

CORRECTIONS WORKING GROUP
REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS
to the
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF USE, DOWNSIZING OR CLOSURE OF CORRECTIONAL
FACILITIES

Pursuant to the Board of Corrections Rule: Chapter 2 Change of Use, Downsizing, or Closure of Correctional Facilities, the Corrections Working Group is required to

- A. Review and make recommendations to the Board of Corrections with respect to use and size of each correctional facility either in advance of the board's periodic review or at the request of the commissioner or the county commissioners; and
- B. Prepare a record of recommendations to assist the board in making its decision.

Date: June 24, 2009

COUNTY: Oxford

CORRECTIONAL SERVICE AREA: Central

Recommended Action:

- Change of Use:
- Downsizing
- Closure
- None

Description of Proposed Change

The Oxford County Jail is recommended for a change of use from a full service jail serving Oxford County to a 72 hour holding facility serving Oxford County. Pretrial defendants held for longer than 72 hours will be housed in the Androscoggin County Jail and prisoners with county jail sentences will be housed in the Cumberland County Jail. The Corrections Working Group recommends an evaluation in FY10 of adding to the 72 hour hold capacity in Oxford to accommodate a public service/restitution component in FY11.

Basis for Recommendation: This recommendation is the result of a periodic review requested by the Board of Corrections in order to estimate the General Fund revenue needed to fund the Unified Corrections System in FY10.

Recommended Bed Capacity:

Available Beds	Estimated Need in Oxford County
Holding Facility: 4-6	4-6 Average Daily Population
Public Service 6	
Total 12	

Adjustments to other Correctional Facilities to Accomplish Recommendation:

Androscoggin County 18-20 Pretrial
Cumberland County 18 Sentenced

Estimated Savings: \$250,014

Additional Costs: \$242,075
\$106,142 – Androscoggin
\$135,933 – Cumberland

Issues to Monitor:

1. Court arraignment locations have shifted from South Paris to Farmington resulting in increased transportation costs.
2. Medical screening and consultation
3. Potential costs to the Sheriff's Office in the future from use of space, etc.

Efficiency Opportunities:

1. Video arraignments
2. Transportation

Program Enhancements:

1. Pretrial Diversion (funding increased in proposed budget)
2. Public Service/Restitution (to be evaluated for implementation in FY11)
3. Community Confinement

Outcomes:

1. Pretrial diversion
2. Rate of incarceration (Cumberland County beds)
3. Recidivism reduction
4. Hours of Community Service

RECORD:

1. Inventory/Needs Focus Group Report and Recommendations, Initial Meeting with Oxford County to Discuss Change in Mission, February 4, 2009
2. Meeting with Oxford County to Continue Work on Mission Change, February 13, 2009; Inventory/Needs Focus Group
3. Proposed Oxford County Jail Budget
4. Needs Focus Group Recommendation to the Corrections Working Group
5. Corrections Working Group Recommendations to the Board of Corrections
6. One Maine – One System Conceptual Design