

PCoRP Prison Risk Management Review

The **PCoRP Prison Risk Management Review** is a restart of a PCoRP program, formerly called PREPARE, which was offered in 1990-91 and periodically thereafter. The PCoRP Board has approved funding for several reviews each year.

This service is designed to help reduce law enforcement exposures to liability for PCoRP members. County prison operations continue to be one of the largest liability exposures for the members, and generate a large amount of PCoRP's claims costs. The PCoRP Board of Directors has provided funds to pay for a one-time project to provide members with an analysis of the potential liability exposures at their prison facility.

Participation in the review is voluntary for all PCoRP members.

The goal of the PCoRP Prison Risk Management Review is to provide wardens and commissioners with input and advice about ways to limit the possibility of being sued, and to position the county in the best possible light in case of a suit.

PCoRP has selected two of its Defense Counsel firms to conduct the review and provide a written report to the member. Attorneys at both firms who have experience defending county prison lawsuits will be part of the team visiting the PCoRP member. After their visit the attorneys will prepare a draft written report and send it to the warden for review and comment. After a set time for comments, and a review of any comments received, the final report will then be issued to the commissioners, the solicitor and PCoRP. The reports issued as a result of the review will be confidential reports subject to attorney-client privilege.

The PCoRP Prison Risk Management Review is designed to provide impartial, independent advice to the member. It is not an inspection.

PCoRP will not use the information from the project to change the member's cost of coverage or deny coverage. PCoRP staff will be responsible to follow up and monitor each member's response to and action on recommendations presented in the review. Compliance with previously stated PCoRP risk control incentives (for example, strip search policy, suicide prevention policy, evacuation plans and signage) will also be examined and reported to PCoRP.

The defense counsel firms which will be conducting the PCoRP Prison Risk Management Reviews are:

West – JonesPassodelis – Marie Jones and Mike Lettrich East – MacMain Law Group - Dave MacMain

PCoRP members interested in having the PCoRP Prison Risk Management Review conducted should contact Keith Wentz at CCAP (see contact information below). To the extent possible PCoRP members which have NOT previously received this service will be given first priority in scheduling the reviews.

For more information, contact Keith Wentz at CCAP: Keith Wentz, ARM-P, ARM Risk Management and Underwriting Manager County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania

PO Box 60769 | Harrisburg, PA 17106-0769

Direct: (717) 736-4724

kwentz@pacounties.org