



Maine County Corrections Professional Standards Council

CCPSC Meeting Minutes January 23, 2025

Rebecca Graham opened the meeting at 11:01. Attendees include Tim Curtis, MCCA, Steve French, MDOC, Rebecca Graham, MMA, Sheriff Dale P. Lancaster, MSA, Sheriff Eric Samson, MSA, Nathan Thayer, MDOC and M. LaMarre, Clerk

Guests: Mitch Boynton, MDOC Operations, Sheriff Todd Brackett, MSA and Scott Ferguson.

Sheriff Samson moved that we accept the minutes from the 1/9/25 meeting as presented. Sheriff Lancaster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOV Rebecca Graham presented to CJ on behalf of the Council and noted CJ that members asked about BOV. She noted she would bring back concerns brought to her attention.

Rebecca asked Council members about the BOV concerns and MAL distributed MSA bill proposal drafted by Sheriff Polky. Rebecca asked MAL to include this language in the packet for our February 13 meeting and add to agenda.

Rebecca noted that CJ asked about medical contracts in jails. MAL will reach out to CJ and ask what they're looking for. Tim Curtis noted that the CJ presentation went well and members are interested in MH and MAT, specifically Somerset's success.

Sheriff Lancaster brought up the topic of the MCCA bill pertaining to jail funding. Tim Curtis said the MCCA bill just left advisors' office. Basically, the MCCA bill asks for 35% of actual costs. MCCA amended language to mandate state payment does not go below the number.

The motion is to support seeking 20% of total jail costs was made by Rebecca Graham. Sheriff Lancaster seconded the motion. In favor: Rebecca Graham, Sheriff Lancaster, Tim Curtis, and Sheriff Samson. Abstained: Steve French and Nathan Thayer.

Sheriff Brackett provided an update on the JIMS system being released. There is a lot of pushback from counties. The State will provide more training. Right now, counties are unable to track recidivism. Group is quickly collecting data on inmates that would be considered state sanctioned inmates.

Sheriff Brackett indicated that this new system offers a snapshot of what's happening with alternative programs around the state. Sheriff Samson moved that the subcommittee solicit opinions from JAs for their input.

Tim Curtis asked if there was a way to have access to CRAS (funding) data. Nate Thayer. Mitch can distribute what he gets to this Council.

Scott Ferguson noted that JIMS collects data currently collected in both CRAS and BARS. The administrator from each system has the email addresses of all. You must be a registered JIMS user to access data. It varies by county.

Sheriff Brackett explained that JIMS has two different systems for users. Once you get in, you may only access the side that pertains to the user's needs.

Scott Ferguson – no report.

MAL provided an update on legislative initiatives related to jails.

Steve French noted that the contraband bill may not be necessary as sheriffs can designate what contraband is for each jail. Sheriff Samson.

n noted that changes in statute may not have enough authority.

Steve French will send MAL statute related to electronic notifications.

Senator Collins is working to get more MH facility funding, per Tim Curtis. Sheriff Brackett noted that JIMS will be collecting MH sentencing data.

Sheriff Lancaster asked about staffing the State's IMHU units. Nathan Thayer said there are more staff and they're trained on de-escalates. Additionally, there are mandates in place that dictate how the state IMHU operates.

Tim Curtis added that the county commissioners are laser focused on unfunded state mandates as it pertains to jail funding. He asked if MMA has a review of how unfunded mandates are impacting municipalities and establishing a fiscal note for these unfunded mandates.

Rebecca noted the constitution addresses as liberally construed when identifying fiscal impact of state mandates. MMA currently tries to attach a fiscal note on every bill. Even adding 'this is an unfunded mandate' will catch the attention of OFBR to with a mandated preamble the notes it's an unfunded mandate.

Sheriff Samson moved that we adjourn at 12:16.