

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Department of Corrections
North Haverhill, NH 03774
April 28th, 2026

PRESENT: Commissioners McLeod, Piper, Hedberg, County Administrator Libby, Assistant County Administrator Elsholz, and Administrative Assistant. Norcross

OTHERS: Alternative Sentencing Director Mitchell, Bob Thompson – North Country Health Consortium, Rob Akesson – North Country Health Consortium, DoC Superintendent Lethbridge, HR Director Clough, Nick De Mayo – via Teams, Emilie Smith – via Teams,

Commissioner McLeod called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Commissioner McLeod stated that their meeting is being held at the Department of Corrections. They do not have their regular meeting set up with the microphones, and therefore, it may be difficult for those online to hear.

AS Director Mitchell arrived and gave the following report (* see attached)

MOTION: Commissioner Hedberg moved to approve the group rate increase as presented by AS Director Mitchell. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

AS Director reviewed the Substance Use Evaluation Requirements for Non-Participants with the Commissioners and answered questions. This policy is to establish clear procedures and expectations for individuals referred to Grafton County Alternative Sentencing for a Substance Use Evaluation who are not enrolled in ongoing program services.

MOTION: Commissioner Hedberg moved to approve the policy for Substance Use Evaluation Requirements for Non-Participants. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Alternative Sentencing Director Mitchell, Bob Thompson & Rob Akesson - North Country Health Consortium – Opioid Discussion

B. Thompson stated that they had met with the Commissioners in March, and they left that meeting feeling like there were some questions about access to increased funding at the state level to bring that down to the county. He stated that it sounded like the Commissioners were ready to reach out to the contacts that NCHC had at the state level when the time was right, and there was a suggestion to come back and have a further conversation. B. Thompson stated that his understanding is that two (2) Commissioners attended the State Opioid Abatement Commission meeting, and he wondered if there was new information that came from that meeting. He stated that they were asked if NCHC wanted to continue seeking increased funding for their Drug Court Treatment Program through the county level or if they wanted to go to the

state level. B. Thompson explained that NCHC is still comfortable staying at the county level because it is a job share with county programs at Alternative Sentencing.

Commissioner McLeod stated that both she and Commissioner Hedberg listened in on the opioid meeting with the state. The Opioid Abatement Fund has put out an RFP for funding through the Department of Health and Human Services. She noted that Granite United Way has also put out RFPs for funding for lesser amounts. The larger amounts of funding through the state have to fall under five (5) priorities to be considered for funding. She asked if NCHC is looking for the county to apply or if NCHC would be looking to apply. AS Director Mitchell stated that her understanding from their last meeting was that the Commissioners were going to talk to the state about additional funding for the county and that they would be included in those conversations. She stated that she understood that there were other projects that were also being considered for funding.

Commissioner McLeod stated that there is roughly \$30,000 left in funding at the county, and they have made commitments to other local emergency services agencies. There were several items in their budget that had been moved to Opioid Abatement Funding, and therefore, they knew the county was not going to have much left for funding. Commissioner McLeod stated that there will be more funding, but it will not likely be until fall, it may be smaller amounts, and there is no commitment from the state. She stated that their best bet to receive these funds is through the DHHS RFP, which is due May 15th.

CA Libby stated that NCHC is eligible to submit its own application for those funds, or it can be applied for through the county. The Commissioners suggested applying in collaboration with the county. B. Thompson stated that they are ready to apply in collaboration with the county and are ready to get letters of support.

Commissioner Hedberg stated that they do not have a grant writer at the county, which would require one of the staff or Commissioners to write the grant, and they are in the middle of a challenging budget season. She stated that it is doable but challenging. She stated that if the NCHC is willing to do the application, the county would write a letter of support. Commissioner McLeod asked if the county would have more leverage to get the opioid funds than NCHC. B. Thompson stated that it would make sense for NCHC to apply for May 15th if the county is not looking to pursue additional funds until the fall.

CA Libby stated that if NCHC is in a better position, it makes the most sense for NCHC to be the grant applicant. It talks about collaboration, and if they can show the collaboration that will happen between the county and NCHC, then it would give them a good chance. They need to figure out the employee share part of the program, if they were to receive the funding. B. Thompson stated that they feel the employee's share part would be easy, given their history of working together. AS Director Mitchell stated, as far as supervision and oversight of staff, it would be great for NCHC to take it on.

B. Thompson stated that the Opioid Abatement funding through the county to do this work is not available, and given the size and length of what they are asking for, they would submit an RFP through the state Opioid Abatement Fund. He will speak to NCHC's Executive Director to make

sure they are all on the same page to submit this proposal. This is a collaborative project with Grafton County and the Alternative Sentencing Department. He added that NCHC will send over template language for the letter of support for Grafton County.

DoC Superintendent Lethbridge arrived and gave the following report (* see attached)

The Commissioners presented employees at the DoC with their Years of Service Pins for reaching milestones in their years of service to Grafton County.

Memos for Requested Action:

1. Inmate Communications Contract – Supt. Lethbridge stated that four (4) companies submitted proposals. Three (3) staff members served as the evaluation committee, and there was a scoring sheet that was used while evaluating these proposals. He stated that the committee that evaluated all of the proposals unanimously agreed to start negotiations with Smart Communications.

