

COUNTY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL

2/8/23: VIRTUAL MEETING

Attendance:

Commissioner Gorden, MCCA
Commissioner Fournier, MCCA
Steve French, MDOC
Rebecca Graham, MMA
Sheriff Lancaster, MSA
Commissioner Randall Liberty, MDOC

Others:

Mitchell Boynton, MDOC
Sheriff Todd Brackett
Scott Ferguson
Mary-Anne LaMarre, CCPSC Clerk

Motion to approve 12/28/23 minutes was moved by Commissioner Fournier and seconded by Rebecca Graham. Commissioner Gorden suggested we amend minutes to include request from MDOC to assist when jails over-crowding, as a collaboration. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gorden would like to have a discussion to establish who is responsible for action items discussed during our strategic planning session, in particular, evaluating what jails are currently doing regarding 1208-B and generate a report reflecting what is currently being done. Scott Ferguson suggested county administrators be involved in these discussions.

Commissioner Fournier asked that Council members go through the list created in the strategic planning session. He further suggested that M. LaMarre research what is currently being done in jails at it applies to 1208-B. Steve French can assist. Together, they can map out a timeframe to collect this data.

Commissioner Gorden raised the questions about training needs for Council members and creating a document that would provide. Possibility of developing document for incoming council members would be advantageous. Commissioner Gorden supported the suggestion of creating this tool. Commissioner Fournier asked that M.LaMarre create this resource to include all the minutes of Council meetings to date. Rebecca reminded members that we should also develop a timeline. Timeline for implementation of goals or implementation of creating resource for new members? Commissioner Liberty mentioned that we should be creating subcommittees to include those that are currently conducting this work with one or two Council members on the subcommittees.

Commissioner Gorden asked how we would go about developing personnel to populate these committees. M. LaMarre asked that Council identify which committees should be a priority. Sheriff Liberty offered to assist with this project. He noted also that some of this work may be underway already. Commissioner Gorden asked Sheriff Brackett to develop a plan for Council members to move forward. No council work will be conducted via email, but materials can be distributed via email.

Commissioner Liberty noted a plan to implement the structure of this work in 90 days, he would be pleased with that progress. M. LaMarre offered to break down current suggestions into individual tasks/timelines for next meeting. M. LaMarre suggested we have this created into a working plan for incoming Council members, 7/1/24. Sheriff Brackett offered to assist as his subcommittee is already doing some of this work.

After a detailed discussion about funding forecasts and distribution of funding, Commissioner Gorden asked that we add to the next meeting, a discussion on how wthe Council develop a distribution funding plan. This falls under the statute mandate, "Developing supplemental recommendations". The goal of the Council was documented as "Council should be the resource for the jail shortfalls and address the key drivers so supplemental is a given."

Motion to adjourn was made at 12:32 by Sheriff Lancaster and seconded by Rebecca Graham. Motion carried.