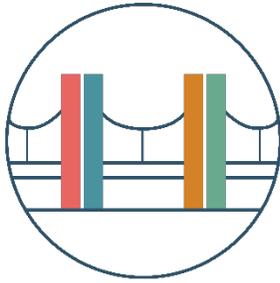


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Date: March 16, 2026

To: Jessica Vega Pederson, Multnomah County Chair
Christopher Neal, Chief Operating Officer
Jeston Black, Deputy Chief Operating Officer
Rachael Banks, Health Department Director
Valdez Bravo, Health Department Deputy Director of Operations
Stephen Kane, Corrections Health Medical Director

From: Jennifer McGuirk, Multnomah County Auditor 

RE: Corrections Health performance audit

Dear Chair Vega Pederson, COO Neal, Deputy COO Black, and Directors Banks, Bravo, and Kane,

I am writing to provide official notice that my office is starting an audit of Corrections Health, as included on my 2025-2026 audit schedule. I have assigned Audit Director Nicole Dewees, Senior Auditor Mandi Hood, and Performance Auditor Siniva Bennett to the audit.

As described in the audit schedule, we are conducting this audit due to the following:
Our office's 2022 audit on jail conditions found that circumstances were worse for adults in custody who are Black and/or have mental health conditions. Seven in-jail deaths occurred between May and October 2023. In April 2024 the Oregon Nurses Association issued a letter stating that 95% of corrections nurses surveyed said their workplace conditions hadn't improved

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in the past four years, and 97% gave a no confidence vote in current leadership. These issues combined demonstrate the need for a deeper look into Corrections Health.

Since I issued the audit schedule, there have continued to be changes in leadership in Corrections Health, which suggest the continued need for an audit.

My office will be in touch soon to schedule our audit entrance meeting. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

CC: Meghan Moyer, Commissioner, District 1
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