MOTION: Commissioner Piper moved to approve Superintendent Lethbridge negotiating with Smart Communications for an inmate communications contract; this contract would then be brought back to the Commissioners for final approval. Commissioner Hedberg seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

2. Prison Rape Elimination Act Standard Operating Procedure – Supt. Lethbridge stated that the PREA auditor recommended a significant update to their SOP. He stated that this SOP needed updating and formatting. They have redone this policy and noted that it is longer than their standard SOPs. He explained that because this is a compliance issue, they are trying to mirror the language from the statute. Commissioner McLeod asked about the training that then happens once this is adopted. Supt. Lethbridge stated that from day one (1) at orientation, officers receive training in this area. There is guidance in their search policies that relates to PREA and Supt. Lethbridge stated that they have annual training each year that PREA is included in as well. Commissioner Hedberg asked if someone is a trans male or female, are they housed based on the gender assigned at birth or what they identify as. Supt. Lethbridge stated that their auditor had told them they could ignore this piece because the Presidential Administration has said those designations do not count. He explained that they have opted to continue to follow the PREA guidance in that regard. He stated that their supervisors speak with the inmate about where the inmate feels they would be most safely housed. The officers do not conduct searches to determine the exact genitalia that any individual has, but they can have medical examination if that becomes applicable. Supt. Lethbridge further explained that the inmate does not have the final say in where they are housed, but they do consider their thoughts, and each case is determined individually. He stated that if an inmate were to come in and identify as transgender but had not taken any steps to begin transitioning, they would likely be housed with their gender assigned at birth. If someone had significant transition procedures already done, it would likely be unsafe to house them in that environment, and therefore, they would look at other options. Supt. Lethbridge stated that it is important that each case is looked at individually.

MOTION: Commissioner Hedberg moved to approve the Prison Rape Elimination Act SOP. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

3. Mental Health Provider – Supt. Lethbridge stated that this change will be a positive for them in many areas. The medical team reported that the telehealth link provided by West Central Behavioral Health is increasingly problematic, reducing the number of inmates who receive services. He stated that Stephanie Olivares, who already works as a per diem RN in the facility, provided a service proposal of 6-hour mental health clinics conducted in person at the DOC at roughly the same price as they were paying West Central before their proposed rate increase in the coming year. He stated that they will now be receiving more services and holding the cost steady.

MOTION: Commissioner Piper moved to approve a new mental health contract with Stephanie Oliveras for Fiscal Year 2027. Commissioner Hedberg seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

HR Director Clough arrived and requested to go into a nonpublic session

MOTION: * 10:15 AM Commissioner Piper moved to enter into a non-public session for the purpose of the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted according to RSA 91-A: 3, II (a). Commissioner Hedberg seconded the motion. This motion requires a roll call vote. Commissioner McLeod called the roll. Commissioner Piper said, “Yes”, Commissioner Hedberg said, “Yes,” and Commissioner McLeod said, “Yes.” Commissioner McLeod stated that a majority of the board voted “yes” and would now go into non-public session.

* 10:30 AM Commissioner McLeod declared the meeting back in public session.

Supt. Lethbridge returned and requested to go into a nonpublic session

MOTION: * 10:31 AM Commissioner Hedberg moved to enter into a non-public session for the purpose of consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with anybody or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph according to RSA 91-A: 3, II (e). Commissioner Piper seconded the motion. This motion requires a roll call vote. Commissioner McLeod called the roll. Commissioner Piper said, “Yes”, Commissioner Hedberg said, “Yes,” and Commissioner McLeod said, “Yes.” Commissioner McLeod stated that a majority of the board voted “yes” and would now go into non-public session.

* 10:41 AM Commissioner McLeod declared the meeting back in public session.

Agenda Items:

1. Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (I)

MOTION: * 10:42 AM Commissioner Piper moved to enter into a non-public session for the purpose of consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present according to RSA 91-A: 3, II (I). Commissioner Hedberg seconded the motion. This motion requires a roll call vote. Commissioner McLeod called the roll. Commissioner Piper said, "Yes", Commissioner Hedberg said, "Yes," and Commissioner McLeod said, "Yes." Commissioner McLeod stated that a majority of the board voted "yes" and would now go into non-public session.

* 10:47 AM Commissioner McLeod declared the meeting back in public session.

2. Commissioner McLeod asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from the April 21st meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Piper moved to approve the minutes of the April 21st meeting. Commissioner Hedberg seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

3. The Commissioners signed check registers 1158-1159.

4. Certificate of Authority – BDAS Grant – CA Libby stated that they are renewing the BDAS grant, and it has an increase, which has been included in the budget proposals.

MOTION: Commissioner Hedberg moved to adopt the following Certificate of Authority:

1. I am a duly elected County Clerk/County Official of Grafton County.
2. I hereby certify that Julie L. Libby, County Administrator, is authorized on behalf of this county to enter into the said contract with the State and to execute any and all documents, agreements, and other instruments; and any amendments, revisions, or modifications thereto, as he/she may deem necessary, desirable, or appropriate.
3. I hereby certify that this authority has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of the contract/contract amendment/agreement to which this certificate is attached. This authority was **valid thirty (30) days prior to and remains valid for thirty (30) days** from the date of this Certificate of Authority. I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that the person(s) listed above currently occupy the position(s) indicated and that they have full authority to bind the county. To the extent that there are any limits on the authority of any listed individual to bind the county in contracts or other agreements with the State of New Hampshire, all such limitations are expressly stated herein.

Commissioner Piper seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

5. Commissioner McLeod signed the following CDBG Drawdowns:

- NHARDC - \$31,094.67
- WREN – Micro - \$30,655.83

Commissioner’s Issues:

1. Commissioner Hedberg stated that she attended the Courthouse Building Committee virtually last week. She noted that she normally has a very good connection, and the sound was not good. She noticed that a few different things seemed to affect the sound. She stated that she reached out to Pemi Baker TV in Plymouth, which handles all of the virtual meetings for Plymouth, with some questions. He offered to give some ideas on what to do if Commissioner Hedberg were to send pictures of their setup.

2. Commissioner Hedberg stated that the Bristol Town Manager reached out to her to attend a meeting next week to give an update on the county.

Public Comment

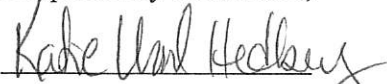
Commissioner McLeod stated that they understand that those online may not have been able to hear well, as this was a difficult room to be in, and they do not have their normal equipment.

1. Nick De Mayo stated that the sound in this room is terrible, there is intermittent sound, and voices kept dropping off. He stated that they cannot hear everything that is being said and cannot pick up the details of the meeting. N. De Mayo stated regarding the courthouse, Lebanon has a median household income of \$98,147.00, which is notably higher than the rest of Grafton County. Plymouth has a median household income of \$79,453.00, and Littleton is \$53,082.00-\$56,646.00. The per capita income is \$36,072.00. N. De Mayo stated that since Lebanon has money, they could name the courthouse after George Sykes and have Lebanon pay for it, and that way they would not burden the rest of the county.

