Corrections

Mission Statement

Our fundamental duty is to serve the community. We are actively engaged in improving the quality of life for everyone in Davis County.

2019 Inputs/Outputs

FTE (2019):
- 169 Full-time
- 7 Part-time

In 2019 the Davis County Jail booked in 9,365 total individuals. This included 6,632 males and 2,733 females. The jail booked in an average of 25.65 people each day into our facility. The jail released 7,460 individuals back into the community.

The jail offers four different areas of programming for inmates: Religious-10 groups, Education-8 groups, Drug Treatment-5 groups, and Life Skills-15 groups. In 2019, 9,863 different programming classes were conducted for inmates. The jail currently has 284 volunteer providers.

Core Functions & Services

- Provide for community safety, facility security, and the welfare of staff and inmates.
- Safely and securely detain and house all inmates.
- Return inmates to the community in better condition, physically and emotionally, and to encourage convicted offenders not to repeat criminal activity.
- Ensure that all inmates being released from our care and custody have access to essential resources.

Current Year Projected Outcomes

Year to date statistics for 2020 include booking in 3,519 total individuals and releasing 3,347 individuals back into the community.

The Corrections Division completed the security checkpoint at the entrance of the secure portion of the facility. This security checkpoint is designed as a 24-hour manned post with a walk-through metal detector. Having this secure entrance will increase the safety of all staff, inmates, and providers in the facility. We are diligently working towards being able to staff this post around the clock.

Our staff have worked tirelessly this year to improve our emergency operations, policies, and procedures. With the different events happening during 2020, we have had the opportunity to put these policies and procedures into practice. We are meticulously working to improve contingency plans, policies, and procedures to ensure the safety of staff, inmates, and providers as well and increase our efficiencies. To assist in this process, we have contracted with Lexipol to publish jail policy and procedure. Lexipol provides policy guidance related to federal and state case law and provides the ability to publish daily training briefs to staff. We have also installed a second Morse Watchman system to better enable our staff to obtain and utilize necessary keys during an emergency.

During the first quarter of this year, we were forced to review and analyze our current inmate housing structure and make several significant changes due to the outbreak of COVID-19. We have developed quarantine units to provide for the safe entrance of inmates into the facility, as well as a protocol to effectively house these inmates to keep them safe for the duration of their incarceration. We are one of the few jails in the state of Utah that has reported zero cases of COVID-19 among our inmate population. We continue to focus on providing excellent care for our inmates through inmate services (medical, mental health, programs, food, and clothing) in the most cost-effective and productive manner. We have focused our inmate programming heavily on teaching life skills, which can help them change their cognitive behavior and assist them in transitioning back into the community and being productive citizens upon release. The addition of a Health and Human Services Director has allowed us to revise and revamp our protocols and procedures to maintain the health and wellness of all inmates.

This year we also developed and will be initiating an ankle monitoring program for inmates as an alternative to confinement. Inmates that meet certain criteria will be able to work and live in their respective communities while still complying with the conditions of their court sentence. COVID-19 restrictions made it difficult for the jail to provide work release or treatment programs that required sending inmates outside the facility and allowing them to return back to general population. This ankle monitoring program gives greater flexibility to the courts in issuing sentences and is not restricted by available bed space in the jail. This program also allows inmates to remain living in their homes, maintain their employment, and attend required treatment programs without interruption. Their support systems can remain intact, which will help them to successfully complete their treatment and remain productive in society. This program will cost less for the inmates than private companies, provides for greater supervision and enhanced monitoring, and will be a self-sustaining

program for the County. Much like the urinalysis testing program that the jail runs in conjunction with Farmington District Court, this ankle monitoring program will provide similar benefits and resources to both the county courts and its clients.

Next Year Budget Initiatives

The safety and physical and mental health of our inmates is our top priority. Several initiatives in 2021 support this priority. We will remain focused on opening the medical wing, which will greatly increase and improve the types of care and services that we can provide to inmates. The goal of the medical team will be to provide an array of medical treatments and services that previously required the inmate to be transported out of the jail or to be medically refused.

We recently hired a Health and Human Services Director with the intent of revamping and improving the direction we are going with our medical staff and unit to better align with the mission and values of the Sherriff's Office. The focus of the medical staff and services going forward will be to create better outcomes for inmates, taking into consideration the challenges of mental health, drug addiction and the array of other medical conditions inmate populations are facing. Areas of interest to make more robust would include access to telehealth services (medical and mental health), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for substance abuse, withdrawal precautions and procedures, taking more acutely ill patients when appropriate, and partnering with home health and hospice nursing services. Proper staffing to meet these needs and objectives has been a priority and we are requesting the following adjustments in our medical staffing:

- Four additional full-time RNs (two in January, two at midpoint) (converted from four part-time EMTs below)
- 80 hours of per diem time per pay period (vacation/sick coverage) (converted from four part-time RNs below)
- Eliminate four part-time EMT positions (will become four full-time RNs per above)
- Eliminate four part-time nursing positions (will become per diem positions per above)
- Four additional Jail Operation Specialists (JOS) assigned to the medical wing control room 24/7 365

Increased staffing is necessary to reduce liability for the County and is essential for the success of the new medical wing and for present and future of medical outcomes of inmates.

In addition to the medical wing focuses above, we are also striving to locate resources, continued care alternatives, and treatment options for inmates as they transition from incarceration back to the community. To assist with this undertaking, we are also requesting a re-entry caseworker position. This position will focus on developing and maintaining strong partnerships with public entities to create a bridge for inmates between the jail and the community. Assisting inmates with obtaining necessary resources is essential to reducing recidivism and helping them become productive members of society. This position is contingent upon the receiving of a CCJJ grant.

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As we continue revising and updating our policy and procedures we will be utilizing Lexipol to ensure compliance with federal and state law, as well as current case law. Training our staff in accordance with POST guidelines and requirements will also remain a top priority. Another of our focuses for 2021 is to develop and expand training specifically for Corrections Officers. Last year we developed an amazing in-house pre-service training program for our new hire corrections deputies. This year our focus is to advance our in-service training program for our more seasoned deputies, offering more advanced courses in the areas of mental health and crisis intervention, de-escalation techniques, leadership and mentoring, diversity awareness, and liability and risk management. Emergency planning and preparation, along with ensuring our staff have the necessary equipment to perform their job functions remains essential.