



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Clark County, Nevada

Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2020 – Webex Meeting, 1400 hours

Attendees:

AJ Delap, Police Officer - LVMPD

Christopher Lalli, Assistant DA – District Attorney

Darin Imlay, Public Defender-Clark County

Debby Dryer, Parole & Probation

Diana Sullivan, Justice of the Peace – LVJC

Drew Christensen, Attorney – Clark County

Ellen Richardson-Adams, DPBH - SNAMHS

Emily Nowlin, Chief of Staff for Tick Segerblom

Fred Meyer, Deputy Chief – LVMPD/CCDC

Grissell Hernandez, Court Administrator – LVJC

Jack Eslinger, Court Administrator – LV Muni

Jeff Wells, ACA – Clark County

Jon Piro, Chief Public Defender

Jonathan Clark, Lieutenant - CCDC

JoNell Thomas – Special Public Defender

Kyle Stewart

Marcie McMahill, Director - CCDC

Martina Bauhaus – LVMPD

Neldon Barrowes, Captain – CCDC

Nita Schmidt, Captain – CCDC

Raymond Taie, Supervisor - CCDC

Robert Daskas, Assistant DA – District Attorney

Ryan Toone, Justice of the Peace - Mesquite

Sam Bateman – Henderson JC

Sandra Molina, DTSC – LVMPD

Sarah Hawkins, Chief Deputy Public Defender

Shelley Carrao, Parole & Probation

Stephanie Gouveia – Court Division Administrator

Steve Grierson, Court Executive Officer - DC

Steven Wolfson – District Attorney

Suzan Baucum, Chief Judge-LVJC

Ta'mara Silver, Grant Analyst – LVMPD

Terri March, Court Administrator - NLVJC

Tick Segerblom, County Commissioner

Tierra Jones, Judge – District Court

Timothy Christianson, Corrections Mgr - NDOC

Victor Miller – Justice of the Peace – Boulder City

Agenda

Attendance of the voting members was taken and proxy established.

New Business

Amend the Bylaws

- 5.1 A proposal was made to add two new full members to the Clark County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The addition of one Clark County Commissioner and one Limited

Jurisdiction Judge from Clark County Outlying Courts (excluding Henderson and North Las Vegas) would bring the total number of full members to 14. A motion was made by Steve Wolfson and seconded by Fred Meyer. The motion was approved.

- 5.2 Christopher Lalli suggested Nevada Department of Corrections be added as an associate member. Darin Imlay asked for a vote. There was no opposition and the bylaws will be amended to include the new associate member.
- 7.4 Darin Imlay suggested changes in the language of this amendment to allow for flexibility in scheduling meetings. Fred Meyer motioned to adopt the amendment. The motion was seconded and approved.
- 8.1 and 8.2 This is a new article to include CJCC Coordinator position and duties. This will be tabled until a future CJCC meeting.
- 10.3 A motion was made by Suzan Baucum to change the number of full members needed for a quorum from six to seven. This was seconded by Fred Meyer and passed.

Transportation of defendants to court

- To accommodate for social distancing, six defendants at a time will be transported to court.
- Video court rooms are receiving upgrades. Additional video court rooms are being prepared and tested. Fred Meyer said there are currently three video court capable areas with four more becoming available the week of December 7, 2020. An additional four rooms are awaiting furnishings. There will be a maximum of six inmates at a time transported to court. Meyer says he is willing to work with the courts to make the process as safe as possible.
 - Suzan Baucum verified the plan with Fred Meyer and challenges were discussed.
 - Darin Imlay said the plan is a good one. He is concerned with using video due to longer court sessions and hindering the attorney's ability to have meaningful communication with their client.
 - Sarah Hawkins expressed her thanks for addressing these concerns. She is also concerned with attorney/client communication with the use of video.
 - Victor Miller asked about limitations on how many people will be in the video court rooms at the jail. Fred Meyer responded with details of how the system works. He is willing to work with anyone/everyone to create a system that works best for all.
 - Discussion between Sam Bateman and Fred Meyer about the use of phones for arraignment and prelim court and transportation issues.
 - JoNell Thomas asked about the ability of people in quarantine to participate in their court proceedings. Fred Meyer spoke about two moveable carts with video capabilities that will be available beginning December 7, 2020. Concerns were expressed regarding inmates rights to public proceedings.

Update on Subcommittees

- Initial Appearance Court
 - The Initial Appearance Subcommittee has completed its goals. A motion to dissolve the subcommittee was made by Marcie McMahill and seconded by Fred Meyer. Motion approved.

- Racial Justice Subcommittee
 - The first meeting of this subcommittee has been set for January. There is a plan to meet once a month.
- Improved Responses to Parole and Probation Subcommittee
 - Christopher Lalli says that the subcommittee recommends as of January 4, 2021, the Probation Discharge Program rolls out to all departments.
 - New judges will be trained in how the program will work.
 - Timing issues between District Court and the Department of Parole and Probation are being addressed.
 - An email address has been distributed to assist in assuring the appearance of the supervising officer at the revocation hearings.
 - Christopher Lalli resigns as the chair of this subcommittee. He recommends that the future of this subcommittee is discussed at the first CJCC meeting of 2021.
 - Steve Wolfson made a motion to dissolve this subcommittee. Darin Imlay suggests putting the dissolution on the agenda for the next CJCC meeting. Suzan Baucum agrees.
- Enhanced Services for Justice Involved Individuals with Behavioral Health and Homelessness Issues Subcommittee
 - Nothing new to report.
- Battery Domestic Violence Subcommittee
 - The subcommittee has not met.

Topics

- House Arrest/Electronic Monitoring Update
 - Nita Schmidt provided current statistics. There were no questions.
- Diana Sullivan noted that the Electronic Monitoring Program is often near capacity. She suggests creating a process for cases to be continually reviewed by judges so that the program is not always so near capacity.
 - Marcie McMahill offered to provide District Court with information to assist judges in reviewing those they have placed on EMP. Justice Court already receives this information at the request of Suzan Baucum.
 - There was discussion regarding the current capacity of the EMP program. Fred Meyer says the current limit is due to equipment and staffing.
 - Further discussion regarding sending information for review, who will receive the information, privacy concerns, custody status and the difference between House Arrest and Electronic Monitoring. There will be some conversation offline and updates given to Darin Imlay and Steve Wolfson.

- Strip Crime Trends
 - Fred Meyer presented statistics showing the recent increase in violent crime, specifically on the Strip. There is an ongoing analysis of this information and details will be presented at the next CJCC meeting.
 - There are questions about bail amounts, pre-trial release process, risk assessment tools and limited hours of pre-trial services. A lot of law enforcement resources are currently being used on the Strip and tourist corridor. Stephanie Gouveia asked for any information available before the next meeting and that she be included in discussions.

- Steven Wolfson discussed the rescheduling of out of custody cases due to COVID. He predicts a large number of rescheduled cases will have to be dealt with sometime next year. He asked if there is something that can be done now to resolve some of these cases. Suzan Baucum suggested that the DA's office reach out to defense attorneys with offers to resolve cases. Steven Wolfson and Darin Imlay will begin a dialog about this topic.
 - Diana Sullivan suggested looking at case management and continuances.

- Nomination and election of the 2021 Chairpersons
 - Darin Imlay and the incoming Chief Judge of Las Vegas Justice Court, Melissa Saragosa were nominated. All were in favor, none opposed. Melissa Saragosa was not in attendance.

****Next meeting will be held on January 28, 2021 at 1400 hours.****

Meeting adjourned @ 1325 hours.