



County Corrections Professional Standards Council

COUNTY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL

11/9/23: VIRTUAL MEETING

Attendance:

Commissioner Fournier, MCCA
Steve French, MDOC
Rebecca Graham, MMA
Sheriff Lancaster, MSA
Sheriff Nichols, MSA

Guests:

Mary-Anne LaMarre, MSA

Regrets:

Commissioner Gorden
Commissioner Liberty

Commissioner Fornier opened the meeting at 11:03.

Council members reviewed LD 1603, exclusively focused on:

Sec. B-2. Development of policies and procedures. The County Corrections Professional Standards Council, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 6-D, shall convene meetings of state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies, county and municipal jails, the judicial branch, the Department of Corrections, the Maine Sheriffs' Association, the Office of the Attorney General, the Maine Prosecutors Association, the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to develop a consistent set of policies and procedures to be implemented by all law enforcement agencies, district attorneys' offices, jails, holding facilities, short-term detention areas and correctional facilities, as applicable to the

agencies, offices and facilities, that protect and ensure attorney-client communications are confidential and that clearly describe the following:

1. The process for protecting and ensuring the confidentiality of attorney-client communications;
2. The policies to be followed in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality; and
3. The methods by which attorneys and persons who are residents of jails and correctional facilities will be made aware of confidential channels for attorney-client communications and the methods by which persons who are residents of jails and correctional facilities will be provided with information regarding their right to confidential attorney-client communications.

Sheriff Nichols moved that Mary-Anne LaMarre be designated to begin researching data pertaining to current jail policies and to begin to schedule a meeting of stakeholders. Commissioner Fournier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff Lancaster moved that we adjourn at 11:14. Rebecca Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.