The Commissioners conducted their semi-annual inspection of the Department of Corrections with Superintendent Lethbridge and Captain Kendall per RSA 30-B:12.

1:00 PM with no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Katie Wood Hedberg, Clerk

GRAFTON COUNTY ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING REPORT: MARCH 2026

Directors Report:

March was an exceptionally productive month for Alternative Sentencing, marked by significant professional growth, community engagement, and forward momentum across multiple initiatives.

We remain committed to strengthening staff expertise and advancing professional certifications. All five team members who participated in the Community Health Worker Apprenticeship Program successfully completed their training and are now pursuing official State of New Hampshire certification. In addition, Tom Pickford, our Mental Health Court Case Manager, earned his Certified Recovery Support Worker (CRSW) credential, with four more staff preparing to sit for their certification exams.

Our team continues to engage deeply with community partners. Throughout March, we hosted presentations from Gatehouse Treatment Center and Granite Recovery Centers, as well as a representative from 3rd Millennium, our online educational platform. The new offerings for both adults and adolescents will further enhance our ability to address specific behavioral and communication challenges among program participants.

Several staff members are also participating in a six-week “Cannabis in Clinical Care” training through ECHO. This interactive series provides valuable insight into the clinical, legal, and developmental considerations surrounding cannabis use in various populations. It has already proven to be an excellent resource for strengthening our clinical understanding and community education efforts.

Our CRSW team has officially named their program and drafted a mission statement. Their next step is developing policy to guide the program as it grows. They have also begun planning a local **Recovery Festival**, designed to highlight Grafton County resources and bring community members together. The event will feature local vendors and aims to celebrate connection, support, and recovery. We are incredibly proud of the community outreach and positive impact of the True North Navigation program.

Both the Haverhill Area Substance Misuse and Prevention Coalition and the Littleton Area Prevention Coalition have offered tremendous support as we build momentum for the festival. Together, we hope to spark a broad movement that strengthens community ties and builds a vibrant, sustainable recovery network capable of hosting substance-free activities throughout the year. The response so far has been overwhelmingly positive.

Census:

Alternative Sentencing programs census of active participants totaled TWENTY in MARCH. There were no completions this month. Graduation will be on April 24 for Diversion participants.

Mental Health court had a census of active participants totaling THIRTY in MARCH. There were two completions this month.

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The Sequential Intercept Model Transitional Housing Program holds FOUR individuals that have not yet been placed in long term housing.

The True North Navigation re-entry support services have received thirty-three referrals since January through the Department of Corrections alone and have successfully set up support for at least twenty thus far. They work with FIVE individuals from Alternative Sentencing.

***Alternative Sentencing Programs:**

Juvenile Restorative Justice

Adult Felony and Misdemeanor Diversion

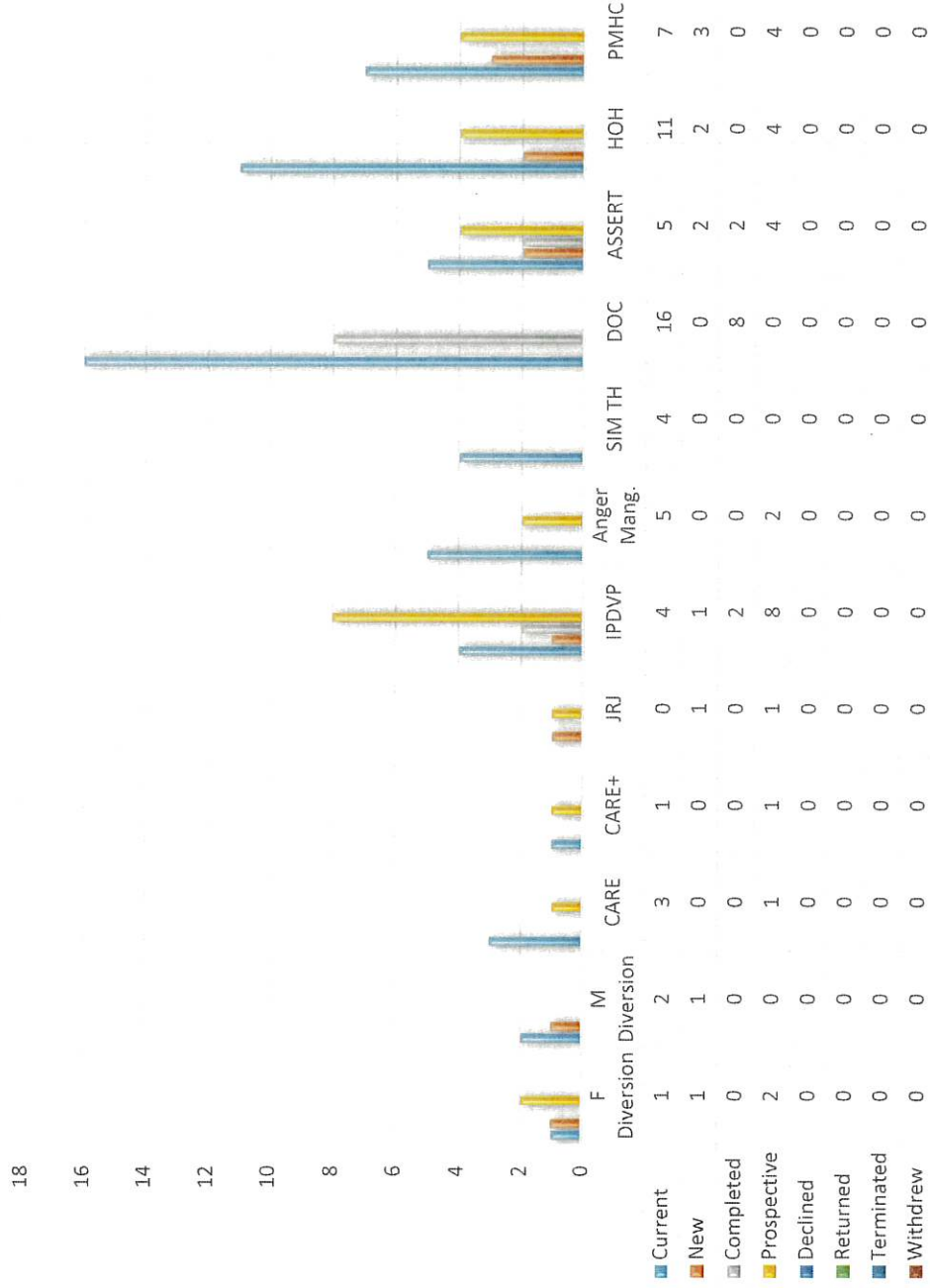
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Intimate Partner Domestic Violence Program: Emerge
Mental Health Court

