Maine Board of Corrections – Report Ad-Hoc Committee

Recommendations following the review of:
Corrections Alternatives Advisory Committee (CAAC) December 2006
RHR Smith- BOC Financial Assessment Report (RHR) June 2012
National Institute of Corrections – BOC Technical Assistance Report (NIC) June 2012

Group 1: Recommendations Specific to BOC Structure, Authority, Policy Etc. (BOC Responsibilities and Duties #5 - Admin. Duties)

The committee recommends the Board conduct an assessment of the needs of the coordinated system as soon as possible. Further, the needs assessment should be done in conjunction with a strategic plan which sets the Board on a course to achieve its goals and objectives. Future decisions regarding the coordinated system should be made in balance with system needs and the Boards strategic plan. The recommendations listed below are considered a priority by the committee and are presented in no particular order. Each recommendation is referenced by page and row as they appear in the "Report Recommendation Analysis" used by the committee which in turn will direct the Board to the originating document.

The committee strongly recommends the Board implement the recommendations, shown below, by immediately assigning these tasks to the Corrections Working Group, a focus group, or a specialized ad-hoc committee such as this to ensure completion. The committee feels this work should happen simultaneously with the other important matters the Board is currently focused on. Completion will place the Board in a stronger position to express the needs of the system and to demonstrate accomplishment of the Boards goals and objectives to the legislature.

Needs Assessment Recommendations:
6. NIC Rec. C-11; CAAC Rec. 6; CAAC Goals # 2 page 8 row 23: The Board should develop a long term master plan for a balanced and coordinated jail system.
7. NIC Rec. A-12 page 2 row 5: Establish a five year strategic plan with annual priorities....
8. NIC Rec. B-1 page 2 row 4: Develop a plan to implement the recommendations of the CAAC report.
9. NIC Rec. A-13 page 4 row 12; CAAC Rec. 5 page 9 row 25: Develop and implement a dashboard and/or performance measurement plan....to monitor progress and to help stay on task.
10. RHR Fin. Rec. 11 page 6 row 19: Plans should include long term and short term capital needs...

There are several recommendations in the CAAC, NIC, and RHR reports that fall into items that must be considered when formulating a strategic plan and while conducting a system wide assessment of needs. These recommendations are included on page 3 of this report.

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