



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Clark County, Nevada

Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2022, 1400 hours

Attendees:

Aimee Hill, DTSC, CCDC
Belinda Harris, Judge – NLVJC
Charles Mapp, Asst. Ct. Admin – LVJC
Damon Harris, Financial Officer – Clark County
Darin Imlay, Public Defender-Clark County
Jack Eslinger, Court Admin – LVJC
Jessica Gurley, Court Administrator – LVJC
John Piro, Chief Public Defender – Clark County
Jonathan Clark, Captain – CCDC
JoNell Thomas, Special Public Defender
Karen Powell, Court Admin – Outlying Courts
Martina Bauhaus, Asst. Gen Counsel – LVMPD
Melisa De La Garza, Judge - LVJC

Melissa Saragosa, Chief Judge – LVJC
Richard Segerblom, County Commissioner
Ryan Toone, Judge - Mesquite
Sam Bateman, Judge - Henderson
Shelley Carrao, Acting Major – P&P
Steve Grierson, Court Executive Officer - DC
Steven Wolfson – District Attorney
Tierra Jones, Judge - DC
Tim Burch, Director – CC Social Services
Thomas Eberly, Program Director, JMI
Virginia Eichacker, Asst. PD – Clark County

Opening Remarks and Objectives

- Update on Recruitment of CJCC Coordinator
 - An offer has been extended to a candidate with extensive experience in grant funding and writing. The offer was accepted. The candidate has a tentative start date of August 8, 2022.

2022 Subcommittee Reports

- Behavioral Health and Homelessness (Bita Yeager, Paul Vautrinot – Co-chairs)

- Martina Bauhaus reports that the subcommittee has identified a couple of individuals who will be helpful to the strategic plan.
- Pretrial Services (Marcie McMahill and Melisa DeLaGarza – Co-chairs)
 - Melisa DeLaGarza says a larger group, to include the rural jurisdictions, has been meeting due to the roll out of AB424. With AB424 in effect, rural courts may begin to attend these committee meetings regularly.
 - Jessica Gurley reports that Pre-trial Services has been able to meet the needs of all the courts effected by the roll out of AB424 on July 1. She also said they are very close to hiring someone for the Court Administrator vacancy.
 - Karen Powell, Sam Bateman, and Melisa DeLaGarza agreed that Pretrial Services has been responsive in meeting the needs of the rural courts.
- AB 424 Implementation (Sam Bateman and Natalie Tyrrell, Co-chairs)
 - Sam Bateman said they are working on the challenges of getting inmates where they need to be in time for meetings with the public defenders before a hearing takes place. He believes things are on track and getting better.
 - Daren Imlay said implementing AB424 has been a long process and things have gone smoothly since July 1st. He said the grant funded social worker who has been working with post-conviction probationers and those reinstated is doing well. Of the 43 individuals she is working with 0 have been return to jail or have had warrants issued.
 - There was discussion of the role of the grant funded social worker currently working in IA Court. It was suggested that a small group meet to discuss ongoing frustrations with this position. This group should include representatives from the PD, jail, JMI and the social worker.
 - Belinda Harris would like to see more coordination with the jails to ensure inmates are available at 0800 hours to meet with their public defender prior to seeing the judge.
- Racial and Ethnic Equity (Richard Segerblom, Belinda Harris, and Tierra Jones – Co-chairs)
 - Belinda Harris says the team has toured the Community Court facility. They learned about available resources and have met with community partners to see what their next steps should be. Training is being researched. The new CJCC Coordinator should be able to assist with grant writing for Community Court.
 - Tick Segerblom added that the county has agreed to have “Code for America” come and look at the computer database with the goal to seal marijuana related records.
- Domestic Violence (Jeff Wells and Virginia Eichacker – Co-chairs)
 - This subcommittee has met one time and has made progress.
- Deflection/Diversion (John Piro and Belinda Harris – Co-chairs)
 - The goal of this committee is to established communication between various programs serving Community Impact Center. They are looking for strengths,

weaknesses, areas that need improvement and the hurdles that stand in the way of the improvement. This will be a long-term project and will require effective communication between people and organizations.

- Everyone on the committee is motivated and the CJCC Coordinator should be able to help them keep on track. Goals should be available by the next CJCC meeting.

Topics

- Las Vegas Strip Corridor
 - Two issues are impacting safety on the strip:
 - Quality of life issues: trespass, sleeping on the sidewalk, petty theft. These may be best handled with deflection and diversion.
 - Safety/Violence issues: A community wide solution needs to be developed for prostitution/trick rolls, drugging tourists and violence.
 - Travel to San Antonio to observe their success with similar issues was discussed.
 - Tim Burch says the county has been funded for 14 positions (social workers and eligibility workers) who will be stationed at the Strip area command. Pop-up events offering services to homeless individuals have been scheduled. There is a rolling count data breakdown that will be presented at the next meeting.
 - There was discussion about the lack of sharing security information amongst the casinos and with the DA and courts.
- Electronic Monitoring Program Delays – Update
 - Jonathan Clark says delays due to lack of devices had been decreasing, however, recently the devices/chargers being delivered are defective.
 - Changes in technology and problems with the supply chain continue to make it difficult to obtain the equipment needed to service everyone. As of August 1, 2022, 3G technology will no longer be supported.
 - Efforts are being made to keep the courts informed of how many people are on electronic monitoring and the availability of equipment.
- PSI Dissemination
 - Tierra Jones said there has been an issue with defense attorneys receiving their client's PSI. She is working with Parole and Probation because they have an obligation to provide PSIs to defense attorneys. Defense attorneys cannot proceed with sentencing if they are not provided with the PSI.
 - Shelley Carrao from P&P said that PSIs are uploaded into Odyssey for everyone involved to find. The problem comes in when a defendant is using a private attorney because P&P may only be sent the report via FAX and many attorneys do not have a FAX machine.

- A meeting will be set up between P&P and NACJ (Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice) to discuss solution to this problem.

Wrap Up

- New Business
 - Shelley Carrao suggested PSI training for the courts due to new staff and new courts. She also offered to update contact information for P&P staff as they are moving away from land lines to towards cell phones only.
 - John Piro would like to see P&P violation reports uploaded into Odyssey in a timelier fashion.
 - There was a discussion about moving parolees to NDOC prior to any new charges being resolved.
 - Aimee Hill was introduced as the new Detention Transition Services Coordinator at the Clark County Detention Center.

****Next meeting will be held on September 22, 2022, at 1400 hours.****

Meeting adjourned @ 1554 hours