Anger Management Assessment and Programming
Life Skills Group

Alternative Sentencing Programs

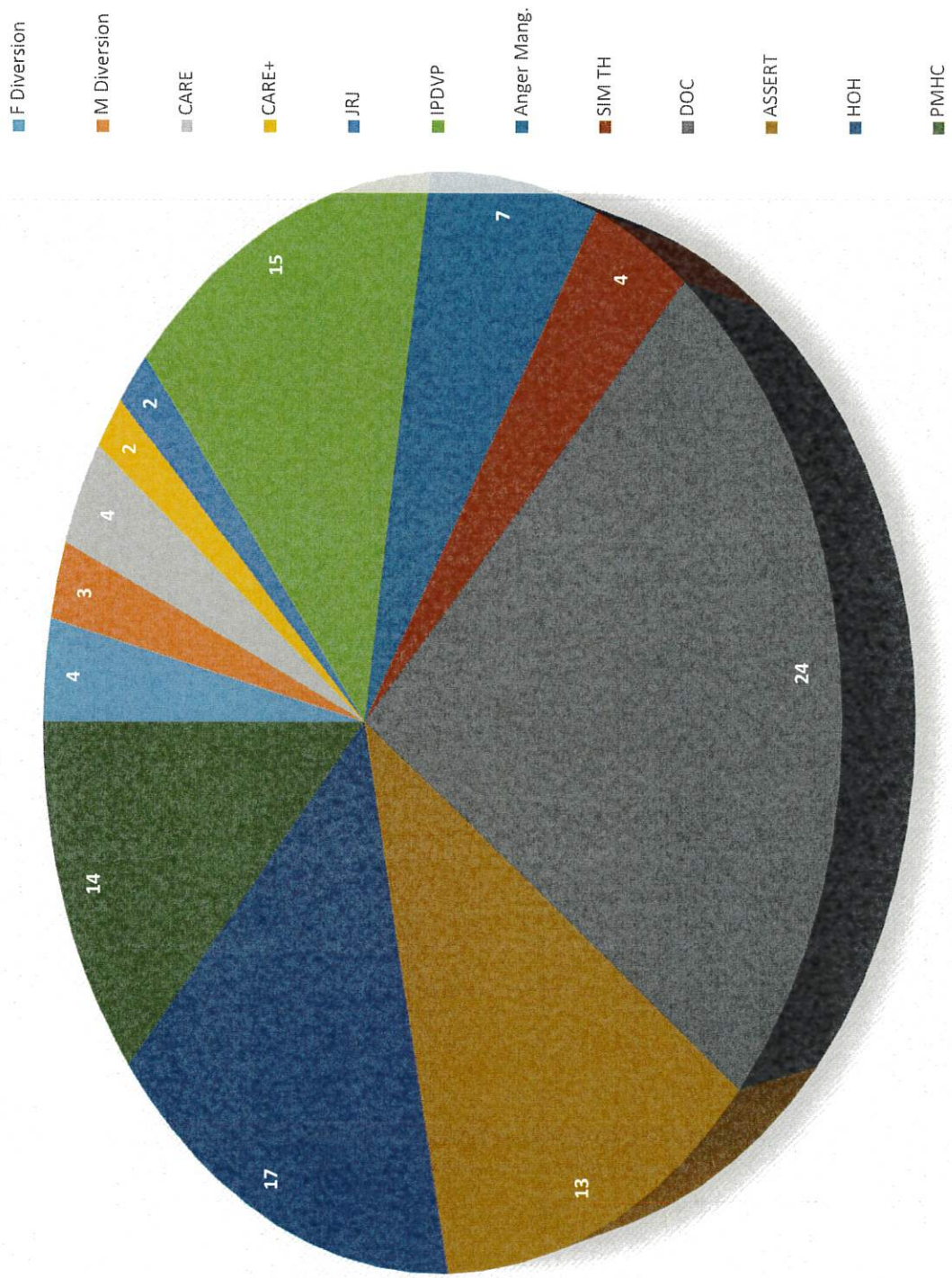
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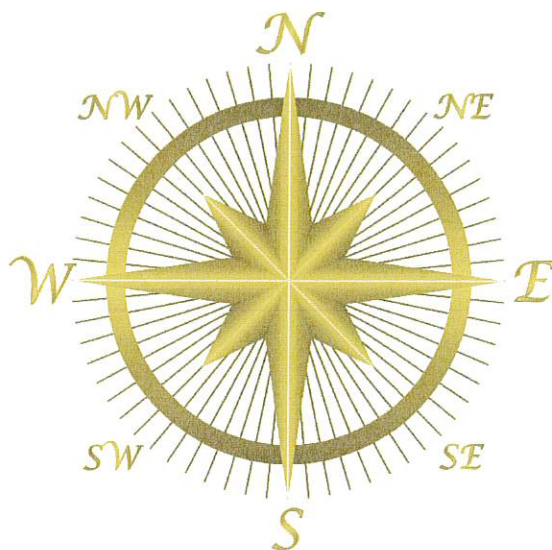


