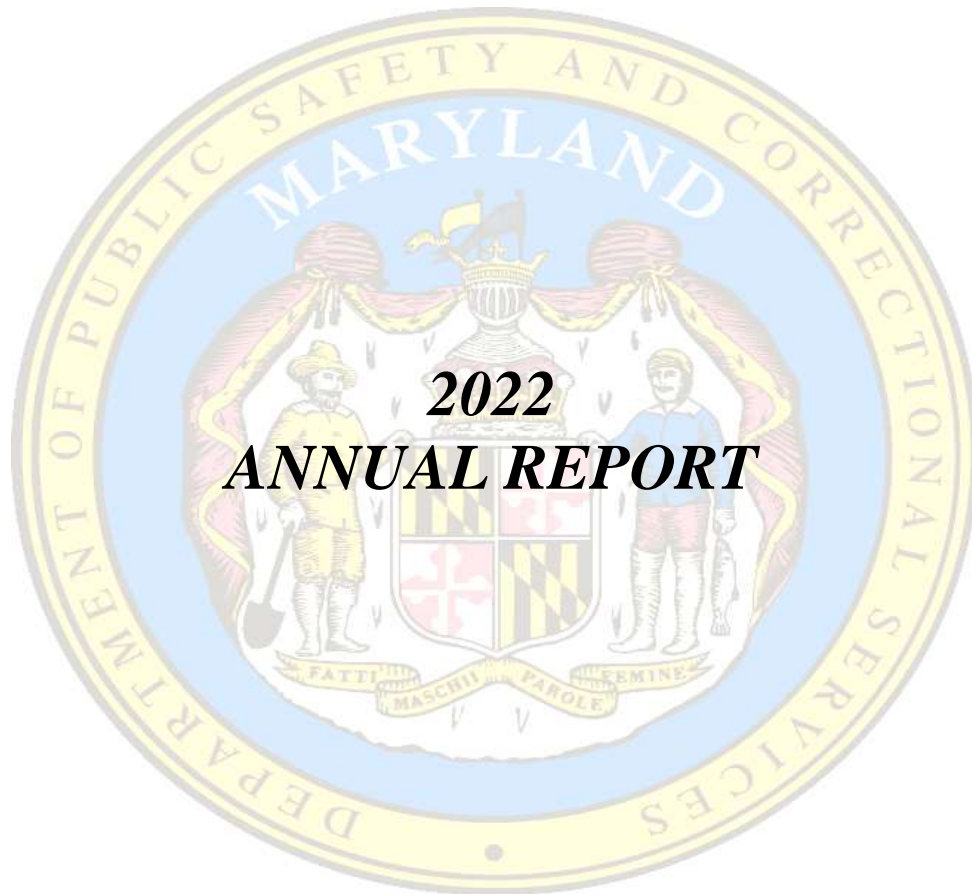




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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Correctional Services Article, Section §8-110, HB 11/Ch. 54, 1999, the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards is required to submit an annual report on the Commission's activities. The bill language states: (a) The [Maryland] Commission [on Correctional Standards] shall report annually to the Governor and, subject to 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the activities of the Commission (b) Secretary and Local Governments – The Commission shall provide the Secretary and the governing body of each county and municipal corporation that has a correctional facility with a copy of its annual report.

On or before November 15 of each year, the Commission on Correctional Standards shall submit an annual report to the Secretary and Governor on the activities of the Commission.

OVERVIEW

The Commission on Correctional Standards (Commission) collaborates with criminal justice organizations in the development, measurement, monitoring and enforcement of statewide correctional standards. The Commission provides quality compliance audits that are firm, fair, and consistent and promote correctional standards as a best practice. The Commission develops correctional employees through its duly authorized inspector training program and promotes accountability in correctional agencies' operations.

The Commission provides standards compliance audits for all local and state correctional facilities. Commission staff develop audit reports for the Commission's review and approval, provide technical assistance to correct areas of non-compliance, monitor compliance plans, and takes other such actions necessary to ensure continued compliance. The Commission develops legislatively mandated standards, conducts reviews, and updates existing standards. Commission staff provide Duly Authorized Inspector training for local and state correctional staff, who assist in conducting standards compliance audits, remotely and on-site.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

Audits

The State's Elevated Level II operational status, due to the coronavirus pandemic, was lifted on July 1, 2021. During the pandemic, the Maryland Commission on Correction Standards audits were cancelled from March 2020 through July 2021. All MCCS audit which were cancelled during FY 2020 and FY 2021 were rescheduled in to the FY 2022 audit schedule. The Remote Audit Process was used to complete audits for 23 Adult Detention Centers, 8 Adult Correctional Institutions, 1 Adult Community Correctional Facility and 3 Private Home Detention Monitoring Agencies, during the FY 2022. The list of all MCCS audits conducted in FY 2022 is provided below.

MCCS FY 2022 (JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022) AUDIT SCHEDULE

