

COUNTY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL

10/12/23: VIRTUAL MEETING

Attendance:

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

Guests:

Sheriff Brackett, MSA
Scott Ferguson, Kennebec County
Mary-Anne LaMarre, MSA

Regrets:

Sheriff Nichols

Commissioner Gorden opened the meeting at 11:03.

Motion to accept 9/28/23 minutes as presented by Commissioner Fournier, seconded by Rebecca Graham. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gorden asked Commissioner Liberty to begin discussing rulemaking requirements. Steve French noted that Diane Sleek will participate on 10/26/23. Sheriff Brackett asked about the process and opening for public comments. Steve French noted that public comments, including stakeholders. Rebecca reminded Council members of the legislative process.

Steve French noted only one subject area, adequate contact with counsel, is the only one.

Discussion pertaining to statutory responsibility and restrictions on when we can begin work on recently passed legislation was reviewed. Council will resume discussion on 10/26/23. It is anticipated that Diane Sleek will be in attendance.

Sheriff Brackett provided an update pertaining to the program management committee to those members who were unavailable at the last meeting. Commissioner Gorden asked when the data collection system will be available. Sheriff Brackett noted that they're still meeting with IT and a release date is not projected at this time. The committee is scheduled to convene on 10/18/23.

Sheriff Brackett shared the following document:

**County Corrections Professional Standards Council
Jail Population Management – Sub-Committee
Final recommendation on Daily Data Collection Points
October 12, 2023**

- Daily number of individuals in pre-trial services
 - Most counties participate with a provider – we just need a number: how many are using pre-trial services?
 - One in facility; one not in facility
- Furloughs/Home Monitoring (BARS already??)
 - How many are Home-monitored
 - How many are on Furlough, outside of facility, on medical furlough, for instance.
 - NOTE: If on furlough, they probably wouldn't be (shouldn't be) in the daily counts
- Participation in other alternative sentencing programs
 - Instead of jail, they'll go somewhere else to serve their sentencing, outside of facility
 - Not in BARS count
- Reason for incarceration
 - Murder, A, B, C, D, E crimes
 - Execution of consecutive sentences that together exceed 9 months in duration.
 - Contempt of Court
 - Hold for Court Ordered Evaluation
 - Hold for State facility
 - Bed to bed
 - Probation holds (NOT ALL)
 - ONLY those with an underlying DOC sentence, and who violate probation and come in to county jail
- Tracking number of some sort to track recidivism, program participation etc.
 - Program participation (see monthly list)
- Should we consider collecting race, ethnicity, color, gender id, etc. similar to what is now required on traffic stops. Collected during booking process?
- Veterans: Yes/No, Active duty, currently receiving veterans services?

Commissioner Liberty asked if we will be collecting bail data.

Sheriff Lancaster asked if there has been any consideration given to the amount of time staff will be needing to collect and enter this data and who will be responsible for paying these additional staffing costs. Sheriff Brackett noted that there are two jail administrators on the committee, and they've expressed similar concerns.

Commissioner Fournier moved that we collect the data points proposed by Sheriff Brackett as follows: collect as written, points 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; point 6 we will collect this data through self-identification, and we will include veterans as described in point 7. Commissioner Liberty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Anyone who has access to BARS will have the ability to pull reports from this collected data.

Council members discussed the conflict with the Thanksgiving Day holiday in November. Members concluded that we would hold a the second meeting in November to the 30th, the week after the holiday.

Sheriff Lancaster moved that we adjourn at 12:14. Commissioner Liberty seconded the motion. Motion carried.