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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
JRJ						
AD	\$175.00	\$80				
MISSED						
LATE						
+ UA's						
Anger Management	\$80	\$45				
Emerge	\$600	\$175	\$675			
CARE						
MISSED						
+ UA's						
BDAS	\$1,751.08	\$2,084.57	\$1,798.08			
Totals	\$2,606.08	\$2,384.57	\$2,473.08			
Grand Total	<u>\$2,606.08</u>	<u>\$4,990.65</u>	<u>\$7,463.73</u>	-	-	-

Monthly Case Totals





TRUE NORTH RECOVERY FEST

A Free Community Event

Food • Music • Games • Connection

June 27 • 12-3 PM

Railroad Park, Woodsville NH

Rain location- Clifford Community Building

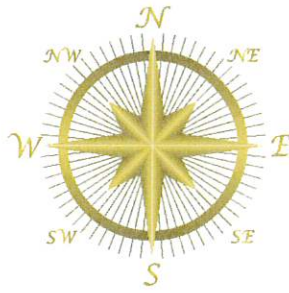
Come join us for an afternoon of community, wellness,
and support.

Learn about local resources, meet your neighbors, and
help us build a stigma-free, healthier community.

Hosted by True North Navigation
Grafton County Alternative Sentencing

Questions or want to support?
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TRUE NORTH CONNECTION/ NAVIGATION



Mission Statement

Our mission is to empower individuals navigating re-entry, recovery, and community reintegration by helping them reconnect with their True North—their inner compass of values, identity, and purpose. Through compassionate peer support, case management, and structured goal setting, we guide individuals in building stability, developing life skills, and making values-aligned decisions. We are committed to creating measurable progress by supporting clients in establishing clear short- and long-term goals, tracking their achievements, and celebrating each milestone along the way. Grounded in the belief that every person carries a steady guiding point within themselves, we walk alongside individuals as they build confidence, reclaim authenticity, and move forward with clarity, dignity, and direction.



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Substance Use Evaluation Requirements for Non-Participants

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear procedures and expectations for individuals referred to Grafton County Alternative Sentencing (GCAS) for a Substance Use Evaluation who are not enrolled in ongoing program services.

This policy applies to any individual directed or referred to complete a Substance Use Evaluation ("the evaluation") as a result of a court order, probation requirement, or personal request.

GCAS will provide Substance Use Evaluations to non-participants based on program capacity. Individuals referred to an evaluation must comply with all requirements outlined in this policy to ensure accurate assessment and appropriate recommendations.

Evaluation Requirements

1. GCAS will accept referrals only when program census and staffing levels allow.
2. Individuals must schedule and complete the evaluation with a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) affiliated with GCAS.
3. Individuals must provide complete, accurate, and honest information regarding their substance use history.
4. Individuals must submit urine drug screens upon request.
5. Completion of the evaluation requires attendance at a minimum of four individual sessions with the LADC.
6. Individuals must sign required consent forms authorizing the evaluator to obtain collateral information from:
 - Personal contacts
 - Primary care providers
 - Therapists or other treatment providers
 - Referral sources
 - Any other relevant agencies or services

Fees

- Intake and Evaluation: \$325, due at the time of service
- Required Follow-Up Sessions (minimum of four): \$50 per session

Evaluation Outcomes

1. Following completion of the final counseling session, the evaluator will provide treatment recommendations to both the individual and the referral source.
2. GCAS will provide information on appropriate community programs based on the recommended level of care.

This policy becomes effective upon adoption and remains in force until amended or revoked.



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GROUP RATE INCREASE PROPOSAL

March 26, 2026

Commissioners,

Grafton County Alternative Sentencing (GCAS) is proposing an increase in fees for group services offered in addition to our programs. We have been offering groups on a variety of topics for over two years. These groups are provided at no cost to individuals enrolled in any of our seven Alternative Sentencing programs. Individuals referred to groups from outside agencies, who are not simultaneously participating in a GCAS program, are required to pay out of pocket.

Throughout the time we have offered group programming, we have found that the level of time required for preparation, training, facilitation, and documentation is extensive for each program. Although we have made efforts to keep costs low and continue to offer a sliding fee scale, current reimbursement rates remain insufficient. The average group reimbursement, per person, per group, through insurance is \$35.22, and the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services reimburses at a rate of \$28.26 per person per group.

We have reviewed comparable programs offered in the community and confirmed that the proposed rates below remain lower than those charged by similar programs in New Hampshire.

Group descriptions, current fees, and proposed increases are outlined below. If approved, we would like to begin implementing the proposed fees as early as May 01, 2026. Individuals currently participating in groups would not be subject to any fee increases.

SEEKING SAFETY

Seeking Safety is an evidence-based treatment model addressing Post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders through individual or group sessions. The curriculum includes 25 topics covering cognitive, behavioral, and interpersonal domains, each focused on safe coping skills. Rolling admission; gender specific. *Current cost for non-GCAS participants: \$120 for 12 weeks or \$10 per group.*

Proposed increase: **\$20 per group**

ANGER MANAGEMENT

This 12-week curriculum supports individuals with substance use and mental health disorders in understanding and managing anger. It focuses on triggers and cues, the cycle of aggression, cognitive restructuring, assertiveness training, conflict resolution, and the impact of anger on families. Two practice sessions are

included. Closed admissions; 12-week sessions.

Current cost for non-GCAS participants: \$50 initial assessment; \$180 for 12 weeks or \$15 per group.

Proposed increase: \$100 initial assessment; \$25 per group

3RD MILLENNIUM / eADVENT LEARNING

These online platforms provide intervention and prevention programming related to substance use, shoplifting, cyberbullying, harassment, interpersonal skills, defensive driving, animal care, theft, and more. Courses are assigned individually based on participant need.

Current cost: \$60–\$120 per course.

Updated platform cost: \$75–\$150 per course

EARLY RECOVERY PLANNING

This group provides psychoeducation on Post-Acute Withdrawal Syndrome, how to recognize and manage symptoms, and how to challenge mistaken beliefs related to recovery and reuse. Participants develop a reuse prevention plan and build coping skills for stressors. A family member or support person may attend the final session. Rolling admissions.

