



Clark County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes February 23, 2023

Attendees:

CJCC Co-Chairs:

Honorable Jerry Wiese, Chief Judge, 8th Judicial Court
Andrew Walsh, Undersheriff, LVMPD

Brenda Barnes, Clark County Family Services
Jonathan Clark, LVMPD, CCDC
Cynthia Cruz, LVJC
Tom Eberly, JMI
Virginia Eichacker, Assistant Public Defender
Katana Evans, JMI
Abigail Frierson, Deputy County Manager
Brian Fucile, LVMPD, CCDC
Jorge Ardon Garcia, Clark County
Steve George, Henderson Justice Court
Steven Grierson, District Court
Fred Haas, LVMPD, CCDC
Belinda Harris, NLV Justice Court
Darin Imlay, Public Defender
Elisa Ireland, LVMPD, CCDC
Tierra Jones, District Court

James Kilgore, LVMPD
Sheila Lambert, CJCC
Linsey LaMontagne, LVJC
Bradley Leavitt, LVMPD, CCDC
Charles Mapp, LVJC
Kevin McMahill, Sheriff, LVMPD
Rivera-Rojas, Javier, Clark County
Nita Schmidt, LVMPD
Tick Segerblom, County Commissioner
James Shubert, Nevada Public Safety P&P
Jonell Thomas, Special Public Defender
Emily Troshynski, UNLV
Matthew Walker, City of Las Vegas
Steve Wolfson, District Attorney
Bita Yeager, District Court

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

- Introduction of all members for the 2023 year.
- Meeting called to order, established quorum.

Review and Approve Minutes

- The November 17, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

CJCC Annual Performance and Data Report (Sheila Lambert)

- Sheila Lambert provided a high-level overview of the first annual report of the CJCC. The report aims to provide a comprehensive overview of existing data as well as any emerging trends. This report sets the stage by creating a baseline of available data and needs for future data collection. By reviewing trends in criminal justice outputs such as arrests, disposition of cases, the CJCC can garner insights into the functioning of the local criminal justice system.

- The report includes both qualitative and quantitative data. This data focuses on changes within Clark County such as general demographics. Clark County is one of six states that is identified as a minority-majority state. General crime data is available for property crime, hate crime domestic violence and violent crime.
- By trending the Clark County Detention Center (CCDC) data, the CJCC can identify if efforts have been successful to reduce over-incarceration or the housing of minor level offenders. In addition, there is a focus on equity. There has been a reduction of the jail population by 20% over a five-year period. The total confined jail population has reduced from an average of 3,681 inmates in 2018 to 2,948 in 2022. The bookings have been trended by race/ethnicity. The current Black CCDC population is the lowest in 2022 over the past five years, which holds true for the White and Other population. The Hispanic/Latino population has increased over 2018 but has held steady with 2021.
- The average length of stay is steadily increasing for all racial cohorts, but that is also the trend that is being seen nationally. Further research is being conducted to identify reasons.
- The report highlights the jail pretrial population based on highest charge, length of stay pending release to a forensic psychiatric facility, the number of mental competency hearings, and the information related to specialty courts and those with Serious Mental Illness (SMI), Co-occurring disorder (COD) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD). This focuses on ensuring competency and treatment for those accused.
- Caseload information by active and new criminal cases have been trended for SFY 21 and SFY 22. The total number of new criminal case filing reduced 11% from 88,008 in SFY 21 to 78,250 in SFY 22 over the entire 8th Judicial District. However, the Clark County District Court saw an increase in both felonies and gross misdemeanors. The Las Vegas Justice Court saw a significant decline. The report trends the average caseloads by offense categories.
- Some of the challenges with the data were defined and, in the future, the goal will be to identify the timeframe from pre-complaint (arrest) to the complaint filed by the District Attorney's Office, and the amount of time from formal complaint to court disposition as compared to the Model Case Standards.
- The committee was asked to take the time to review the report, which will be sent out via email and has been posted on the CJCC website. Please identify areas for improvement of data collection or areas where data could be clarified.
- Future efforts of case management practices will be moving forward now that COVID is over.
- Areas identified by the committee included collecting data not just on opioid misuse or overdose, but also fentanyl and poly-substance use.
- Discussion on the opioid litigation funding as part of the One Nevada Agreement, which will be working to fund substance use treatment which is estimated to be \$4-6 million for Clark County. There was also information that the DHHS will be putting out a Notice of Funding Announcement to expend some of the state opioid litigation funding.
- The Sheriff also had staff provide a number that as of "the date of this meeting" the number of individuals awaiting treatment is 65 that are waiting transfer.

