



CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Kevin J. Joyce
SHERIFF
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CHIEF DEPUTY

JAIL BOARD OF VISITORS

*April 20, 2022
Via Zoom at 15:05*

In Attendance

Sheriff Joyce, HSA Matt Steinback, Captain John Costello, Bill Prout (notes) Board Members: Colleen Hilton (Chair), Cush Anthony, Absent Humza Khan, Garret Stewart, Victor Dumais

Hilton

- Gave an update on the annual report which was completed for 2021
- Asked for an update on inmate vs resident terminology-
 - The sheriff gave an update about the legislature change. We haven't officially changed our terminology yet.
- Electronic Medical records (EMR)-
 - Sheriff- moved to EMR in 2014.
 - Steinback on the user ability of EMR. We currently use Correct Tech whose feedback from staff is that the software is cumbersome, a lot of clicking around. When you're trying to get charting done, it's just not the best option. The ones we have looked into, are costly.
 - Sheriff- We are currently in the beginning stages of working on an expansion of our medical department. Priority needs to be hiring staff would be a priority vs moving to EMR. Would like to see an EMR that works better with our Jail Management System (Spillman) in the future.
 - Steinback gave an update on COVID, which fell off the map in January but we received several cases of medical issues that required a higher level of care. We've had to work with the judicial system, and hospitals to make it work. We had 1 case of COVID that went to the hospital but was sent to the prison infirmary at Warren due to a higher need for care.
 - Steinback agreed moving to a new EMR right now is not a priority.
 - The sheriff gave a breakdown of some of our severe hospital cases and the challenges. We've had an inmate in custody for approximately 45 days on a warrant out of Massachusetts. This inmate has been on a 1-on-1 status for his safety. Waiting for him to be transferred to Massachusetts.
- Mental Health Staff update-
 - Steinback- Were able to hire a full-time clinician. Our Mental Health lead has been out of work but will be returning soon. Jail is constantly being inundated with severe mental health cases. We've become a de facto mental health unit. Trying the best we can to manage.



- The sheriff commented that Riverview in Augusta has been helpful to get inmates evaluated/treated.
- Hilton- Do inmates get a choice to go to Riverview? Per the Sheriff, no these are court-ordered. We try to get them there in the least invasive manner.
- Inmate Programs-
 - Sheriff- Religious programs, Alcoholics, and Narcotics anonymous are beginning to come back in.
 - Working on using our Community Corrections Center with Probation and sharing the building for multi-use.
 - Up for Re-Accreditation in October and wants to get more programming back into the jail
- Hilton commented on the staffing and mental health crisis and appreciates all that the Sheriff's Office is doing.

Meeting adjourned at 1539

Action Items

- Colleen Hilton will be contacting the Board members and the next meeting and will strive to be in person.
- Bill Prout will put a poll out for dates/times for the next meeting.

