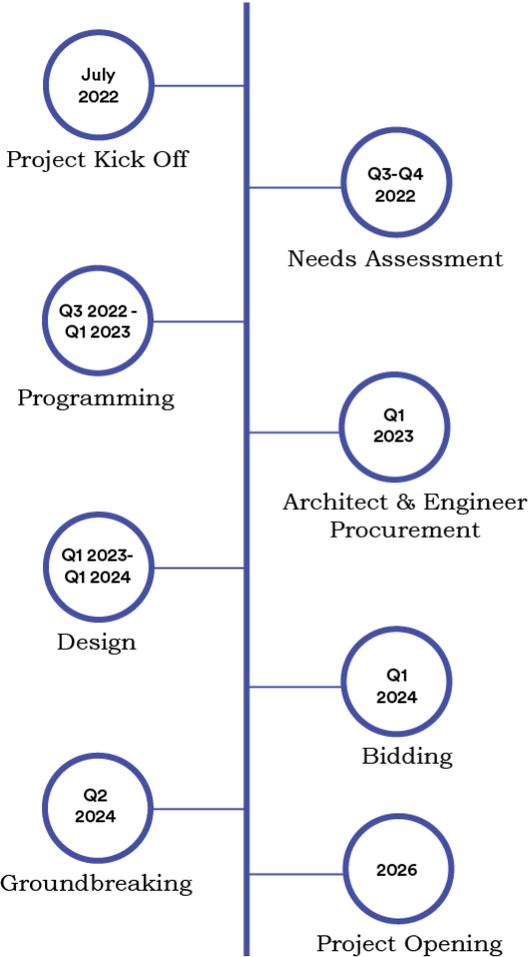
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## Historical & Projected Central Booking Detainee Admissions & Average Daily Population (ADP)



# NEXT STEPS



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# STAY ENGAGED

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meetings**

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Commissioners meetings**

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## **Lancaster County Correctional Facility Project Listening Session #2**

### **Logistics**

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Location: Lancaster Government Center, 150 North Queen Street, Room 102/104, Lancaster, PA

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

### **Attachments**

PowerPoint Presentation

Listening Session Fact Sheet

Sign In Sheet

### **In Attendance**

Advisory Committee: Commissioner Ray D'Agostino, Commissioner John Trescot, Warden Steberger, DW Aberts, DW Joe Shiffer, Larry George, Jackie Pfursich, Controller Lisa Colon, Brian Koenig, Bob Devonshire, Carmen Simone, Austin Beiler, Carrie Kurtz, Heather Chalfant, Linda Schreiner

Prison Board Members: President Judge Ashworth, Commissioner D'Agostino, Commissioner Trescot, Controller Lisa Colon

CGL Team Members: Ed Whatley, Wayne Freeh, Babette Macy

Public: See Sign In Sheet



## Notes

Linda opened the meeting. She shared the purpose of the meeting and indicated the ground rules for the listening session. Linda introduced the members of the Advisory Committee, President Judge, Prison Board, and staff in attendance. Linda introduced Ed Whatley from CGL, and he shared an update on the project. Ed summarized the activities to date, explained the timeline, and referenced the project website for more information. Over 90 people attended the listening session and 26 spoke from the public. Many that were there complimented the Warden and her staff. The people that spoke represented community organizations along with individuals from the community. Common themes included:

### CAPACITY

- **Beds.** Individuals spoke about the size of the facility with respect to the number of beds. Specific points included phasing the project with respect to bed count. The community emphasized progress was being made to reduce the population with such programs as the re-entry program and the county should take the program under consideration when deciding on the total beds.
- **Pretrial.** A significant number of comments were made about reducing the number of people held pretrial. The public emphasized changes needed to be made to the county's approach to detainment and bail reform.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **Community Representation.** Individuals spoke about having more community represented on the Advisory Committee. Requests were made to expand the committee to add public representatives. They also spoke about the perceived lack of diversity in the Advisory Committee indicating the committee should reflect the population of the prison/jail.
- **Transparency.** The public spoke about the importance of transparency in the project and how decisions would be made with respect to the number of beds and size of the facility.
- **Response to invitations and white papers.** People spoke about the lack of response for invitations to attend meetings with non-profits concerned about the new facility along with responses to a white paper presented for consideration.
- **Community Non-Profit Representation.** The public spoke about utilizing the non-profits in their community to assist in the conversation of planning and building the new facility. They also expressed the non-profits could be used to reduce the number of people in the facility—thus reducing the burden on the tax payer with less beds being built.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Reducing Recidivism.** Reducing recidivism seemed to be a common theme of the speakers. One individual spoke about replacing the word "reduction" in the guiding principles with "eliminate".