Pretrial Services Division Update (Linsey LaMontagne)

- The Las Vegas Justice Court (LVJC) Pretrial Division Administrator Linsey LaMontagne provided an update on the launch of Corrisoft. The Pretrial Compliance Unit (PCU) has moved forward with the elimination of low-level EMP and establishing the PCU for low-level offenders. The PCU has 161 referrals, 12 completions, 33 pending, and is active. It has been active for three weeks.

- Captain Clark provided information that EMP equipment was available for moderate to high level offenders, and that he would be eliminating the use of the equipment for low level offenders now that he has received confirmation that everyone has been briefed on the PCU.

Subcommittee Reports

- Domestic Violence (Virginia Eichacker)

The DV subcommittee has established two goals to move forward which include 1) collaborating with the Family Justice Center to ensure adequate resources for victims; and 2) reduce recidivism for domestic violence offenders by identifying evidence-based programming.

- Racial, Ethnic and Socio-economic Equity (Belinda Harris)

The subcommittee now has the data with the performance report to begin exploring specific initiatives related to Clark County and racial equity. This would include identifying training for those in the criminal justice community. Nita Schmidt volunteered to support the subcommittee as she is on the LVMPD training committee and can share what LVMPD officers already have on as part of their training continuum. A focus will be on receiving recidivism data and use the performance report to identify any barriers to equity.

Commissioner Segerblom also shared he would be providing a copy to the CJCC on the bill that has been developed out of the efforts of Code for America, to support automatic record sealing.

Sheila Lambert also shared that connections have been made for CJCC to be a resource to MMAC in lieu of creating an additional subcommittee. She will coordinate any requests or activities of MMAC through Undersheriff Walsh.

- Behavioral Health/Homeless (Bita Yeager)

The Sequential Intercept Model was completed, which is now supporting the subcommittee to work on specific gaps and shortfalls related to housing. With the support of the Clark County Manager, a proposal for transitional housing is being reviewed.

A bill draft request has been forwarded to the legislature to support Clark County in receiving an adequate share of federal grants to support areas such as behavioral health and housing. As that moves forward, the information will be shared with the CJCC.

- Community Deflection & Diversion (Sheila Lambert)

John Piro is unable to provide the briefing due to serving at the legislature. Project LIMA presented to the subcommittee and shared that they had reduced staff due to the state reducing funding. Project LIMA works as a deflection program, but can also be a diversion program. The reduced dollars result in a few number of individuals that can be served. The current monthly population is roughly 80 individuals. It was requested

that Roxanne Burke (LVMPD) be included on activities with the subcommittee related to CIT or LIMA. Mr. Piro had asked for the engagement with Project LIMA to determine how to get access to the program through a community referral, and that was addressed at the subcommittee meeting.

Moving forward the subcommittee wants to focus efforts on the SIM focused on Intercept 0 and 1 – to get support prior to police involvement.

The subcommittee is also awaiting results from the Resort Corridor Court to see what it looks like in terms of the impact on the jail population, deflection, diversion, and what is being needed for supportive services. This will also include the engagement and interaction between the Community Court and the Resort Corridor Court.

Adjournment. 3:03 p.m.