



# Clark County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

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## Meeting Minutes September 22, 2022

### Attendees:

#### **CJCC Co-Chairs:**

Honorable Melissa Saragosa, Chief Judge, LVJC  
Andrew Walsh, Assistant Sheriff, LVMPD

Jonathan Clark, LVMPD  
Cynthia Cruz, LVJC  
A.J. Delap, LVMPD  
Melissa DeLaGarza, LVJC  
Tom Eberly, JMI  
Virginia Eichacker, Assistant Public Defender  
Jack Eslinger, LV Municipal Court  
Jessica Gurley, LVJC  
Belinda Harris, NLV Justice Court  
Aimee Hill, LVMPD  
Darin Imlay, Public Defender  
Tierra Jones, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court  
Christopher Lalli, Assistant District Attorney  
Sheila Lambert, CJCC

Linsey LaMontagne, LVJC  
Charles Mapp, LVJC  
Marcie McMahill, LVMPD  
Victor Miller, Boulder City Justice Court  
Victor Portillo Bradford, DPBH  
Rivera-Rojas, Javier, Clark County  
Nita Schmidt, LVMPD  
Carla Scott, LVMPD  
Tick Segerblom, Commissioner  
James Shubert, State of Nevada P&P  
Diana Sullivan, LVJC  
Jonell Thomas, Special Public Defender  
Steve Wolfson, District Attorney  
Dawn Yohey, DHHS, FRN

**Excused:** Judge Bitu Yeager, Clark County Manager Yolanda King, Public Defender John Piro

### **Call to Order and Opening Remarks (Melissa Saragosa)**

- Meeting called to order, established quorum.
- Introduction of Sheila D. Lambert as the new CJCC Coordinator, Linsey LaMontagne as the new Las Vegas Justice Court Pre-Trial Services Administrator and James Shubert as the new leadership for the State of Nevada Division of Parole and Probation Southern Command.

### **Review and Approve Minutes**

- The July 21, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Presentation from Code for America (Tick Segerblom)**

- Commissioner Segerblom introduced Code for America Labs, Inc. and shared they were contracted to complete a feasibility assessment for the potential of establishing a streamlined automatic record sealing clearance process for Clark County. Commissioner Segerblom identified the goal of wiping out marijuana convictions. The Code for America Senior Program Manager Candace Millsap and the Senior Service Designer Steven Morrison identified the focus was to determine if there was a streamlined cost-effective path to seal tens of thousands of eligible criminal records through an automatic record clearance process. This would support the challenges of those attempting to navigate the complicated record sealing process. It is anticipated that this will be a six-month process which includes background information, legislation review, process mapping, and stakeholder interviews. The Commissioner and Code for America would like the CJCC membership to participate in the stakeholder engagement. The process mapping task works with stakeholders to develop the documentation of interactions and flows including key touchpoints, systems, statutory factors, timescales, existing resources, and repositories. The report will also include a list of potential charges eligible for record sealing. Code for America will provide existing practices and governance of other states with “clean slate laws.” The recommendation will be based on a synthesis of findings, best practices and include a pathway to implementation.
- Steve Wolfson inquired as to if this was specific to only marijuana convictions or if other eligible misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors, and felonies will be reviewed. Commissioner Segerblom indicated that the goal would be to have Code for America be as broad as possible to provide what options would be available to Clark County.
- Judge Miller asked what the next steps were. Code for America indicated that the next communication would be on October 6, 2022, and on October 24, 2022 with multiple opportunities for the CJCC members to engage at various stages of the project.

