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Comment : To strengthen transparency and respect, can the JOB adopt procedures such as: (1) prohibiting board member phone use during public comments and administrator reports (except for referencing notes) as phone use appears disrespectful to those addressing the board (2) requiring board members to submit any pre-planned questions or discussion topics to the jail administration within an appropriate and agreed-upon amount of time before the meeting, allowing them to prepare relevant documents so that public discussions are more thorough and productive (3) reviewing all follow-up items aloud at the close of each meeting to ensure accountability, clear agendas and stronger community trust.

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Comment : Regarding medical care of incarcerated individuals: Will telehealth appointments be optional for incarcerated individuals, used only when it will not compromise the quality of care, and ensure equitable access to all? Are there projections for the number of medical visits that could be conducted virtually, and how this would affect staff time spent transporting individuals to outside medical appointments? What specific factors contribute to the reported avg of 10 hours for a single medical appointment, which is far longer than a typical in-person visit ? Does this average including wait time spent in the emergency room? Are steps being taken to monitor and measure these factors to reduce wait times and improve timely access to care?

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Comment : To promote dignity, safety, and accountability, can the JOB address: (1) whether social workers or case managers are consistently notified of inmate medical emergencies, what a typical caseload is for them,

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and whether they could serve as liasons to notify families of medical incidents (2) whether board members may taste-test meals, including those from new or prospective food providers, to better assess quality, nutrition, and portioning (3) if leg shackles for medical transports are reinstated, whether individual risk factors such as history of violence or attempted escape, acute illness, injury, or pregnancy will be considered rather than applying a uniform policy to ensure humane treatment, transparency, and safe operations?

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Comment : In the past year, I have attended two Jail Oversight Board meetings with a comment wishing to follow up on the status of an Emergency Management Plan for the Jail, especially in case of a natural disaster or weather emergency. For those who are incarcerated at the Jail, especially children, how will their care and well-being be managed? Has any progress been made on developing Emergency Standard Operating Procedures and making that accessible to the Jail Oversight Board? Has the Executive amended the plan originally signed in January 2024 to include these County Residents? These people are under the care of the county with limited agency, it is incumbent upon the board to ensure their well-being in all situations, especially emergencies.