

Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee: County Jail Funding
Meeting #2 | November 5, 2019 | 10:00 am | Room 436 State House

1. Introductions

Senator Susan Deschambault, Senate Chair, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

Representative Charlotte Warren, House Chair, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

2. Information regarding the operation of the county jails: cost drivers and initiatives to control costs

Sheriff Todd Brackett, Lincoln County

Sheriff Joel Merry, Sagadahoc County

3. Responses to information requests from the October 22 meeting

- Data on jail population length of stay and daily costs *(p. 1)*
Maine Sheriffs' Association and Scott Ferguson, DAFS
- The relationship of the Department of Corrections and the county jails
Commissioner Liberty and Maine Sheriffs' Association
- Mental health and substance use disorder treatment for persons pre-trial, serving sentences, participating in sentencing alternatives and post-sentence
Gordon Smith and Dr. Jessica Pollard
- Options for jails in meeting medical costs of prisoners *(p. 24)*
Representative of DHHS, Office of MaineCare Services
- Financial Support of the Jails by the Counties
Maine County Commissioners Association, Maine Association of County Clerks, Administrators and Managers

4. Introduction to Jail Population Drivers

Cullen Ryan, Community Housing of Maine and State Homeless Council

Representative of the Restorative Justice Project, Legislative Committee

Sheriff Todd Morton, Penobscot County

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Status Report from the Pretrial Justice Reform Task Force

Anne Jordan, Director of Special Initiatives and Government Affairs, DOC *Judicial Branch*

5. Committee discussion

6. What information are we missing? Who are we missing?

7. Future meetings – 10am to 1pm, November 19 and December 10