

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Clark County, Nevada

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021 - Webex Meeting, 1400 hours

Attendees:

Aimee Hill, Supervisor - CCDC AJ Delap, Police Officer - LVMPD Belinda Harris, Judge - NLVJC Christopher Lalli, Assistant District Attorney Darin Imlay, Public Defender-Clark County Diana Sullivan, Judge - LVJC Drew Christensen, Attorney – Clark County Emily Nowlin, Chief of Staff – Clark County Fred Meyer, Deputy Chief – LVMPD/CCDC Grissell Hernandez, Court Administrator – LVJC Jack Eslinger, Court Administrator - LVMC Jeff Wells, ACA - Clark County Jessica Williams, Lieutenant – CCDC Jonathan Clark, Lieutenant - CCDC JoNell Thomas – Special Public Defender Karen Powell, Court Administrator – Outlying JC Marcie McMahill, Director - CCDC

Martina Bauhaus - LVMPD Melisa De La Garza, Judge, LVJC Melissa Saragosa, Chief Judge - LVJC Neldon Barrowes, Captain – CCDC Nita Schmidt, Captain - CCDC Richard Segerblom, County Commissioner Robert Daskas, District Attorney Ryan Toone, Justice of the Peace - Mesquite Sarah Hawkins, Chief Deputy Public Defender Scot Martin, Captain - NPP Stephanie Gouveia, Court Administrator - LVJC Steve Grierson, Court Executive Officer - DC Steven Wolfson – District Attorney Ta'mara Silver, Grant Analyst – LVMPD Tierra Jones, Judge - LVDC Yolanda King, County Manager

Agenda

Attendance of the voting members was taken.

Update on Subcommittees

 Enhanced Services for Justice Involved Individuals with Behavioral Health and Homelessness Issues Subcommittee

- Additional community partners have been identified and the subcommittee is reaching out to them. Judge Kern, who oversees the Community Impact Center, was recommended as a possible contact.
- Gaps in resources will be discussed at the next CJCC meeting.

• Battery Domestic Violence Subcommittee

- Drew Christensen provided an update from the February meeting, which was well attended. Jury trials and legislation were discussed. Another meeting is scheduled for May.
- Justice Court has been able to keep up with DV cases. Jury trials are being set within 60 days.
- Jury selection for DV cases and moving to a 12-person jury (from a 6-person jury) for misdemeanor DV cases are legislative items to watch this session (AB42).

• Racial Justice Subcommittee

o Richard Segerblom reports there is no update.

Case Backlog Subcommittee

- There is a hold on this subcommittee until it is determined what Chief Justice James Hardesty's similar committee will cover for both the County and the State. Darin Imlay, Steve Wolfson and Linda Bell are attending Hardesty's meetings.
- Statistics regarding the current backlog of District Court jury trials were discussed.
- Tierra Jones explained the recent history of jury trials and settlement conferences in District Court.
- Melissa Saragosa addressed the backlog of Justice Court cases.

Topics

- Update on Virtual Appearances
 - Jessica Williams provided updated information on the number of video court rooms at the Detention Center and the resolution of IT issues.
 - Melissa Saragosa discussed the ongoing challenges of moving inmates during the scheduled elevator maintenance at the Court House. There are security concerns for the routing of inmates to their court rooms. Continuing guidelines for social distancing were discussed.
 - Use of Detention Center classrooms as video court rooms presents another set of challenges to include space and time for private conferences between inmates and attorneys, calendars/timing, and classroom capacity.
 - Suggestions were requested, and available alternatives were discussed.

- Population Summary Report
 - Marcie McMahill asked if the current Population Summary Report is found to be useful by those who use it. Several criminal justice partnering agencies responded that they found the information helpful and appreciate the report.

New Business

- Pretrial Subcommittee
 - Melissa Saragosa asked Melisa De La Garza to head a subcommittee to look at Pretrial Services processes and procedures to increase the efficiency of their operations. Marcie McMahill offered to co-chair.

Next meeting will be held on June 24, 2021 at 1400 hours.

Meeting adjourned @ 1457 hours.