

Subject: RE: Thank you and follow-up questions
From: David Ehrens <david.ehrens@zoho.com>
Date: 9/23/19, 8:48 AM
To: "Jonathan Darling" <JONATHANDARLING@bcso-ma.org>
CC: "Beth Cheney" <bcheney@cpsmh.org>

I spoke to Beth on the phone. She told me verbally she could not provide any further information without BCSO approval. As you know, many clinicians do not regard vivitrol as MAT. There's a lot more to it. Rhode Island offers a good example of something approaching "real" MAT in a carceral setting. I would like to understand exactly what BCSO is offering at this time.

As it stands, Beth is waiting for you to authorize giving me information. It sounds like she is the best-placed person to provide a good description of what BCSO is paying CPS to provide.

David Ehrens

----- On Mon, 23 Sep 2019 08:41:13 -0400 **Jonathan Darling** <JONATHANDARLING@bcso-ma.org> wrote -----

I know we do offer MAT to inmates, such as vivitrol and others, and we're in the process of offering more MAT to inmates based on grants and guidelines from the Mass. DPH. The Sheriff's Offices you see in the papers and on the news expanding their MAT are taking part in a pilot program with methadone and other medications such as that. Bristol County is in the control group of that measure along with Plymouth and Barnstable I believe. We're going to look at the data from the trial and see if it's effective before making any decisions.

I saw your correspondence with Beth but as you stated, it was not directed to me, just CC'd as a courtesy. Also, I do not believe she said she had to check with me before answering your questions. I believe she said she would "fill in the blanks."

If you feel that CPS is not answering your questions, that's an issue between you and CPS.

If you have any questions for the Bristol County Sheriff's Office, feel free to send them my way and I can try to track down some answers.

Jonathan Darling
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RE: Thank you and follow-up questions

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From: David Ehrens [mailto:david.ehrens@zoho.com]

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 8:25 AM

To: Jonathan Darling

Subject: Re: Thank you and follow-up questions

Thanks. I made an inquiry about BCSO's level of participation in MAT programs that CPS offers elsewhere. Beth Cheney said she had to check with you before answering my questions. All I know is that at the 287(g) hearing Sheriff Hodgson offered reasons for not participating in them and he is also quoted in a S-T article saying he would not participate, but I do know that several other sheriffs are experimenting with MAT and things may have changed. I would appreciate being able to find out the level of medically-assisted treatment offered to prisoners as of this moment.

David Ehrens

On Sep 23, 2019, at 8:15 AM, Jonathan Darling <JONATHANDARLING@bcso-ma.org> wrote:

Hi Mr. Ehrens, Sheriff Hodgson is in receipt of these questions. He said he'll look it up and we'll get back to you when he can.

Thanks,

Jonathan Darling

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From: David Ehrens [<mailto:david.ehrens@zoho.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:41 AM

To: Jonathan Darling

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Jon and Sheriff Hodgson,

First of all, thank you for the opportunity to speak with Sheriff Hodgson.

During the interview I asked the sheriff about immigration legislation he supported in his early years as sheriff. He mentioned there was only one bill he supported, and I asked if it was Barney's 2002 bill. He said yes, and both the question and answer seemed (from the sponsor) to make sense. But I now believe the bill may have actually been HR.5062 of 1999, which Barney co-sponsored and Henry Hyde played a key role in arranging but did not actually sponsor himself. These bills are three years apart. Could you confirm with Sheriff Hodgson that the bill in question was HR.5062?

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/106th-congress/house-bill/5062>

It was reported that, around 1999, Sheriff Hodgson spoke for about 45 minutes before City Council in defense of chain gangs at the invitation of Brian Gomes. On the opposing side was Councilor George Smith. This occurred before or after the time of Sheriff Hodgson's visit to Maricopa County (reported in the Boston Herald August 15th, 2017), where Sheriff Arpaio used chain gangs and provided minimal nutrition to his prisoners. Were Sheriff Hodgson's similar policies inspired by Sheriff Arpaio?

Sheriff Hodgson mentioned a trip to Virginia to a 1998 Conference on Strengthening the Public Safety Response to Terrorism. This was held in Leesburg, Virginia on April 4-7, 1998, organized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs in conjunction with the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance. Sheriff Hodgson also mentioned Steve Emerson's "American Jihad" in the next sentence. Did Emerson participate in the 1998 conference?

The Sheriff mentioned he was on his way to speak to a Florida congressman about prison reform legislation on 9/11. This would have been the 107th Congress. Would the legislation have been Florida Congressman Ric Keller's "No Frills Prison Act of 2001?"

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/house-bill/458/text>

Thanks again for the interview and for the clarification of these events mentioned in the interview.

David Ehrens