



Maine County Corrections Professional Standards Council

CCPSC Meeting Minutes September 11, 2025

Via Zoom

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:03am. Steve Gordon, Tim Curtis, Steve French, Amanda Campbell and Nathan Thayer were in attendance. Sheriff's Lancaster and Samson were absent. A quorum was met.

Guests to the meeting included; Mitchell Boynton, DAFS, Tony Cantillo, MDOC, Jim Cohen and Sam Hamilton with Verrill Dana, Andre Cushing, MCCA president, Lane Feldman, Androscoggin County Jail Administrator, Scott Ferguson, Kennebec County Administrator and Mary-Anne LaMarre, Council Clerk

2. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (August 14, 2025) Motion to support minutes as amended from August 14 meeting was made by Tim Curtis and seconded by Steve French. Motion carried.

3. Old Business

A. Direction from MDOC regarding Jail Audits: Council members discussed the need for jail audits to comply with state statutes, with a focus on the Aroostook County format. Tim Curtis highlighted the cost of \$3,000-\$5,000 for Ron Smith to extract data.

Mitchell Boynton mentions that the format used by Aroostook County is the desired format for jail audits. He will work to provide a checklist for Counties. Tim Curtis and Anthony Cantillo will draft a letter to Counties from the MDOC regarding the audits and funding from MDOC to reimburse Counties.

B. Update on MSA Review of Standards: Amanda Campbell reviewed the results of a survey to sheriffs and jail administrators, indicating that most standards are considered part of normal operations. She identified three standards (Board of Visitors, Registry of Contact Information, and Refusal to Admit) which had mixed results regarding whether or not a jail would provide regardless of mandated standards. Steve Gordon said regardless of whether a jail would do it, there is a cost to doing all this work and it needs to be justified in the report to Criminal Justice.

C. 2nd Draft of Supplemental Budget Request: Tim Curtis outlined the supplemental budget request for \$10 million in FY24 and \$14 million in FY27 for jail operations.

The request includes funding for direct care, inmate services, medical and dental care contracts, lab testing, mental health treatment, and MAT. The State has set the date of October 6th for supplemental requests to be submitted. Mitch Boynton offered help from his office in formatting the request.

The Council briefly discussed the impact of line-item funding and the potential complications it may create.

D. ICE Issue and Jail Responsibilities: Steve Gorden raises the issue of jails receiving arrestees from ICE and the need to follow due process. While there are clear standards that require jails to accept arrestees from any law enforcement officer, the consensus was that this issue is not necessarily a CCPSC issue.

4. New Business

A. Proposed Legislation for Cloture Date (Sept 25): Mary-Anne said one of her responsibilities is to notify the Council and MSA of the Cloture date which is why it was on the agenda. The Council has standing authority to submit legislation and has the LD719 report due to the Criminal Justice Committee by January.

Tim Curtis presented proposed legislative changes based on the Council's discussions, including clarifying audit requirements, eliminating community corrections funding, and changing the distribution formula.

The Council discusses the need for further input from sheriffs and jail administrators on these proposed changes. Steve Gorden suggests having a workshop to finalize the legislative recommendations and ensure alignment with the Council's goals.

The Council agrees to schedule a workshop in October to review and finalize the legislative recommendations.

5. Subcommittee Reports: None