### **Presentation and Discussion on the Opioid Litigation Funding (Dawn Yohey, DHHS)**

- Presentation and discussion on the Opioid Needs Assessment and Nevada Department of Health and Human Services State Plan to prioritize state funding from the state opioid litigation/settlement dollars referred to as Fund for a Resilient Nevada (FRN). Dawn Yohey serves as the Clinical Program Planner III and manages the FRN Unit. She provided an overview of statutory requirements, processes, and the results of the needs assessment for the use of the funds. She also distinguished between the State and County funds as well as the state’s sustainability spend plan that is anticipated to last through 2035. Ms. Yohey included an overview of the work completed by the Advisory Council for Resilient Nevada Committee (ACRN) which prioritized funding based on quantitative and qualitative data, as guided by Senate Bill (SB) 390. SB 390 was the guiding document that required the committee to focus on the impacts, risks, and harms of the opioid crisis. Ms. Yohey provided an overview of the risk and gaps across Nevada, priority areas, and those specific focuses related to the justice community. *(Presentation PowerPoint available on the CJCC website).*
- Steve Wolfson inquired as to what the annual amount of funding was going to be for Clark County. Sheila Lambert provided information that the allocation specific to Clark County was based on the One Nevada Agreement and is currently estimated to be between \$4 million annually, based on the current litigation settlements/awards. This amount could be higher if the Attorney General’s Office is successful with additional cases that are pending.
- The dollars provided to Clark County are separate from the funds that will be managed by the State of Nevada FRN. There may be an opportunity for Counties and other entities to apply for state FRN dollars to enhance programs that meet the objectives in the Needs Assessment and State Plan.

### **Presentation and Discussion on the Crisis Response System (Veronica Portillo-Bradford, DPBH)**

- Veronica Portillo-Bradford presented in place of Dr. Stephanie Woodard for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to discuss the status of the Crisis Response System in Clark County. The Crisis Response System is a critical component of the overall deflection and diversion program for youth, adolescents, and adults. The goal is to have a coordinated crisis continuum which ensures that there is someone to talk to and someone to respond 24/7. The initiatives include trauma informed responses, Zero Suicide, principles of recovery including working with emergency medical personnel and law enforcement. Deflection and diversion of justice involved individuals is a priority area of focus.
  - The 988 Suicide Crisis Line was launched on July 16, 2022. Initially, there was a 45% increase in calls to the system. That has since stabilized with a 30% increase in the number of calls coming into the system. For July 2022, there were a total of 1,789 calls, with 55% or 985 calls originating in Clark County.
  - Southern Nevada Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU) are being developed and there is \$13 million allocated for implementation. The first designated CSU site is at St. Rose in Henderson in partnership with Desert Parkway Behavioral Health. There are discussions of two possible options for a second site. The first is a building located on the SNAMHS campus. The second would be for or new building developed on City of Las Vegas land. The state will provide information when the second site is confirmed.
  - The state is working on the RFP for the Crisis Call Center Hub, which serves as the centralized facility that would be able to dispatch mobile crisis units 24/7, 365 days a year. This would also work with law enforcement and the 911 dispatchers to mitigate behavioral health calls. There is \$6.5 million encumbered for this data management platform.
  - The state is moving forward with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for reimbursement changes to mobile crisis eligible services utilizing an 85% FMAP to sustain crisis services.
  - The mobile crisis regulation efforts include establishing clear guidelines and responsibilities for all mobile crisis teams, including the Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs). The CCBHCs are required to have mobile crisis teams and provide behavioral health services on a sliding scale or free of charge to those with no insurance or Medicaid.
  - Nevada has \$3.8 million in grant funds for a law enforcement and behavioral health partnership with the Helmsley Foundation. Currently, DPBH is working with eleven participating law enforcement agencies across the state which allow police officers to utilize 24/7 mental health access via telehealth. In Clark County, the City of Mesquite is one of the agencies and is launching in October 2022.
  - The State is moving forward with the second component of SB 390, which focuses on dollars to sustain the crisis system. This funding is derived from a \$.35 fee on telecommunications. This would generate not more than \$19 million per year and is working on the final regulatory hurdles.
- There were questions on what activities were being done to expand and improve the mental health workforce. Ms. Portillo-Bradford indicated that workforce activities will come along with the programs and that she would need to get back to the group on specifics. (*Presentation available on the CJCC website*).

