



Maine County Corrections Professional Standards Council

CCPSC Meeting August 14, 2025

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:05AM via Zoom. Steve Gordon (Cumberland Commissioner), Tim Curtis (Somerset Administrator), Somerset Sheriff Dale Lancaster, Amanda Campbell with Maine Municipal, Steve French with MDOC and Nathan Thayer with MDOC were present for the Council. Androscoggin Sheriff Samson was absent. A quorum was met.

Also present were Mary-Anne LaMarre (clerk), Jim Cohen, Anthony Cantillo with MDOC, Mitchell Boynton with the Jail Operations Center and Ron Smith of RHR Associates.

2. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (July 24, 2025): Motion by Tim Curtis to accept the minutes from July 24, 2025, seconded by Steve French. Motion carries.

3. Old Business

A. Direction from MDOC regarding Jail Audits: Tim Curtis mentions the need for direction from MDOC on what they want to see in an audit and the cost implications. Anthony Cantillo explains the department's commitment to supporting the audits and the ongoing assessment of costs.

Mitch had invited Ron Smith to join the meeting. RHR Smith already conducts audits for a majority of County Jails. joins the meeting and provides insights on the cost and feasibility of separate jail audits. Ron emphasizes the importance of not creating contradictions to existing laws and the potential for wasted money. He explained that extracting Jail specific data from general fund audits should cost approximately \$3,000 for a fiscal year audit and approximately \$5,000 to pull data from two halves of calendar year audits.

The consensus of the group was to have Mitch and Ron compile a checklist for Jail Audits that they can bring back to the next meeting.

B. Update on MSA Review of Standards: Mary-Anne LaMarre discussed the survey on unfunded mandates that was sent out electronically to the Sheriffs for responses. The data is significant and Amanda Campbell offered to help review the data along with Steve French.

The consensus of the group was to have Amanda, Steve and Tim begin to review the data and report back to the next meeting on progress.

4. New Business

A. Review Draft Supplemental Budget Request: Tim Curtis presents a draft letter for the supplemental budget request, focusing on inmate services and mental health. Jim Cohen discusses the importance of justifying the funding request and the potential for revisiting the second year of funding. The group discusses the need for a comprehensive view of mandates and the importance of presenting a unified request.

Andre Cushing emphasizes the need for a long-term goal of addressing the state's share of funding for county jails. Tim would implement the recommendations of the group and bring a second draft to the Council. Anthony confirmed that the state had not yet set a time table for supplemental requests. The group felt it was wise to provide the draft supplemental budget request to Mary-Anne Turowski for feedback before finalizing.

B. Discuss Possible Learning Lessons from Recent Jail Inspections Tim Curtis and Amanda Campbell discuss the role of the Council in jail inspections and the potential for peer-to-peer support. Steve French and Nate Thayer suggest developing a professional standards team to support counties in compliance.

The group agrees to continue the discussion and bring back recommendations for the Council's consideration.

C. Discuss Jail requirements to accept ICE detainees. Commissioner Gorden provides background on the issue of accepting ICE detainees and the public comments received.

Steve French explains the legal obligations for jails to accept federal detainees and the potential for public comment policies.

The group discusses the importance of maintaining compliance with state laws and the potential for public comment policies.

The group agrees to continue the discussion and bring back recommendations for the Council's consideration.

5. Subcommittee Reports (None)

6. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 12:50pm. Due to the MSA Conference on August 28th, the next meeting will be scheduled for September 11, 2025.