



## Maine County Corrections Professional Standards Council

### CCPSC Meeting Minutes January 9, 2025

Commissioner Gorden opened the meeting at 11:07. Attendees: Commissioner Gordon, MCCA, Chair, 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. A quorum was met. Guests included Mitch Boynton, MDOC and Sheriff Todd Brackett

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Rebecca Graham and seconded by Sheriff Samson. Motion carried.

Sheriff Samson moved that Rebecca Graham represent the Council to provide an orientation to CJ. Commissioner Gorden seconded. Motion carried.

Rebecca Graham provided a legislative update. She updated the Council on the MMA bill that will address Council authority, and jail funding. The bill has been submitted and Representative Ducharme is the sponsor.

She went on to update Council members regarding the meeting held on 1/8/2025 at the Department of Corrections. Maryanne Turowski and Commissioner Liberty noted that there will be an additional \$4m added to the counties' jail operation funding for MAT.

Rebecca moved that we add the \$4m of additional funding to the current jail funding in statute to be distributed using the established formula, acknowledging that the formula needs close scrutiny and potentially changed. Motion was seconded by Tim Curtis.

An extensive discussion followed. There was some concern that the current formula in statute is based on ADP, and the MAT costs should be based on individual jails' MAT costs, not ADP costs. Commissioner Gorden noted that distribution after this next year may need to be revised. We will take a close look at distribution for future years.

Commissioner Gorden took a vote on the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Sheriff Lancaster provided an update about the meeting with DOC for Council members and guests who were unable to attend. He noted that the State began the discussion by reminding attendees that the State is facing a significant shortfall this year. When Council members were told an additional \$4m would be added to the State's current jail funding by Maryanne Turowski, she added this would be paid in perpetuity. She also added that this is a starting point. Additionally, Commissioner Liberty agreed to fund the Council for \$30,000 for the current year.

Sheriff Brackett posed the question about the \$4m and if it's a finalized number. The answer was no, because we can still present to Appropriations for additional funding above the \$4m. Council members agreed that we need a unified message before we approach AFA. There are three active plans to ask for additional funding:

1. MMA bill sponsored by Representative Ducharme
2. MCCA bill sponsored by Representative Salisbury
3. Potential plan to approach AFA

It's critical that all Council members use the same information when approaching lawmakers. Rebecca also noted that it would behoove the Council to be kept informed about other bills (such as MCCA bill).

Sheriff Brackett provided an update on JIMS (Jail Information Management System). The question was raised pertaining to federal data requirements for juveniles 18-21, Sheriff Brackett replied that it should be relatively easy to add this, but was unclear on how long it would take to implement.

Sheriff Lancaster noted that having this information will save the counties millions of dollars. Sheriff Brackett answered that if we're just collecting age between 18-21, then identify 18-26 previously in the foster care system, it should be straightforward if they're just collecting numbers.

Sheriff Lancaster indicated that we should implement sooner rather than later. If we're being asked to collect data back ten months, it would be a lot easier if we already have those numbers. Steve French backed up Sheriff Lancaster's idea of collecting that information now.

Sheriff Lancaster moved that Sheriff Brackett reach out to Mary-Anne to compose questions that we need to satisfy with the government is asking for. Rebecca seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rebecca moved that Sheriff Brackett's subcommittee bring back recommendations to Council on data entry so we can make decisions on when changes should be implemented. Motion was seconded by Sheriff Lancaster. Motion carried.

Sheriff Brackett reminded Council members that he had previously presented to the Council, there were daily reporting requirements, monthly reporting requirements, and yearly reporting requirements. The yearly requirements haven't been addressed yet. They're not complicated and Sheriff Brackett would like to know if Council would approve having his subcommittee come back with proposed reporting forms. Rebecca moved that Council approve this request. Sheriff Samson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rebecca moved that we adjourn at 12:22. Sheriff Lancaster seconded. Meeting adjourned.