Message from the Executive Director

During February, the CIC continued to fulfill our mandate to monitor, inspect, and report on DC adults in BOP and DOC custody. Amidst changes in leadership at DOC, the CIC plans to continue to communicate with DOC leadership and produce our DOC annual report as required by our MOA. After announcing a nationwide lockdown on January 31st for all BOP facilities, on February 7th, the BOP announced the end of lockdown for select facilities. We will continue to monitor any developments concerning the lockdown lift during the next few weeks. Our agency also hosted its annual board meeting where we discussed how to continue to improve in FY22. Coupled with more onsite inspections, we hope to continue to use surveys, research, and direct communications to collect data on conditions of confinement throughout 2022.

The CIC’s website has received new updates for the new year. We recently added our CIC Radars, where we report on recent BOP and DOC activity, to our Reports & Information page. Our agency’s annual report and the DOC annual report have also been added. In our agency’s annual report, we discuss our onsite visits to facilities within the Bureau of Prisons, published reports, and how we navigated inspections in the midst of COVID-19. In our DOC annual report, we detail how the CIC was able to perform an on-site visit and talk with staff and residents about conditions and their experiences both at work and in custody, respectively.

The CIC is actively developing community engagement projects for 2022. Through these projects, we hope to continue to engage and inform the public about D.C. residents. Lastly, the CIC has an upcoming inspection at Lewisburg to report on conditions for D.C. residents. This inspection will focus on medical issues, programming, and overall conditions of confinement. A report with the details of the inspection will be released in the coming months.

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The Top Ten Categories that the CIC has Received Complaints since Jan.2020

1. Compassionate Release
2. COVID
3. Access to Legal
4. Medical
5. Parole
6. Re-Entry
7. Good Time Credit
8. Staff
9. Staff Retaliation
10. Lockdowns

The Facilities with the Most Complaints (from issues received from Jan.2020-Jan.2022)

1. FCI Cumberland
2. FCI Memphis
3. USP Victorville
4. MCFP Springfield
5. AUSP Thomson
6. FCI Hazelton
7. FCI Gilmer
8. USP Terre Haute
9. RRM Baltimore
10. USP Tucson

Statistics on DC Residents in Custody

Taken from the top 50 facilities where DC Residents are located, the average DC
Resident in the BOP is 679.5 miles from Union Station (as of Jan. 2022)

Census as of February 14, 2022
- The total numbers of D.C. adults in custody in DOC facilities is 1,385
  * Increase since January 2022 (1,360 adults in custody)
- The total numbers of D.C. adults in custody in BOP facilities is 2,155
  * Decrease since January 2022 (2,181 adults in custody)
- The number of all DC Code adults who are in BOP custody, regardless of their residency, is 2,594.

DOC & COVID-19 as of February 15, 2022 (source: coronavirus.dc.gov)

Department of Corrections Residents in Custody
- Total Number of Residents Who Have Tested Positive: 764
- Total number in isolation for positive test: 0
- Total Number of Residents in Quarantine Due to COVID-19: 0
- Total Number of Residents Not in General Population Due to Positive Tests/Quarantine: 1

Total Number of Lives Lost Among Residents: 1

Department of Corrections Personnel
- Total Number of Personnel Who Have Tested Positive: 178
- Total number tested positive who are out of DOC Facilities: 5
- Total Number of Personnel Out Due to Positive Tests or Exposure: 5

Total Number of Lives Lost Among Personnel: 1

BOP & COVID-19 as of February 16, 2022 (source: bop.gov/coronavirus)

Bureau of Prisons Residents in Custody (Includes all residents as well as DC Residents)
- Total Number of Residents Who Have Tested Positive: 1,717
- Total Number of Residents Who Have Recovered: 54,062

Total Numbers of Lives Lost Among Residents: 285 (11 occurred while on home confinement)

Bureau of Prisons Personnel
- Total Number of Personnel Who Have Tested Positive: 1,714
- Total Number of Personnel Who Have Recovered: 10,736

Total Number of Lives Lost Among Personnel: 7
What We're Reading:

On The Outside: Prisoner Reentry and Reintegration
by David J. Harding, Jeffrey D. Morenoff, & Jessica J. B. Wyse

America’s high incarceration rates are a well-known facet of contemporary political conversations. Mentioned far less often is what happens to the nearly 700,000 former prisoners who rejoin society each year. On the Outside examines the lives of twenty-two people—varied in race and gender but united by their time in the criminal justice system—as they pass out of the prison gates and back into the world. The book examines the challenges faced by formerly incarcerated citizens as they try to find work, housing, and stable communities. On the Outside delivers a powerful combination of hard data and personal narrative that shows why we continue to struggle with the social and economic reintegration of the formerly incarcerated.