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Onondaga County Justice Center Oversight Committee

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DRAFT October 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**
Onondaga County/Syracuse Justice Center Oversight Committee

Committee members present in-person: Marissa Mims, Cassandra Jones Ingram, John Falge, Nicole Godfrey, Tricia Wittkowski

Absent: Jeff Marier, JoAnne Spoto Decker, Dr. Jay Brenner and Dr. Rishana Cohen

Community present: None

County staff present: Anthony Heard, Sr. and Montanette Rocker

Opening: Meeting began at 5:42 p.m.

Chair's report: Chair Mims asked if we received feedback from local leaders and County officials regarding our 2024 JCOC Recommendations. The answer is no.

Approved agenda (s): Approved October agenda. Committee member Falge made a motion to approve the October agenda. Member Ingram Jones seconded. All ayes. No abstentions. Agenda approved 5-0.

Approved Minutes: Approval of the August meeting minutes. Member Falge made a motion to approve the August minutes. Ingram Jones seconded. All ayes. No abstentions. Minutes approved 5-0.

Human Rights Specialist report:

- Population: 470 incarcerated individuals at the Justice Center. General population 3C has 21 incarcerated individuals and General Housing has 11.
- Illness: No RSV, Covid, Flu or stomach viruses to report.
- Recap of the number of complaints this week: Not reported

Discussion: JCOC 2025 Recommendations. The committee agreed to write a letter to the county officials and other local leaders seeking feedback on the 2024 JCOC recommendations. Committee member Falge will draft a letter and send it to Montanette.

***Updates on possible 2026 JCOC recommendations:** Montanette discussed some complaints that JCOC members can consider for recommendations.

***Rec Time:** There is a high number of detainees in protective custody, making it difficult to accommodate recreation time for the inmates in protective custody. Men complained to our office they had been locked in their cells for 16 hours or more because the jail is trying to accommodate all the PC detainees.

***Laundry issues:** The Sheriff's Office has contracted with a vendor to oversee laundry services at the jail, but the company has failed to provide clean clothes and bed linen in a timely manner.

***Wrong inmate released:** JCOC members discussed a recent news story involving the Sheriff's Office releasing the wrong inmate from its jail.



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***Facebook:** I gave an update about an incarcerated individual who released information to his family via snail mail about his treatment at the Justice Center. The family then posted the information on Facebook and got a lot of feedback and comments.

***Letter to Sheriff:** JCOC members plan to send a short letter to the Sheriff, County Legislators and the Mayor asking their thoughts on the 2024 Recommendations. JCOC members are concerned they didn't receive any feedback from anyone.

***2025 Recs:** At the December 3rd meeting, members plan to draft the 2025 Recs to Sheriff and others. Input from our doctors and Nurse Practitioner will be critical.

Executive Session: Did not enter into executive session.

Meeting ended at 6:42 P.M.
Minutes submitted by Montanette Rocker