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TO: Criminal Justice System Partners

FROM: Dane County Jail Administration

Currently, DCSO is experiencing a staffing crisis as evidenced by the number of agency vacancies, overtime, and inability to get time off, unfilled positions, and most recently alert status.

The staffing crisis is a security risk multiplier to the challenges presented by the City County Building (CCB) Jail. In 2016, short term-term solutions were recommended (ultimately carried out) to resolve some of the most significant problems but were not to be considered long-term solutions or fixes. Years have gone by since the short-term fixes have been made, some items having gone back to the original conditions prior to repair and the building has not become any more safe or secure. Staff have been pushed to the limits to keep the building safe and secure even when fully staffed.

It is with all these observations and concerns that the decision has been made to take steps to close portions of the CCB (moving residents to other Wisconsin County Jails) until we have reached an appropriate level of staffing to meet the physical security challenges of the inhumane (for staff, residents, contracted, and visitors) CCB.

The first area of the CCB Jail to be closed is 7 East. We need to ship male residents from 6 West to allow space for some female residents on 6 West that are not able to ship. We are sending residents to Iowa, Rock, and Oneida Counties. All three other jails are more modern than the CCB and have video visitation availability for professional and personal visits.

The planning and execution of this will be shared as much as possible with all stakeholders.

Thank you.

Jail Administration

