



Maine County Corrections Professional Standards Council

Meeting Minutes April 24, 2025, 11am via Zoom

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:00am. Council members Sheriff Samson, Commissioner Gordon, Tim Curtis, Steve French and Rebecca Graham were present. Sheriff Lancaster was absent. A quorum was met. Clerk Mary-Anne LeMarre had to leave the meeting early.

Also in attendance were Jeff Chute, Sam Hamilton (Verrill-law), Anthony Cantillo, Mitch Boynton and Nathan Thayer with MDOC, and Lisa Tuttle & Dr. Courtney Pladsen with Maine Care.

2. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting (April 10, 2025): Motion by Sheriff Samson to approve, seconded by Tim. Motion carries.

3. Old Business

a. Review of Annual Reporting Requirements (Section 1210-E): Tim provided an update on items that he and Steve French had reviewed offline regarding the required reporting according to Title 34-A Section 1210 E. The report in its current form as submitted last October contains information on jail ADP, expenses, budgets and revenues as collected in BARS. Tim asked if the Community Corrections data was still being collected as Sheriff Samson had provided an example form dating back to FY2019. Steve French and Mitch Boynton confirmed that sheet was no longer being collected BUT it would be good for supporting documentation.

Another aspect of the report that seemed to be missing was a comparison of each county's Jail Tax Cap with the amount of jail costs that each County is actually collecting. Tim and Steve French will continue to streamline the report offline and report back to the Council.

4. New Business

a. Discuss Distribution Formula for any Additional Funding: In the event that there is additional funding for Jails in the form of MAT funding, the Council is tasked with recommending how to distribute the funds. In the past additional funds have been added to the baseline amount. Rebecca and Sheriff Samson

recommended the funds remain separate in order to ensure that County's get what they asked for through the MAT requests.

b. Update on 1115 Waiver: Dr. Pladsen is the lead on the State's application for the 1115 Waiver to allow incarcerated individuals receive Maine Care 90 days prior to release. She has reviewed the questions and comments provided by the Council and offered some answers in regards to when the assessment process would be discussed with the Counties. She expects those discussions to begin in the fall of 2025.

Dr. Pladsen clarified that Maine Care is not anticipating implementation of the waiver in jails prior to July 1, 2027. It was recommended that she provide updates to the Council on an every other month basis.

5. Subcommittee Reports

a. Legislative: LD852 has a public hearing scheduled for Monday with both the MCCA and the MSA testifying in support. Commissioner Andre Cushing will testify for MCCA and Sagadahoc Sheriff Joel Merry will testify for the MSA. Sheriff Samson recommended that the increase to the Operations Fund in the bill be emphasized in testimony, so not to be confused with the Governor's initiate for MAT only.

b. Technology: None

c. Financial: Tim mentioned that in recent meetings with a Jail Funding cohort brought together by Representative Salisbury (sponsor of LD719), Sam Prawer with MDOC has provided a template for each County to provide evidence of the need for funding specific to MAT. Tim is working with the other counties to gather this data ahead of any final discussion by Appropriations on part 2 of the budget.

6. Any other Business to come before the Council: None

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