Current cost for non-GCAS participants: \$80 for 8 weeks or \$10 per group.

Proposed increase: \$25 per group

LIFE SKILLS

Life Skills group supports individuals in developing practical skills that promote personal stability and success. Topics include financial management, employment skills, resume building, banking, purchasing a vehicle, conflict resolution, communication, boundary setting, and responsibility. Available to GCAS participants and individuals referred by DOC Re-Entry. Rolling admissions.

Current cost for non-GCAS participants: \$120 for 12 weeks or \$10 per group.

Proposed increase: \$25 per group

EMERGE: Grafton County Intimate Partner Domestic Violence Program (GCIPDVP)

This domestic violence education program aims to eliminate violence and abusive behavior, hold batterers accountable, and enhance victim safety. The program meets NH State Guidelines for Batterer's Intervention and is facilitated by clinical staff trained in the Emerge model.

Current cost: \$1000 for 40 weeks; \$100 initial assessment; \$25 per group session.

Proposed increase: \$150 initial assessment; \$40 per group

All programs continue to offer a sliding fee scale for individuals who experience financial hardship.

Thank you for your consideration



Nicole Mitchell MA, LADC, LCS

Grafton County Alternative Sentencing Director

Monthly Department of Corrections Activity Report

March 2026



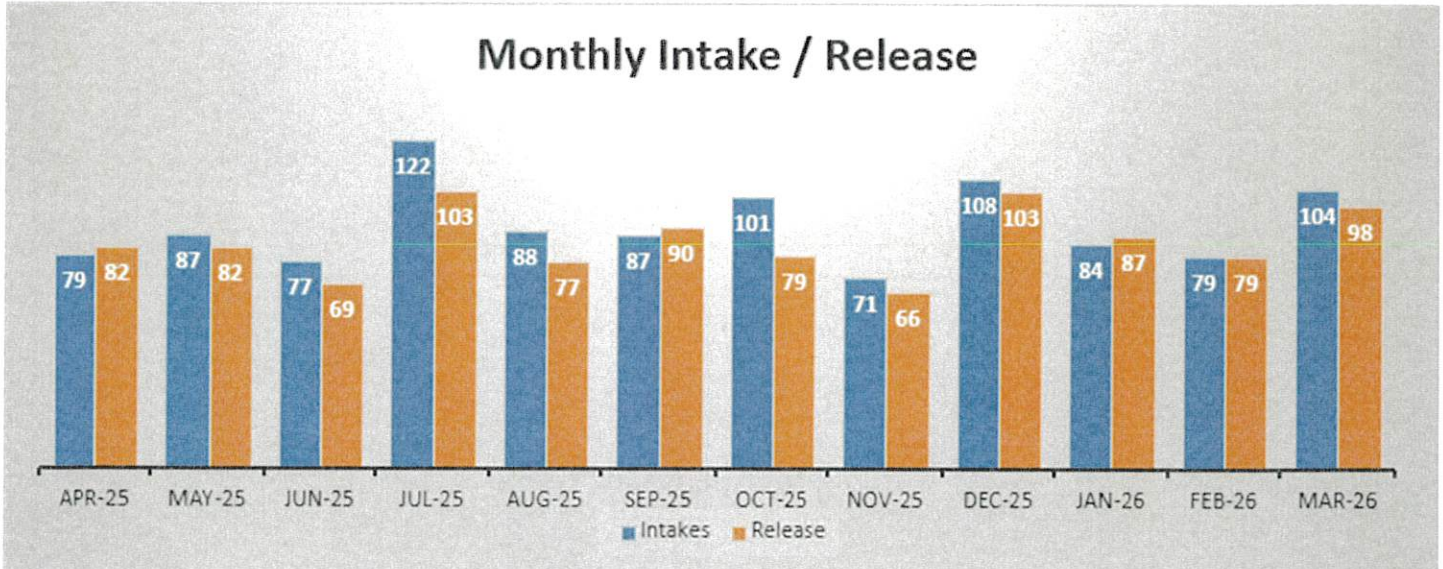
Major Incidents:

The DOC housed an inmate who made two significant attempts at suicide in March. In the first instance, alert staff identified the inmate was doing something suspicious and were already moving towards the cell when he attempted suicide by ligature. In the second instance, the inmate climbed on a half wall providing privacy for the toilet in an intake cell and intentionally dove at the floor when officers approached the cell to intervene. These two attempts resulted in four hospital trips for this inmate before he was released on personal recognizance bail with Pre-Trial Services.

