



Maine County Corrections Professional Standards Council

County Corrections Professional Standards Council – Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2025

1. Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 11:00am. Council members present were Steve Gordon, Tim Curtis, Rebecca Graham, Sheriff Lancaster, Sheriff Samson and Nathan Thayer. Council Clerk Mary-Anne LaMarre was in attendance with guests Mitch Boynton and Scott Ferguson. A quorum was met.

2. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (February 27, 2025): Motion by Sheriff Samson to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Tim Curtis. Motion carries.

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business

A. Discuss Victim Notification (VINE): M. LaMarre discussed the challenges of implementing electronic victim notification in Maine, highlighting the state's lack of such a system as Maine is the only state to not provide this service for victims of crimes. The project faces opposition from the Department of Corrections due to concerns about additional workload. The cost to implement the system is estimated at \$575,000 over two years. A pilot program is ongoing in four jails, with plans to expand. The counties are considering alternative funding sources, including local contributions and federal grants.

5. Subcommittee Reports: None

6. Other Business: A strategic planning meeting is scheduled for June 26 to clarify the Council's roles and responsibilities. Mary-Anne will send out notes from the last strategic planning meeting held in January 2024.

The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn at 11:55am.