



# CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Kevin J. Joyce  
**SHERIFF**
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**CHIEF DEPUTY**

## JAIL BOARD OF VISITORS

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*July 13, 2022  
Jail Conference Room*

- I. Call to Order: 1500
- II. Roll Call: Sheriff Kevin Joyce, Major Tim Kortez, Health Services Administrator Matt Steinback, Director of Nursing Larry Nault, Director of Mental Health Matt Glazer, Captain Goulet, Bill Prout- Executive Assistant (minutes) Chair Members: Colleen Hilton, Cushman Anthony Victor Dumais, Garrett Stewart, Absent Humza Khan
- III. Approval of minutes: N/A
- IV. Old Business:
  - a. Inmate Programs
  - b. Mental Health issues
  - c. COVID
  - d. MAT Initiation
- V. New Business:
  - a. Inmate deaths- Round table discussion. The Sheriff mentioned inmate suicide in May. Portland Police finished the investigation. Discussion followed keeping HIPAA in mind. The inmate was sent here from York County and was on a Federal Hold. There have been other incidents of similar nature however we aren't at liberty to speak of details due to them being under investigation by Portland Police. The Sheriff disclosed that in the case in May exposed a flaw in our bunks. The Sheriff has requested the bunks to be capped by facilities. Working on getting this accomplished. The inmates have been double-bunked in order to help with avoiding additional issues. Other things done have taken away the sheets and replacing them with security blankets for the time being. We have 200 currently, awaiting more. Hilton asked about details about the blankets. Goulet explained they are designed to prevent being rolled up. Hilton asked if it was usual to see repeat cases like this. The Sheriff and Major indicated this is unusual for us. Sheriff mentioned that these individuals were not on the radar for severe mental health issues. Matt Steinback indicated that there are national numbers suggesting that inmate suicides are on the rise.  
The Sheriff mentioned that the cost of capping the bunks will be \$900,000.  
Cushman Anthony asked if there was substance abuse related to these cases. Per Steinback treatment was given for detoxing. The majority of patients with substance abuse are on the



program, currently 40 on our MAT program. Victor Dumais asked about MAT initiation. Steinback explained the hope for the new process. Cushman Anthony asked about detox protocols. Steinback and Nault listed several different medications given at this facility. Steinback stated that everybody is treated.

The Sheriff spoke of challenges with staffing, COVID, resources and services. Gave an example of how small Counties only have a fraction of the inmates.

Hilton asked about support and debriefing for the staff. The Sheriff explained that Portland Police staff were going to do a debrief today with Corrections Staff however due to protest they had to cancel. Per Prout a debrief will be scheduled for Thursday or Friday this week.

Victor Dumais asked for clarification on the suicide case. Per Glazer explained acute suicide watch and step-down process. Glazer explained that this case was on watch at one point and stepped down. We can't keep every person on watch status so risk screenings are done to step people down. Victor Dumais been a DEEP provider for years. He recognizes that if someone is going to be harmed they are going to find a way. He feels that if mental health had done it's job then we wouldn't have had suicides even doing the best they can. Sheriff mentioned he appreciates the feedback. Steinback asked what we've could have done differently. Victor Dumais stated he isn't trying to impugn anything there but it sounds like the facility needs more help with Mental Health Staff. The Major had a meeting with Contract Monitor and it was discussed to have peer support, weekly rounds with more access, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of eyes on the offender's chart. The Major discussed challenges with inmates with mental health. Vacancies were discussed, Sheriff mentioned 70 vacancies. Garret Stewart mentioned a meeting that took place a year ago the Sheriff had mentioned that mentally ill inmates were being arrested. The Sheriff said why does someone have to get arrested to get the services they need? Cushman Anthony asked Matt Glazer about the caseload. Glazer said it's everyone due to the lack of resources people have at home in the community. Daily number is 55 to 60. Dumais asked if he can come in and shadow someone. Steinback stated it should be fine. Colleen Hilton asked if anyone is looking the larger picture such as E.R.s and Police etc, the entire system. This isn't just a jail issue. The Sheriff mentioned a 2017 case that an arrestee in Portland who swallowed drugs in the cruiser on the way to the jail and he passed after arriving in intake. Another similar case happened a year after.

- b. Staffing: Hired 16 people since September only retained 13. The County hired a recruiter in December. Sheriff mentioned trying to merge employees with another Jail, It's management crisis every day. There was no interest from the other facility. Steinback stated we've just hired 9 people in medical. They've increased money and benefits which has helped. Steinback wants at least 1 more full time clinician. That would help with coverage. Anthony asked what is preventing. Steinback and the Sheriff discussed funding. Sheriff says we are locked into what we can do.
- c. Visits have been ongoing since early June. The Major mentioned that recovery coaches and other programs have started.



- d. No COVID cases as of today. Removed Masks 2 weeks ago. Per Goulet if any cases reoccur, masks will be back. We are doing PCR testing in intake. The turnaround time is cut from 10 to roughly 5 days to get inmates out of quarantine. Still doing vaccine clinics.
- e. Goulet mentioned 2<sup>nd</sup> chance MAT program started about 4 months ago. There is an MAT initiation meeting tomorrow which comes with operational challenges. Steinback mentioned.

VI. Set time for next meeting: 10/26/2022

VII. Adjourn: 1635