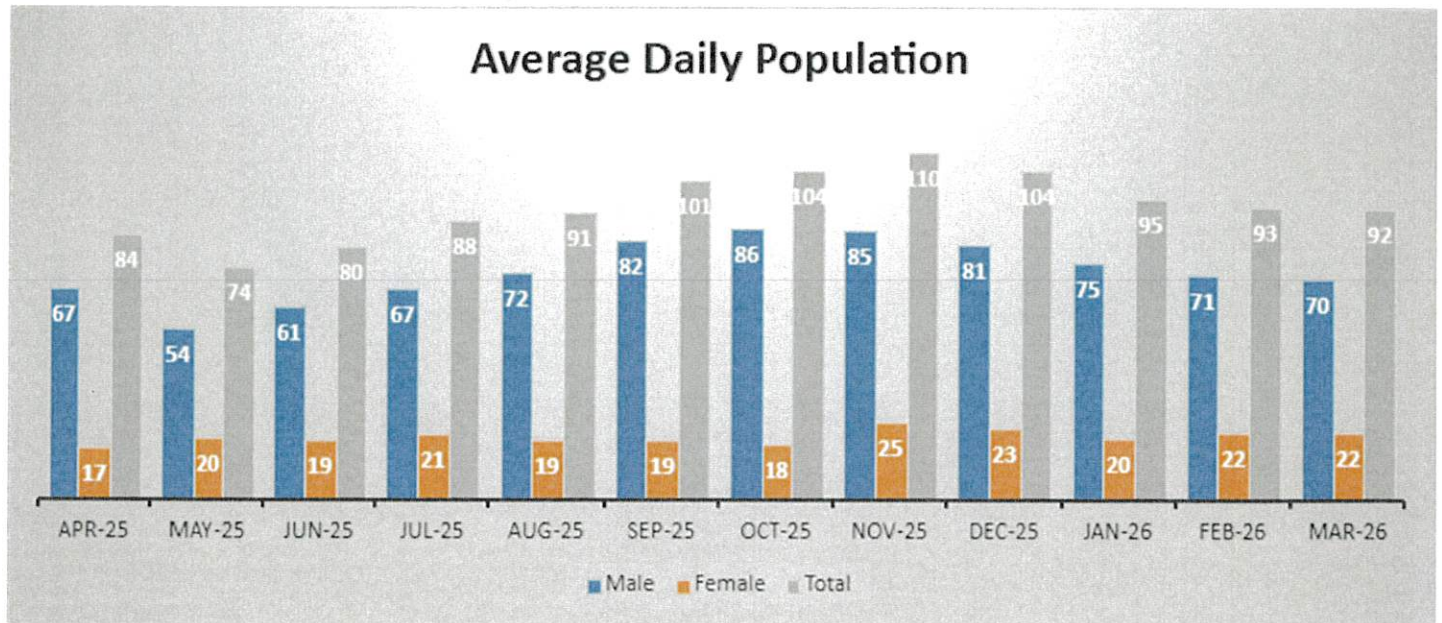
Population Data:

Total Intakes for the Month: **104** (Coos County Females:6)

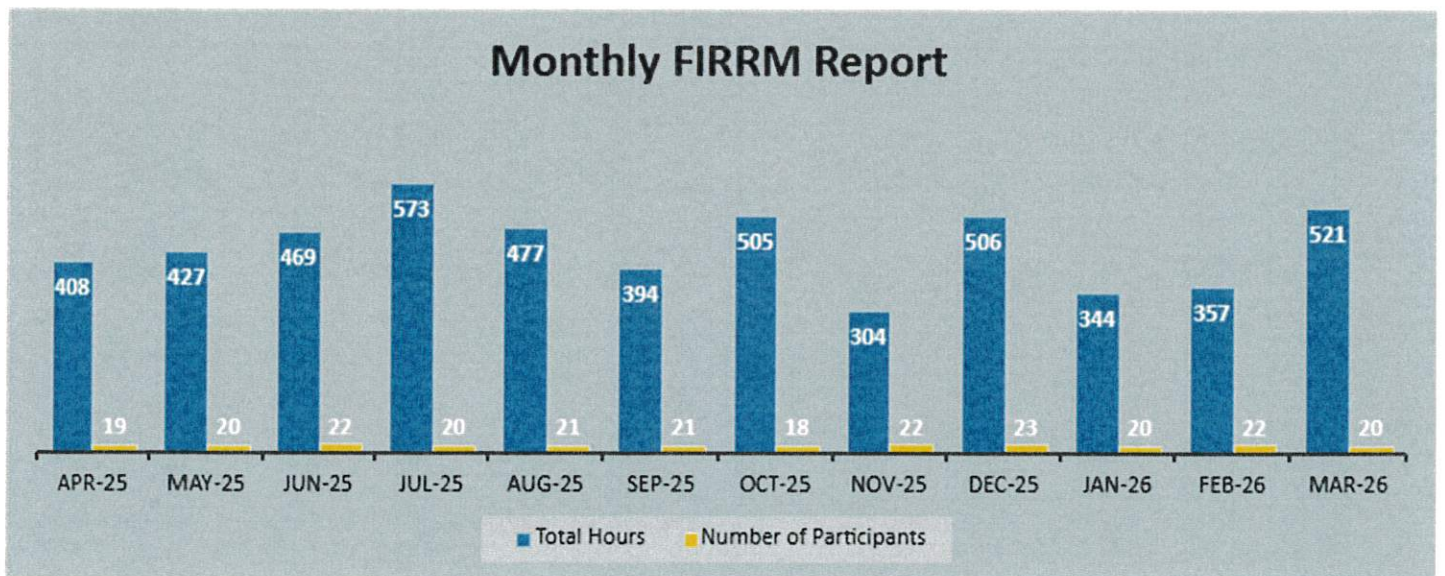
Total Releases for the Month: **98**



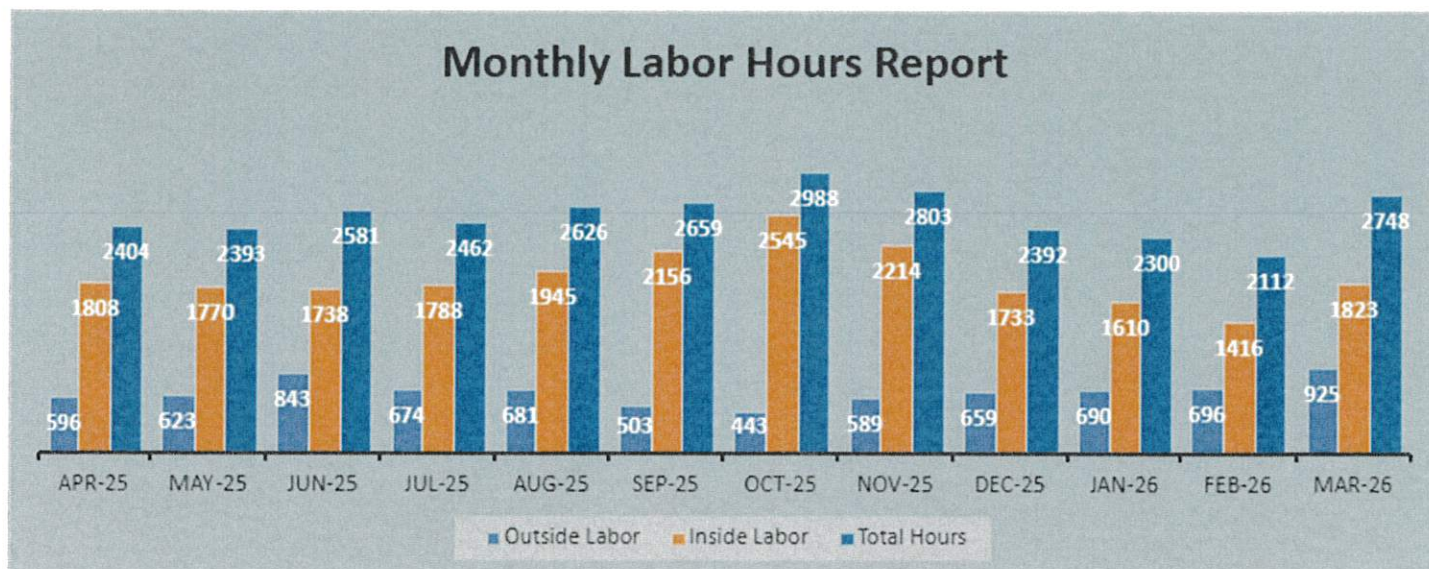
In House Average Daily Population for the Month: **92**
 Male: **70** Female: **22**



