

Correction Working Group Meeting Notes

Thursday, February 14, 2013

- **CWG Attendees:** Commissioner Ponte; Amy Fowler; John O'Connell; David Allen, and Sheriff Ross; Sheriff Joel Merry.
- **CWG Update:**
 - MCCA and MSA will appoint either Kennebec County Administrator Robert Devlin or Sagadahoc County Sheriff Joel Merry as CWG Co-Chair to replace Sheriff Ross;
 - IRIS Scan is operational at the following jails: TBRJ, Somerset and York. Penobscot will utilize equipment after Spillman upgrade. MDOC will utilize equipment at either MCC or MSP;
 - DOJ will fully fund the Rod Miller Staffing and Occupancy study in late February;
- **Review of Franklin County Mission Change Request:**
 - Franklin County had representation present and included, but not limited to, Sheriff Scott Nichols and Detention Manager Doug Blauvelt;
 - Franklin's union contract due to expire in FY2015;
 - Franklin has constructed a 10 year CIP;
 - Franklin will eventually need a new transport vehicle;
 - Franklin will need to upgrade its camera system;
 - Franklin's video arraignment equipment is I.P. ready;
 - Franklin utilizes Franklin Memorial Hospital for medical services;
 - Franklin's kitchen license is up-to-date;
 - Currently no evidence-based programming due to being a 72-hr. hold;
 - **Franklin will quantify community service information to incl. hours and cost-savings per hour;**
 - **Somerset County Jail will provide a financial impact statement on loss of Franklin County inmates;**
 - Co-Chair Sheriff Ross endorsed Franklin County Jail as a full-service operation but is concerned that money is a key issue;
- **Next Steps:**
 - The Board of Corrections is responsible for a substantive decision on the mission change;
 - The Board of Corrections will request a recommendation from the CWG;
 - The CWG will submit an analytical recommendation based on all information received from FCJ;
 - Ralph Nichols to conduct an inspection of Franklin County Jail to determine feasibility of FCJ as full-service operation;

- FCJ to submit staffing matrix (as a full-service facility) to Ralph Nichols for review;

- **CWG Recommendations:**

- #1: For the Board of Corrections to hold a public meeting on the mission change in Franklin County;
- #2: For the Board of Corrections to give public notice in Franklin County newspapers when public hearing date is determined;