



MARYLAND

Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL STANDARDS



Wes Moore, Governor
Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor
Carolyn J. Scruggs, Secretary

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	PAGE
INTRODUCTION	1
OVERVIEW	1
COMMISSION ACTIVITIES	2-4
CONCLUSION	5
AUDIT RESULTS	6

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the 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 15th 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, to 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 adult places of confinement. Commission staff develop audit reports for the Commission Board's review and approval, provide technical assistance to correct areas of non-compliance, monitor compliance plans, and take 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.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

Audits

The Commission has continued with the Remote Audit Process, adopted on January 28, 2021 by the Commission Board, to conduct remote and on-site audit activities for an audit. The agency accomplished 16 audits of adult places of confinement within fiscal year 2024. Based on facility type and agency, there were 10 Adult Detention Centers, 4 Adult Correctional Institutions, 1 Adult Community Correctional Facility and 1 DPSCS Agency audits in total during the fiscal year.

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 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 audit process by managing officials. MCCS conducted audits of facilities, via a hybrid remote and onsite auditing method, in order to ensure facilities meet the established correctional standards. Facilities that received this award are outlined on page four.

Duly Authorized Inspector (DAI) Training

The Commission held two, 8-hour Duly Authorized Inspector Training sessions, during FY 2024. The DAI Trainings were held on October 12, 2023 and May 22, 2024. The Duly Authorized Inspector Program continues to be a vital part of the Commission's success with conducting and managing the audit schedule. 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 remote audit process. Trained Duly Authorized Inspectors enhance facility procedures and provide an additional tool by assisting with internal audits to assess compliance with the standards.

Fire Safety Officer Training

The 8-hour Fire Safety Officer Training was not held during FY 2024. The training is conducted in collaboration with the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission (PCTC), the State Fire Marshal's office and MCCS for prospective Fire Safety Officers. The candidates complete the course, are certified, and receive training credits through the PCTC. 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 ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

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 predetermined correctional facilities in the state or virtually, via a video conferencing platform. Commission meetings were held remotely, via videoconferencing, during FY 2024. 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.

Commission Meetings

281st Commission Meeting	September 28, 2023	Remote (Google Meet)
282 nd Commission Meeting	January 25, 2024	Remote (Google Meet)
283 rd Commission Meeting	March 28, 2024	Remote (Google Meet)

The May 2024 Commission Meeting was not scheduled due to the Memorial Day holiday.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

Recognition of Achievement Award

The following correctional facilities received the Recognition of Achievement award for FY 2024.

September 28, 2023	Jennifer Road Detention Center
September 28, 2023	Ordnance Road Correctional Center
September 28, 2023	Baltimore County Department of Corrections
September 28, 2023	Carroll County Detention Center
September 28, 2023	Chesapeake Detention Facility
September 28, 2023	Maryland Correctional Institution-Jessup
September 28, 2023	Maryland Correctional Institution for Women
September 28, 2023	Queen Anne's County Department of Corrections
January 25, 2024	Somerset County Detention Center
January 25, 2024	Dorchester County Department of Corrections
January 25, 2024	Carroll County Detention Center
January 25, 2024	Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center
January 25, 2024	Western Correctional Institution
January 25, 2024	Jessup Correctional Institution
January 25, 2024	Cecil County Detention Center
January 25, 2024	Allegany County Detention Center
March 28, 2024	Dorsey Run Correctional Facility
March 28, 2024	Eastern Correctional Institution
March 28, 2024	Office of Health Contracts Administration and Audits
March 28, 2024	Talbot County Department of Corrections

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. Compliance plan results for the fiscal year demonstrates a high level of commitment by managing officials, the Commission Board and staff, during the FY. Reinstating consistent annual training activities in critical areas, such as, standards compliance and fire safety, with the addition of thorough quality correctional facility audits and regular Commission meeting reviews, should ensure statewide standards compliance. Through leadership, partnership, communication and advocating the use of standards as a management tool, the Commission will work toward elevating the State of Maryland's correctional system, as a national model. Thank you for your support as we continue our commitment to carrying out our mission for the citizens of Maryland.

AUDIT RESULTS

INSTITUTION NON-COMPLIANCE BREAKDOWN – 15TH CYCLE (JULY 2023 – JUNE 2024)

Institution	Date	TYPE	TC	C/P	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	TOTAL
Anne Arundel County Department of Detention Facilities – Jennifer Road Detention Center	Aug 1-2, 2023	ADC		X	1								1
Office of Health Contracts Administration And Audits	August 3- 15, 2023	HQ	X										0
Roxbury Correctional Institution	August 22-24, 2023	ACI		X	6			1					7
Talbot County Department of Corrections	September 12-13, 2023	ADC	X										0
Metropolitan Transition Center	October 2-5, 2023	ADC		X	4	2		3	1			1	11
Calvert County Detention Center	October 24-25, 2023	ADC	X										0
Anne Arundel County Department of Detention Facilities - Ordnance Road Correctional Center	November 7-9, 2023	ADC		X	2								2
Chesapeake Detention Facility	December 5-7, 2023	ADC		X	1				1			1	3
Maryland Reception, Diagnostic & Classification Center	January 9-11, 2024	ADC		X	3	5	1	5				1	15
Eastern Correctional Institution – Annex	January 30- Feb 1, 2024	ACI		X	1		1		1		1	1	5
Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center	February 13-15, 2024	ADC		X				4				1	5
Western Correctional Institution	March 5-7, 2024	ACI		X		1							1
Dorsey Run Correctional Facility	April 2-4, 2024	ACCF		X	1		1						2
Worcester County Jail	April 23-25, 2024	ADC		X	1	3							4
Garrett County Detention Center	May 14-15, 2024	ADC	X										0
Eastern Correctional Institution	June 11-13, 2024	ACI		X	2	1	2	1					6
KEYS: TC =Total Compliance, C/P = Compliance Plan in Place, ADC= Adult Detention Center, ACI = Adult Correctional Institution, ACCF = Adult Community Correction Facility. Standards: .01 Security and Inmate Control, .02 Inmate Safety, .03 Inmate Food Services, .04 Inmate Housing and Sanitation, .05 Inmate Rights, .06 Classification, .07 Hearings, .08 Administrative Record Keeping													