



# Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Governor Tony Evers | Secretary Kevin A. Carr

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Sheriffs and Jail Administrators,

As you are all aware, Governor Evers signed the FY21-FY23 biennial budget last week that included funding for the DOC. While the Governor had requested funding above what the Joint Committee on Finance allocated for maintaining our relationships with your respective counties who maintain MOUs with the DOC to house persons in our care (PIOC), the allocation for these contracts was significantly reduced by the legislature for this biennium. As a result, I have had to make the difficult decision of determining a multi-stage approach as to how this agency will move forward with a reduction of contract beds commencing next week.

Although our strategy is what I believe to be the proper course of action at this time, this is not a message of termination of any MOU the DOC has in place as we wish to maintain all contracts in the event that bed space is needed in the future. It is also our desire that you reciprocally agree to maintain your partnership with us. As such, I have listed below the steps that we will be taking in order to comply with the budgetary allocation that was provided in the budget.

1. For those counties currently housing “front-end” PIOC who are at the beginning of their prison sentence and were traditionally held at your facility for approximately 120 days, we will start incrementally transferring individuals out of your facility until they have all been removed and placed back into the DOC. Since all of the “front-end” PIOC have already been classified, they will be housed at an appropriate institution based upon their classification level. However, it is important that I note that barring any unusual circumstance, none of these “front-end” PIOC will be transferred back to Dodge Correctional Institution as it is critical that we maintain our strategy to remove the county jail backlog of PIOC awaiting transfer for either a new sentence or revocation order. It is anticipated that all “front-end” PIOC will be transferred back into the DOC in approximately the next three months.
2. In an effort to promote the tenets and goals of successful reentry, “back-end” PIOC who will release into the community from your facility will remain until their incarceration has expired and they are released from DOC custody. The “back-end” PIOC are those individuals with a remaining length of incarceration of one year or less. However, at this

time the DOC will not be transferring any additional PIOC to your facility as those you currently house are released.

3. There will be no alteration to the current MOUs we have in place for PIOC who are either being housed under the Inmate Retention Program (IRP) or Act 89. In fact, I encourage that these MOUs continue to flourish as we move forward and the DOC will work diligently with you to ensure that these two MOUs are promoted within the prison system. Please note that Act 89 PIOC's are eligible to be granted Huber and their monetary contribution to that program is above and beyond the daily rate paid to you by DOC.

The DOC and I, personally, respect and appreciate the cooperation and partnerships that have been developed over the years with all of the Sheriff's Departments throughout the state. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your MOU with the DOC, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of my staff.

Respectfully,



Kevin A. Carr  
Secretary