**COG CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS:**

**Corrections Chiefs Committee and associated Subcommittees**

***2015 Accomplishments:***

* Corrections Chiefs began project to update regional correctional facility evacuation plans using the new Corrections Mutual Aid Operations Plan.
* Conducted 2nd annual regional corrections data collection and analysis
* MWCOG Gang Subcommittee is flourishing as Gang/Intel subcommittee- a key addition to local law enforcement and national wide model – Briefed to HSPSPC in September 2015
* Re-Establishment of training subcommittee and establishment of the ERT (Emergency Response Team) Working Group has increased training cooperation and coordination across region
* Implementation of Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). PREA Working Group shared best practices & lessons learned
* Health subcommittee is undergoing a rebuilding period after significant turnover in regional corrections health personnel. Still addressed concerns re:
* Mental Health in Corrections
* Up to 40% of inmates are Mental Health Consumers at some level
* With national psychiatric hospital beds reduced from 550k to 35k over last 50 years, corrections have become de facto mental health system
* New but expensive hepatitis C treatments
* Implementation of ACA (Affordable Care Act)
* Healthcare components of PREA
* Ebola outbreak, including screening procedures and suspect case at Loudoun County Detention Center
* Corrections Health Care Subcommittee conducted Regional Symposium on Emerging Mental Health Trends in Corrections. Identified best practices in:
* Diversion Programs
* Mental Health Courts
* Mental health provision in corrections
* COG Maryland Corrections partners were leaders in addressing Maryland’s Pre-Trial issues – Prince George’s and Montgomery County Directors lead Governor’s Task Force
* 24th Annual Corrections Officers Memorial Week Wreath Laying Ceremony and MWCOG Honor Guard Competition – Keynote speaker was Federal Bureau of Prisons Director Charles Samuels .

***2016 Work Plan Priorities:***

* Completing update of regional evacuation plans, utilizing Mutual Aid Operations Plan (MAOP) under grant funding.
* Continued integration between corrections and law enforcement intelligence
* Continued focus of Corrections Health Subcommittee on mental health in corrections
* Identifying and sharing best practices
* Coordination and cooperation on Diversion Centers in implementing jurisdictions
* Exploration of increased coordination with Health and Human Service agencies
* Conducting 3rd annual regional corrections data collection and analysis
* Regional Training Day and ERT Recognition Ceremony to be planned for Corrections Week 2016
* Increased training and exercises across MWCOG member agencies
* Strong interagency coordination via subcommittees and working groups
* 25th Annual Corrections Officers Memorial Week Wreath Laying Ceremony and MWCOG Honor Guard Competition