



State of Maine Board of Corrections
Corrections Working Group

October 3, 2012

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Re: Request for mission change of County Detention Center

Dear Commissioners:

As you are aware, pursuant to a letter dated September 18, 2012, the Board of Corrections ("the Board") referred to the Corrections Working Group ("the Working Group") your request for a change of use of the Franklin County Detention Center. The Working Group now has a duty to review your request and make recommendations to the Board with respect to your requested change in facility use. *See* 03-201 C.M.R. ch. 2, §2(3)(B).

Specifically, the Working Group is tasked with gathering information, compiling a record, and submitting this record to the Board along with the Working Group's analyses of the information and its recommendation about your request. *See* 03-201 C.M.R. ch. 2, §2(3)(C). As a first step in fulfilling these duties, the Working Group must obtain the documents, data, and other evidence upon which Franklin County is relying to justify its request. As the requester of this change in use, Franklin County essentially has the burden of demonstrating why this change in use will be beneficial to the coordinated correctional system.

Therefore, the Working Group first asks you to please provide a detailed written explanation of how your proposed change of use will benefit the coordinated correctional system. Please give particular attention to how the proposed change will reduce costs for the coordinated correctional system, improve efficiencies, and/or better address the goals of reducing recidivism and lowering the rate of incarceration while still ensuring public safety. In addition, please cite to the specific evidence (e.g., records, data, consultant reports, etc.) upon which your conclusions are based.

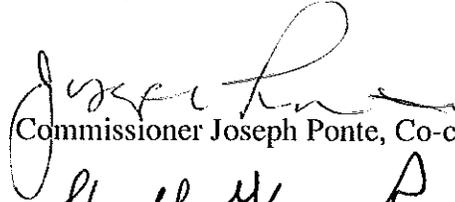
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Second, the Working Group asks that you please submit the following documents and/or information that will better enable the Working Group to conduct a complete and meaningful review of your request and make a fair recommendation to the Board:

1. A proposed staffing matrix (broken down by shift and rank on each shift) as a full-service jail;
2. Wages and benefits information (broken down by rank and position);
3. Copy of current union contract;
4. Copy of 10 year capital improvement plan;
5. Transportation cost analysis (full-service vs. 72 hour hold);
6. Video Arraignment statistics as full-service jail (how many completed by year);
7. Video Arraignment statistics for Franklin County detainees/inmates completed by year at Somerset County Jail and/or other jails;
8. Current Pretrial Vendor;
9. Current Pretrial contract cost;
10. Anticipated contract cost with Pretrial vendor as a full-service facility;
11. Pretrial assessment tool used by vendor;
12. Pre-Trial activity for the 3 years as a full-service facility prior to becoming a 72-hour hold;
13. Pre-Trial activity for each year as a 72-hour hold;
14. Home Monitoring activity (Title 30-A, §1659) for the 3 years as a full-service facility prior to becoming a 72-hour hold;
15. Home Monitoring activity (Title 30-A, §1659) for each year as a 72-hour hold;
16. Assessment tool used to screen sentenced inmates for your Title 30-A program;
17. List of evidence-based programs facilitated at your FCJ prior to mission change;
18. Number of inmates enrolled in evidence-based programming prior to mission change;
19. List of non-evidence-based programs facilitated at FCJ prior to mission change;
20. Number of inmates enrolled in non-evidence-based programs at FCJ prior to mission change;
21. Names and contractual information of all vendors and name of program associated with;
22. Amount of community service hours (and types of projects completed) for the (3) years prior to mission change;
23. Amount of community service hours (and types of projects completed) each year since mission change;
24. Budget as a full-service facility for FY14 and FY15.

The Working Group asks that you provide the above described written explanation and information items no later than January 11, 2013. If you need additional time, please let us know, but be aware that the Working Group will not be able to complete its review of your request until it has had an opportunity to analyze the requested information.

Sincerely,



Commissioner Joseph Ponte, Co-chair



Sheriff Glenn Ross, Co-Chair

c/ Michael Tausek, Board Executive Director
Mark Westrum, Board Chair