Inmates participating in FIRR program during the month: **20**
 Total Participation Hours: **521**



Hours of inmate labor outside the facility: **925**
 Hours of inmate labor inside the facility: **1823**
 Total hours of inmate labor: **2748**



Food Service:

Average per meal cost to feed each inmate: \$1.87

The cost per meal was down one cent from February. 8037 inmate meals were served during the month of March, for a total food expenditure of \$15021.

Medical:

There were no other major medical emergencies inside the DOC in March, aside from the inmate already mentioned. The night shift supervisors have reported the nighttime nursing coverage has been extremely valuable to them. Sgt. Krull cited having a nurse available to assess an inmate helped him avoid three ER trips on his squad during the month. DOC nursing staff continue working hard to keep each inmate's physical and mental health stable while dealing with a number of inmates with advanced age and significant health issues.

Staff:

New officer hires during the month: 0
 New officer/supervisor vacancies during the month: 0
 Total vacant officer positions at the end of the month (including supervisory rank): 0

Promotions during the month: 0

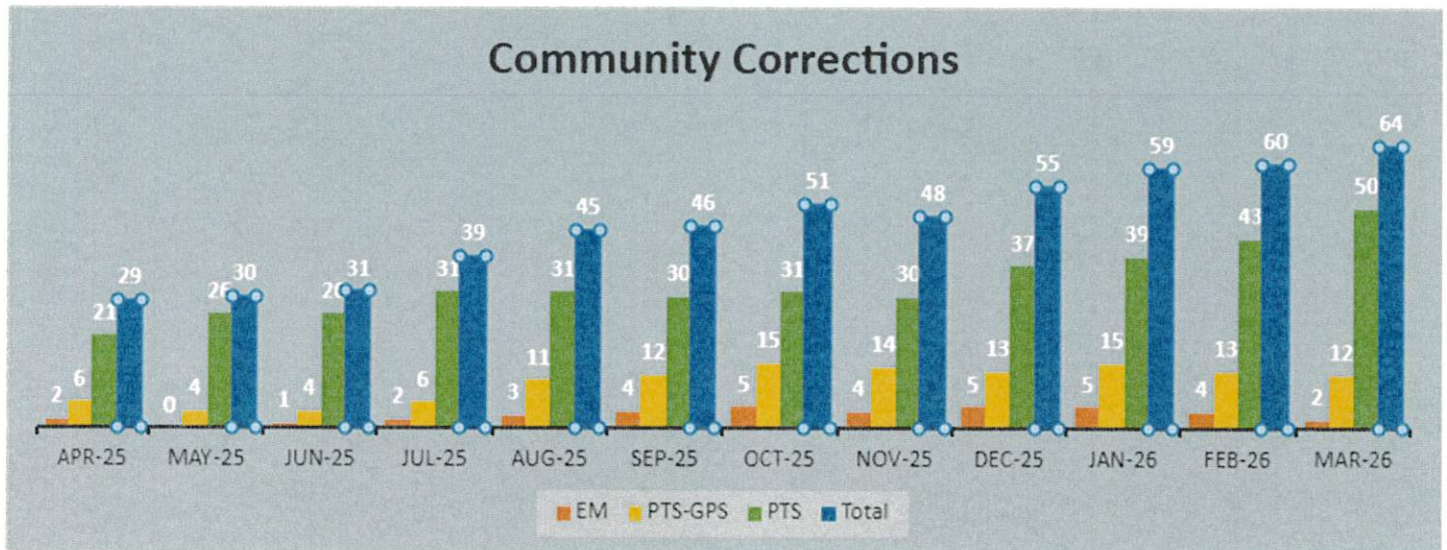
Community Corrections:

Sentenced Inmates supervised on Electronic Monitoring: **2**

Inmates on Pre-Trial Services with GPS monitoring: **12**

Inmates on Pre-Trial Services supervised and checked by Community Corrections: **50**

Total Inmates supervised by Community Corrections: **64**



Significant Developments and Achievements:

Alert staff and quick responses by officers were key to preventing a worse outcome for the inmate who attempted suicide inside the facility, even as those officers had to overcome the inmate's resistance to assist that inmate.

The DOC received four proposals in response to the Inmate Communications RFP. Lt. Jon Allaire, Sgt. Mark Deem, and Cpl John Morris volunteered to serve as an evaluation committee. This committee reviewed and scored all four proposals and each vendor's presentation about their respective systems. This work concluded in April with a recommendation on which vendor's proposal offered the best value to the GCDOC, inmates, and the inmates' families.

Sgt. Brandi Knapp and the policy review team worked diligently on the PREA SOP to incorporate suggestions and feedback from our PREA auditor throughout the month. Strong policies related to sexual abuse inside the DOC are important to protect the inmates as well as shielding the taxpayers from liability.

Significant Problems:

There were no significant problems at the DOC in March, aside from the challenges already mentioned.