## PROJECT DELIVERABLES

- **Needs Assessment.** People spoke about the assessment using the data of today to plan the facility out into 2040. They expressed regret that programs such as the re-entry program and reduction in pre-trial detainment were not reflected in the report. They also commented on the high percentage of people they felt were there on pretrial circumstances asking what was being done to get them back home and at their jobs. Others spoke about the assumptions used in the study regarding population.
- **Space Program.** Many of the speakers addressed the need for space to conduct classes, host religious ceremonies, group therapy, and allow for confidential treatment. Two individuals spoke about the importance for space to be included for inmates and detainees to visit their children in a safe respectful manner. Others spoke about the need for a transitional space for the time before their date of their release to get them ready to go out into society again.

## DESIGN OF FACILITY

- **Lighting of the Exterior.** Neighbors near the site expressed comments about having a design that would be “nice to live next to” and fit in with the neighborhoods nearby. They also voiced concerns about exterior light and the impact of the lighting on their homes.
- **Traffic.** Neighbors spoke about increased traffic and how that would be mitigated with the new facility. People spoke about protecting the natural environment and respecting the dark night sky for the animals and insects in the woods.
- **Stormwater.** Stormwater management was also a concern for the residents that live near the new location.
- **HVAC.** Concerns were raised with respect to providing air conditioning in the facility for not only those detained, but the workers in the facility. HEPA filters were also brought up to manage viruses in the facility.
- **Access to Transit.** People spoke about the importance of public transit to the location for those that work and visit the facility to be included in the design.
- **Feedback from those Incarcerated.** A request was made to interview former people that have been incarcerated in the facility. Also to interview family members of the detainee or convicted felon that has been housed in the facility.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRENDS

- **Best Practices.** The public emphasized the need for the facility to perform with industry best practices. Specifically with relationship to mental and behavioral health along with children visiting the facility. Concerns were raised about best practices on re-entry services.
- **Mental and Behavioral Health.** The public emphasized the need for mental and behavioral health facilities to be included in the project. Some specifics spoken included:
  - Use of natural light
  - Exposure to nature and outside time for detainees



### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRENDS (continued)**

- **Reasons for Incarceration.** Public comments were given about the reasons for incarceration and focused on ways to reduce placing people in the jail. People spoke about false convictions along with the impacts to an individual's mental health once incarcerated. People also spoke about increased opportunities for diversion.
- **Reform.** A number of speakers asked the county to form a committee to address reform in the county's judicial system.
- **Re-entry.** Multiple people complemented the Warden's re-entry program. Speakers emphasized more money and resources should be placed to grow the program. They also expressed concern of the lack of affordable housing when those who have been incarcerated leave the facility.
- **Day Reporting Center.** A request was made to institute a day reporting center rather than incarcerating individuals for parole violations.

### **RACE**

- **Incarceration Rate.** Comments were made to the number of black and brown people held pretrial and the lack of representation of people of color on the advisory committee.
- **Construction.** A speaker asked that minority companies be considered to build the facility.

### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

- **Existing Prison.** One individual spoke about the importance of planning for what to do with the existing facility once vacated. He suggested affordable housing as a potential use. Almost all agreed something needed to be done with the current facility.
- **Ad-Hoc Committee.** A few speakers called on the county to form an ad-hoc committee to address pre-trial and jail reform for the county.
- **Schedule.** Individuals spoke about the importance of acting now on reform due to the schedule the county has placed for moving the project forward.
- **Social Services.** A lot of comments about post-release services (Social services needed on the street). Spend money on social services and things that end crime. Need to change process if we want to see prison population decrease.

*The above notes reflect the comments received by the testimony provided during the listening session by members of the community. As some of the comments conflict with the presentations made to the Prison Board by County staff and/or their consultants, please refer to the county's website ([www.lccf-pa.com](http://www.lccf-pa.com)) for more information on the Needs Assessment and Programming for the facility.*



Lancaster County Prison Replacement Advisory Committee Listening Session

WHEN: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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