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To: Andy Hunthausen, County Commissioner, Chair
Susan Good Geise, County Commissioner
Jim McCormick, County Commissioner, Vice Chair

From: Kellie Goodwin McBride

Re: Recommendation for approval of Lewis and Clark County Jail Standards.

The Lewis and Clark County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) and the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) recommend that the Commissioners officially adopt the Lewis and Clark County Jail Standards as approved by Sheriff Leo Dutton.

The Jail Standards were developed using the Montana Association of Counties (MACo) suggested standards with input from the Lewis and Clark County Detention Center Captain and members of the CAC. The final version of the Standards has been approved by the Lewis and Clark County Attorney's Office and the Sheriff.

The Jail Standards address each of the operational best practices recommended by the CAC in their April 2015 report, including, but not limited to:

- Suicide
- Solitary Confinement
- Staff
- Medical Care
- Overcrowding
- Exercise, Fresh Air, and Sunlight
- Natural Light and Lighting Schedules
- Sanitation and Plumbing
- Laundry and Clothing
- Visitation
- Mail and Phone Communication
- Law Library Access
- Food
- Grievance Procedures