AUDIT DATES

FACILITY/INSTITUTION

9/14/21-9/16/21 9/22/21	North Branch Correctional Institution PHDMA – Alert, Inc.
10/14/21-10/15/21	Howard County Department of Corrections
10/26/21-10/27/21	Kent County Detention Center
10/26/21-10/27/21	Wicomico County Department of Corrections
11/9/21-11/10/21 11/16/21	Frederick County Detention Center and Annex PHDMA–A1 Trusted Monitoring, LLC
12/2/21-12/3/21	Carroll County Detention Center
12/6/21-12/8/21	Baltimore County Department of Corrections
12/14/21-12/15/21	Dorchester County Detention Center
1/11/22-1/12/22	Charles County Detention Center and Annex
2/1/22-2/2/22	Harford County Detention Center
2/7/22-2/9/22	Anne Arundel County DC–Jennifer Road
2/7/22-2/9/22	Anne Arundel County DC – Ordnance Road
2/15/22-2/17/22	Maryland Correctional Institution-Hagerstown
2/15/22-2/17/22	Roxbury Correctional Institution
2/28/22-3/2/22	Jessup Correctional Institution
3/8/22-3/10/22	Chesapeake Detention Facility
3/15/22-3/16/22	Queen Anne's County Department of Corrections
3/15/22-3/16/22	Talbot County Department of Corrections
3/22/22-3/23/22	PHDMA–Advantage Sentencing Alternative Programs
4/4/22-4/6/22	Maryland Correctional Institution for Women
4/4/22-4/6/22	Maryland Reception Diagnostic and Classification Center
4/12/22-4/13/22	Calvert County Detention Center
4/18/22-4/20/22	Patuxent Institution

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

MCCS FY 2022 (JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022) AUDIT SCHEDULE

AUDIT DATES	FACILITY/INSTITUTION
4/19/22-4/21/22	Western Correctional Institution
4/26/22-4/27/22	Cecil County Detention Center
CLOSED	Cecil County Community Corrections Center
5/10/22-5/12/22	Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center
5/16/22-5/17/22	Youth Detention Center
5/16/22-5/17/22	Dorsey Run Correctional Facility
5/23/22-5/26/22	Metropolitan Transition Center
CLOSED	Montgomery County Prerelease Center
6/14/22-6/15/22	Allegany County Detention Center
6/14/22-6/15/22	Garrett County Detention Center
6/28/22-6/30/22	Worcester County Detention Center
6/28/22-6/30/22	Eastern Correctional Institution–Annex
FY 2023 (7/22-6/23)	
7/12/22-7/14/22	Eastern Correctional Institution

GREEN – FY 2020 and FY 2021 Rescheduled 14th Cycle Audits

BLACK – FY 2022 15th Cycle Audits

The Recognition of Achievement is awarded to all facilities achieving 100% compliance at the time of their initial audit or upon successful completion of a monitoring visit and/or review. The Recognition of Achievement Award continues to be a benchmark for correctional facilities in the state and represents a commitment to the standards and the remote audit process by managing officials. MCCS conducted audits of facilities via a hybrid remote and onsite audit processes, in order to ensure facilities met the established correctional standards. Facilities that received this award are outlined on page four.

Duly Authorized Inspector Training (DAI)

The Commission held two, 8-hour Duly Authorized Inspector Training sessions, during FY 2022. The DAI Trainings were held August 24, 2022 and October 20, 2022 and consisted of 20 and 22 newly certified Duly Authorized Inspectors, respectively. The Duly Authorized Inspector Program continues to be a vital part of the Commission's success with conducting and managing the audit schedule. Students were trained on the remote audit process, which was adopted by the Commission, on January 28, 2021. The training enables individuals to assist their facilities in preparation for Commission audits and aids with achieving the highest level of compliance, with a greater understanding of the audit processes. Trained Duly Authorized Inspectors enhance facility procedures and provide an additional tool in conducting internal audits to assess compliance with the standards.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

Fire Safety Officer Training

The 8-hour Fire Safety Officer Training was not held, during FY 2022. MCCA participates in the training being conducted in collaboration with the State Fire Marshal's office and is for prospective Fire Safety Officers. The candidates complete the course, are certified, and receive training credits through the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission. The objective of the training is to provide Fire Safety Officers with the information necessary to construct, implement and document an internal fire safety program. The Fire Safety Officer Training program is vital for the maintenance of fire safety devices, equipment, and systems for fire prevention.

Commission Meetings

The 12 member Commission includes nine persons appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for three year terms. Correctional Services Article § 8-107 requires members to be appointed as follows: two citizen members; two state correctional officials; two local correctional officials; an elected official from a local government body; a member from the medical/mental health profession and an official of a national standards accrediting body. The Attorney General, Secretary of General Services, and Secretary of Budget and Management serve as ex officio members of the Commission. The board meets on a quarterly basis at pre-determined correctional facilities in the state. However, due to the State's Elevated Level II operational status, Commission meetings were held remotely, via videoconferencing, during FY 2022. The meetings consist of reviews of audit results including discussions with representatives from the audited facilities, the facilities' plans for corrective action, and appeals. Commission members review and approve updated standards as well as new standards mandated by the General Assembly.

275 th Commission Meeting	January 27, 2022	Remote (Google Meet)
276 th Commission Meeting	March 31, 2022	Remote (Google Meet)

The May 2022 Commission Meeting was not scheduled due to the Memorial Day holiday.

The July, September, and November 2021 Commission Meetings were cancelled due to a limited agenda or a lack of a quorum of voting Commission members.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

Recognition of Achievement Award

The following correctional facilities received the Recognition of Achievement award for FY 2022.

January 27, 2022

Kent County Detention Center

January 27, 2022

Frederick County Detention Center and Annex

March 31, 2022

Charles County Detention Center and Annex

CONCLUSION

The Commission continues to work in collaboration with regulatory agencies and criminal justice organizations to support its mission in the development, measurement, monitoring, and enforcement of correctional standards. Facility compliance results for the fiscal year demonstrate a high level of commitment by managing officials, the Commission Board and staff, during the pandemic. Reinstating the Duly Authorized Inspector training activities in standards compliance, with the addition of thorough quality correctional facility remote and on-site audits and regular Commission meeting reviews, should ensure statewide standards compliance, once the state returns to normal operations. Through leadership, partnership, communication and advocating the use of standards as a management tool, we will make the State of Maryland's correctional system a model for the nation. Thank you for your support as we faithfully dedicate ourselves to carrying out this important mission for the citizens of Maryland.