

Program/Service Delivery Notes

2019

February: Video emerges of Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Correctional Officers beating Mr. Terrell Wilson while fully restrained at the Adult Detention Center

May: County Board approves \$500,000 settlement with Mr. Wilson

2020

May: Sheriff's Office staff segregated eight Ramsey County Correctional Officers from the floor housing Derek Chauvin at the Adult Detention Center. Order given by Superintendent Steve Lydon (who still remains employed by the Sheriff's Office and continues to have periodic involvement with decision-making at the Adult Detention Center).

2022

August: County Board approves \$1.5 million dollar settlement with the eight Correctional Officers

September-October: Administrative Director Kyle Mestad begins issues three jail population memos to County Manager as part of a new, regular update. Memos then stop being issued without explanation, and regular reports from County departments, City leaders and judicial partners note that the Sheriff's Office is a non-participant in the collaborative, ongoing efforts to reduce the population at the Adult Detention Center. So others continue the work without the Sheriff's Office present.

September – February (2023): Collaborative efforts involving the County, 2nd Judicial District and City of Saint Paul result in the population at the Adult Detention Center decreasing by 21% as of February 3, 2023. These results occur without active participation from the Sheriff or his leadership team. Population down to 370 individuals as of February 3, 2023. Well within regular permitted capacity of the Adult Detention Center. And future efforts regarding murder trials and backlogs mean there is a future expectation of population reductions during spring 2023.

December: Adult Detention Center population workshop with the County Board. No formal follow-up from the Sheriff or his team to County leadership regarding specific populations within the jail in need of immediate attention so as to address his population concerns. The Sheriff committed to ongoing jail population memos. None were ever sent following the workshop. Additionally, while the Ramsey County Correctional Facility continued to be raised as a proposed solution by Sheriff Fletcher, he has not on any occasion directly engaged in a discussion or request to Deputy County Manager Kathy Hedin or Corrections Director Monica Long, a typical step of a county leader during high-priority work impacting their department or office.

December: Public Health Director Sara Hollie sends a letter to Sheriff Fletcher on December 21 outlining concerns about medical direction and care at the Adult Detention Center, one of the multiple county sites in which Public Health staff provide correctional healthcare to incarcerated individuals. There is no response to the letter by Sheriff Fletcher or his leadership team.

2023

January: Public Health Director Sara Hollie resends the letter to Sheriff Fletcher on January 24 outlining concerns about medical direction and care at the Adult Detention Center. There is no response to the letter by Sheriff Fletcher or his leadership team.

January: After no response as of January 27, Ramsey County contacts the Department of Corrections to outline concerns about medical direction and care at the Adult Detention Center. There is an immediate response from leaders at the Department of Corrections, and an on-site investigation begins on January 30.

January: Sheriff Fletcher responds in writing to the December 21 memo from Public Health Director Hollie a few hours after the Department of Corrections begins its on-site investigation at the Adult Detention Center on January 30. The response claims that the Sheriff's Office is being "slandered", unveils plans to find a new medical care unit to provide correctional healthcare in the Adult Detention Center, and refutes allegations of concern regarding medical care and direction at the Adult Detention Center.

February: The Department of Corrections issues an order on February 3 outlining serious concerns that corroborate the earlier concerns raised by Director Hollie to Sheriff Fletcher regarding medical direction and care at the Adult Detention Center.

February: Ramsey County staff from Public Health, Corrections and the County Attorneys Office worked on February 4 and 5 preparing potential options and clear contractual terms to support the Sheriff's Office in complying with the Department of Corrections Order impacting their department. The first requested meeting by the Sheriff's Office to ask for support from the County occurred on February 6 at 10:30 am, with the first conversations occurring with Corrections later that day. An agreement to house incarcerated individuals at the Ramsey County Correctional Facility has not been signed by all parties as of the morning of February 7.