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Minutes from the May 4, 2022
VIRTUAL Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee

Committee members present: Jeff Marier (vice chair), Christine TenEyck, Tricia Wittkowski, JoAnne Spoto Decker

Absent: Marissa Mims (Chair), John Falge, Cassandra J. Ingram, Greg Scammell,

Community members present: Peggy Chase, Pastor Aaron Chancy, Liza Acquah

County staff present: JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy, Onondaga County Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams, and Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers

- 1) **Opening:** Meeting began at 5:35 p.m.
- 2) **Welcomes/introductions:** Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers recognized visitors. Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers announces the welcoming of JoAnne Spoto Decker to the committee. Committee member JoAnne Spoto Decker introduces herself.
- 3) **Agenda:** Motion to approve May agenda. No approval. No quorum.
- 4) **Minutes:** Motion to approve March minutes. No approval. No quorum.
- 5) **Visitors:** Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers introduces public members. Public member Pastor Aaron Chancy introduces himself. He appreciates being here and looks forward to future meetings. Public member Liza Acquah introduced herself and informed the committee who her son and his medical condition. She expressed concerns over the jail and its conditions. Public member Peggy Chase welcomes JoAnne Spoto Decker to the committee and congratulates Christine TenEyck on being reappointed to the committee for another 3 years.
- 6) **Chair's report:** No Chair's report.



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7) Administrator's report:

- **Covid Cases-Detainees:** 1
- **Jail population:** 383 (of the 383 detainees, 22 are female)
- **Tablets:** All detainees have tablets except the Mental Health POD. Detainees are able to make phone calls, watch movies, and download music on their tablets. Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers reported that the feedback of the tablets has been good. The detainees enjoy having them.

8) Discussion:

Next bi-monthly meeting will be June 8th, 2022 at the Justice Center. Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers is able to visit the detainees multiple times a week. JCOC members are still not allowed to do jail visits.

9) No executive session.

10) Motion to adjourn meeting: Approved 6-0.

11) Meeting ended at 5:56 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeff Marier on May 4, 2022.