

Correction Working Group Meeting Notes

Thursday, April 18, 2013

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- **CWG Attendees:** Scott Adkins; Bob Devlin; Ralph Nichols; Scott Ferguson; Betsy Fitzgerald, Fran Breton; Ed Quinn; Hamilton Meserve; Michael Tausek.
  
- **CWG Update:**
  - No update to report.
  
- **Review of Franklin County Mission Change Request:**
  - Franklin County had representation present and included, but not limited to, Sheriff Scott Nichols, Detention Manager Doug Blauvelt and Commissioner F. Hardy;
  - Franklin boards out approx. 30-35 per day;
  - Franklin's current ADP is 28 inmates;
  - Franklin utilizes Maine Pretrial Services. Currently, jail averages approx. 28 detainees on a pretrial contract;
  - Franklin utilizes Title 30-A and Home Monitoring to a small degree;
  - Franklin utilizes Franklin Memorial Hospital for medical services;
  - Franklin's kitchen license is up-to-date;
  - Franklin's union contract due to expire in FY2015 and has 2% increases for FY14 and FY15;
  - Franklin's Policy and Procedure update is on-going;
  - Franklin has reached out to various medical providers for provider information
    - Looking at MedPro and ARCH
    - Will need to RFP unless jail utilizes MDOC contract;
    - May reunite with Evergreen Behavioral Services;
  - Franklin stated that (1) staff member will be dedicated to programming and maintenance;
  - Franklin's disciplinary process mirrors Somerset County Jail's process;
  - Group discussed the jail's per capita cost and felt that approx. \$98 a day (for a budgeted capacity of 44 inmates) is appropriate for a full service operation. The group also discussed the jail's per capita cost and felt that approx. \$136 a day (for a budgeted capacity of 31 inmates) is appropriate for a full service operation. FCJ's current Per Capita cost is approx. \$178 a day;
  - Franklin will utilize a key operated system if full service but needs to maintain a staff person in central control. The jail's perimeter is secure;
  - Franklin's video arraignment equipment is I.P. ready;
  - The system will not experience a corresponding decrease in cost if inmates shifted back to Franklin County Jail. After FY15, the SBOC should anticipate

Franklin needing supplemental funding. Financial pressure will be placed on the Investment Fund;

- Seminal Issue: It appears that Franklin Detention Center could operate as a full service facility under the current tax cap but will the operation be sustainable without supplemental funding;
- Ralph asked Franklin representatives if they would oppose an alternative to a full-service jail (e.g. reentry center) and Sheriff Nichols stated that Franklin intends on a remission back to full service with or without the support of the SBOC;
- CWG members discussed the pros and cons of Franklin's request and the information presented over the last few meetings;
- Motion: Member Nichols motioned for Franklin County Detention Center to be re-missioned as a full service facility based on the information and data supplied and that the SBOC should approve Franklin County's request under the following considerations:
  - Franklin County Detention Center will operate at the projected budget of \$1,589,518 for FY14;
  - Franklin County Detention Center will implement this change for July 1, 2013;
  - Funding previously associated with Franklin inmates in other jail budgets will revert back to Franklin to fund this mission change.
  - Motion Seconded by Betsy Fitzgerald;
  - CWG members voted unanimously (8-0) for the SBOC to consider the group's recommendation that Franklin County Detention Center be re-missioned a full-service facility.

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- Next Steps:

- The Board of Corrections to commence review of the CWG's recommendation at the next SBOC Board meeting on April 23, 2013;
- The SBOC will receive copies of full mission change packet submitted by Franklin County representatives;
- The SBOC shall hold at least (1) public session in Franklin County before a decision is made. A Board decision must be made within 90 days of this public hearing.

- Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 10:00AM. \*Rod Miller from National Institute of Corrections will provide an overview on the staffing and occupancy project currently underway.