### **Review and Approved Modified By-Laws**

- Discussion on the proposed changes in the CJCC By-laws. The changes were specific to voting, requiring a strategic plan, requiring an annual report to monitor performance of the CJCC, administrative, technical, operational activities and ensuring non-discrimination language.
- Christopher Lalli identified titles for the Sheriff's office that needed to be amended as well as language in Section 6.4 that he requested be removed or modified to foster stronger participation within the group. For 6.4, Sheila Lambert indicated the intent was to establish the designee at the beginning of quorum. It was agreed that this language could be modified to reflect that intent without coming back to the whole council.
- The updated By-laws were unanimously approved with technical and administrative changes permitted.

### **Discussion on actions regarding the Las Vegas Strip Corridor (Melissa Saragosa).**

- Judge Saragosa indicated there were ongoing discussions about the creation of a court that would have the source of the cases stemming from the Strip Corridor, but nothing specific at this time.
- Public Defender Imlay requested to be included in ongoing discussions. Judge Saragosa indicated that she has only held internal open judge meetings. Any meetings being held on the Strip were being coordinated by the Wynn and she would pass along the request for the Public Defender's office to be included.

### **Subcommittee Final Report on Assembly Bill (AB) 424**

- Based on the successful completion of the work to implement AB 424, the Council unanimously agreed to close out the AB 424 Subcommittee. Any other issues will be handled under the Pretrial Subcommittee.

### **Subcommittee Chair designations.**

- Tabled until next meeting.

### **Subcommittee Report: Behavioral Health & Homeless**

- Sheila Lambert provided a high-level overview of status of the Behavioral Health and Homeless Subcommittee on behalf of Judge Yeager, who was excused from the meeting. The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) identifies gaps and resources as part of the behavioral health continuum for those engaged with the criminal justice system. The SIM is in the process of being updated and is in the final draft form. This has been provided to the Clark County Regional Behavioral Health Board for comments or updates. It is anticipated that this SIM will be able to support and guide resource allocations and development of programs to support deflection and diversion for those with serious mental illness (SMI) and/or substance use disorder (SUD).

### **Notice of Clark County CCJC 2023 Meeting Dates (Melissa Saragosa)**

- Notice of meetings for the full CJCC have been for 2023.
  - Thursday, February 23, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
  - Thursday, April 27, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
  - Thursday, August 24, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
  - Thursday, October 26, 2023, 2:00 p.m. (Designation of Co-Chairs)

## **New Business**

- On behalf of John Piro, Judge Harris provided information about the Nevada Homeless Alliance Statewide Conference to be held on September 29, 2022, at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Marcie McMahill, Director at Clark County Detention Center, provided an update on Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) statistics for 2021 and 2022 including how many individuals have been released through the EMP. A printout of the data and statistics was available for the CJCC members.
- Captain Clark shared the challenges and delays with the electronic monitoring units. There are currently four individuals waiting to be released on EMD. There have been some challenges with the equipment and the supply chain in getting the equipment timely and equipment that is working properly with the 5G network. Those are being resolved and the goal is to have zero pending at the end of each day.
- District Attorney Wolfson and other members of the CJCC have requested a formal report at the next CJCC on the current jail statistics. This would include trending data on the number of individuals being held in jail, who is in custody, vacancy summary, the level of charges of those who are in custody to determine if the right people are being released on their own recognizance, bond or other, as well as specific details to identify if Clark County is still experiencing a jail overcrowding problem. This does not only go for CDCC, but also the other jail systems in Clark County such as Henderson, North Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Detention Center. Sheila Lambert will work with the CDCC and the other entities to centralize one data request. This is beyond the existing data that is provided monthly.
- Judge Belinda Harris congratulated the efforts of the jail staff who are doing a wonderful job.

***For Possible Action.*** Adjournment. 1hr 19 minutes.