**Corrections Committee**

**Spokane Convention Center**

**May 2025**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Business Meeting Summary**

**The Corrections Committee on Monday May 19th. Updates were provided on the Shuttle System, Washington Health Care Authority (HCA) Reentry Initiative (Medicaid Waiver allowing for jails to access Medicare funding for qualified inmates), Legislation that did not pass to establish statewide jail standards and the negative impacts resulting from the recent Washington State Department of Health rule governing use of body scanners in jails.**

**Action taken by the committee:**

* **The Corrections Committee recommends WASPC work on legislation to establish jail statewide jail standards.**
* **The Corrections Committee recommend WASPC continue work on a Corrections exemption to the DOH body scanner rule.**

**Meeting Minutes**

Welcome & Introductions (Co- Chairs and WASPC Staff) - Chief Cherie Harris was

Designation of Recorder/Minutes - Ric Bishop and Curt Lutz were designated to take minutes

Review of Previous Minutes – Previous Minutes were read for those in attendance. Voting eligibility was reviewed from the WASPC Corrections Committee Charter

Update on Jail Shuttle System – Curt Lutz reported the Statewide Shuttle is being coordinated out of Kittitas County. Discussion centered around bringing more facilities into the shuttle system. WASPC will follow up with facilities who are not participating and implementation of body scanner records into the shuttle packets

Update on Health Care Authority (HCA) Reentry Initiative (Formally known as Waiver 1115) – Curt Lutz reported on the facilities in Cohort 1, the challenges and questions around the MOUD grants and budgets. WASPC will continue to provide support through the implementation process.

Jail Standards – Ric Bishop reported on the recent legislation to establish Washington State Jail Standards. A motion was made by Chief Deputy Shawn Davis for WASPC to work on a bill to establish jail standards in the next legislative session based on best practices and constitutional law. The motion was seconded by Commander Mike Armstrong seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed.

DOH Body Scanner Rule Update was provided by Ric Bishop regarding progress on an exemption for Corrections use of body scanners and the settings on the machines. The membership recommended WASPC continue work on documenting the effectiveness of the machines in stopping contraband with membership support.

Member provided input on future training at WASPC Conferences including but not limited to:

* NIJO Trainers - Rachel Love, Legal and
* Classifications
* Shawn Lewis, Audits
* Legal Updates
* Everything about medical
* Community perceptions and hiring/retention
* Educating your community on what you do
* Drug identification education - and other options than body scanner
* Gang/organized crime in your community/facilities
* DOJ visits regarding MAT programs
* ICE detainers and handling of warrants/signatures from magistrate/judge
* ADA accommodations and the ability to provide all the things
* Strip searching everyone coming into your facility and options

Elmer Dickens will be providing Legal Updates training in November in Kittitas County

WA DOC offered to provide training to staff regarding the body scanner and reading the scan

Good of the Order

Jail Booking and Release System (JBRS) data and contact information is needed for Sydney Ellis-Clarke presented that they need agency contacts for the JBRS/Vine interface. The contact information to establish an automated population data transfer to replace the manual process sent out annually by WASPC.

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Welcome & Introductions (Co- Chairs and WASPC Staff)
   * 1. Designation of Recorder/Minutes
     2. Review of Previous Minutes
2. Update on Jail Shuttle System – Curt Lutz
3. Update on Health Care Authority (HCA) Reentry Initiative (Formally known as Waiver 1115) – Curt Lutz

*Cohorts and Go Live*

1. Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) HCA Grant and WASPC Service Model – Curt Lutz - WASPC
2. Jail Standards – Update Ric Bishop   
   Discussion with the group regarding coming up with jail standards that can be put forward to the legislature. Shawn Davis, Stevens County motioned and Mike Armstrong, City of Kent Jail seconded the motion to provide this document forward. After short discussion the motion passed with no opposed.
3. DOH Body Scanner Rule Update from Membership  
    Discussion about Dr. Stern completing tests. There was discussion about any   
    agency having logs that can show if there was a difference in contraband being   
    introduced to their agencies. More to come at the meeting Tuesday morning.
4. Member Requests/Input
   * 1. Potential Legislative – Body Scanners and Recruitment/Retention (Retirement)
     2. No Host Dinner Monday May 19 6pm – Location TBA (Steam Plant is Closed)
5. JBRS data and contact information. Sydney Ellis-Clarke presented that they need agency   
    contacts for the JBRS/Vine interface. The data that is needed replaced the data that   
    used to be sent out by WASPC.
6. Good of the Order