

# Clark County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

MEETING MINUTES  
May 25, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

## Call to Order

- Meeting called to order, established quorum.

## Review and Approve Minutes

- The February 23, 2023 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

## MacArthur Foundation Grant Status and Review (Sheila Lambert, CJCC)

- Sheila Lambert provided an updated on the MacArthur Foundation Grant application for sustainability. This included a review of the responsibilities, funding, and commitment necessary from the CJCC members to continue with the grant, including activities with Pretrial Services. One of the obligations of accepting the MacArthur funds is to continue those four positions within the general fund of the County, beyond the grant funds. The CJCC voted to move forward with the sustainability grant, and all partners committed to the activities. The District Attorney's (DA's) office is committed to continue with the fiscal processing.

## Pretrial Services Advancement Subcommittee Report (Linsey LaMontagne, LVJC)

- Linsey LaMontagne provided an overview of the activities of the Pretrials Services Advancement Subcommittee and her department. This included sharing that there are ongoing discussions with Justice Management Institute (JMI), National Association Pretrial Services Association (NAPSA) and with national researchers to discuss the best way to move towards accreditation, baseline activities, and organizational structure.
- Pretrial Services has a compliance officer within the initial appearance court, which has been well-received. This is funded by the MacArthur Foundation.
- The Pretrial Services Unit is working to identify baseline activities and asking some key questions in terms of what services does pretrial need to provide, who are they serving, what does case management look like, what expansion activities are necessary, and what are the next steps. These decisions will also be data-driven as Linsey and her team are working on collecting data to help answer guide the process.
- Pretrial staff serve all of the justice courts, which includes doing backgrounds, completing the NPR, as well as supervision at justice court and district court. The focus is making sure they are getting the right people at the right place.
- To date, there have been approximately 800 clients ordered to the pretrial compliance unit, with a 70% show rate. There are 570 active clients, on levels 1-4. There have been approximately 200 show cause hearings, 293 successful completion and nine rearrests. This is data over four months. Pretrial Services in inundated and the Pretrial Compliance Unit (PCU) is understaffed. There are currently only six staff assigned to PCU.
- At the next CJCC meeting, Pretrial will be able to provide a report of demographics. The goal is to be able to provide service activity as well as gender, race, zip code, and the NPR score.
- Judge Cruz cautioned that it was important to gauge the demographics based on who is identified as "pretrial."
- The CJCC Executive Committee identified two key requests to the County Manager to include 1) increased staffing for pretrial; and 2) background investigator for the criminal justice system to expedite hires.

### **Frequent Users of System Engagement Project (Teresa Etcheberry, Deputy Director of Social Services)**

- Teresa Etcheberry provided a presentation of the frequent users of system engagement (FUSE) and expansion project final report which focused on high-cost, high-need clients engaged with the criminal justice system.
- The report identified what crimes individuals were being incarcerated for, and what services might have negated the need for incarceration. The report shared that there were two key populations of focus 1) those convicted of misdemeanors that violate probation; and 2) those who were unable to make bail.
- The goal is to work collaboratively to pinpoint the service needs before they reach law enforcement or the court system.
- Nita Schmidt shared the challenges of balancing two key groups they see at CCD, which is those that cycle out quickly and those that stay within CCD. The challenge is for those that cycle out quickly because they miss the stabilization programs.
- Judge Cruz shared that the justice court is looking at a modified version of District Court's mental health court, depending on pending legislation.

### **Equity Programming Commitment (Sheila Lambert, CJCC)**

- As the Racial Equity Socioeconomic Subcommittee works towards efforts to identify and build equity in the criminal justice system, there was a robust conversation on what engagement would look like and to ensure commitment from all of the CJCC partners.
- The goal is to utilize a national partner to build knowledge, resources, and the tools to build equity and access in Clark County.
- All of the partners expressed a commitment for their staff to attend training, and to partner with the initiative. There was discussion on the types of delivery methods, as well as the acknowledgment that this is not "one and done" but an ongoing process. The idea is to use this training to impact decision making within the criminal justice system, including policies, procedures, activities, and programs. This would also train leadership on how to build equity.
- Jessica Gurley expressed support and the focus on court processes, to establish a foundation and to keep it growing.
- Carly Helbert, with the City of Las Vegas, shared information about the Consilience Group and the activities that have been completed with the City of Las Vegas Court and City Attorney's Office. Sheila Lambert will be reaching out for more information.
- The LVMPD currently does a six-hour cultural awareness training, so in terms of individual bias training, that would not be needed. However, they are committed to the engagement and leadership training.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

- **Behavioral Health**
  - CJCC leaders will be attending a program hosted by the National Center for State Courts in Miami, with the 11<sup>th</sup> District Court. Washoe County has launched a similar initiative and the members will attend and see what activities could be adopted in Clark County for deflection and diversion. The recommendations will be provided to the County Manager.
- **Deflection & Diversion**
  - The Policy Research Associates will be hosting a community engagement on August 30, 2023, to focus on the Sequential Intercept Model, Intercept 0 and 1. This is to identify

opportunities for engagement prior to law enforcement engagement. The recommendations will be provided to the County Manager.

- **Racial Ethnic Socioeconomic Equity**

- Commissioner Segerblom shared that there is an active bill that is being considered for record sealing based on the work of Code for America. The goal is to identify the processes, and then potentially the funding, for the county to streamline record sealing.

**Future Agenda Items or Business Requests**

- District Attorney Wolfson asked Tom Eberly (Justice Management Institute) what other jurisdictions were doing with their CJCC. Mr. Eberly shared that Clark County is similar to other jurisdictions and are working through many of the same issues. If Clark County wants to work on gun issues, both Milwaukee and New Orleans are currently tackling some of the same challenges. It is important to have a strategic plan and to identify what is important. One of the less glamorous benefits of the CJCC is the importance of being at the same table, working on relationships, and identifying sticking points in processes. Improving systems may not be glamorous but benefits the community as well as those working in the system.
- It was requested to have introductions at the beginning of all future meetings.