



**Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting January 19, 2024 - Noon
Law & Justice Center
Atrium**

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Citizen's Advisory Committee, and the Department of Criminal Justice Services exist to improve the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County and ensure the equitable and efficient treatment of defendants, offenders, and victims.

1. Call to Order & Reading of the Mission

Tom Cordingley, Chair, called the meeting to order.
The Mission Statement was read by Claire Swain.

2. Introductions

Members present: Tom Cordingley, Teresa Charlton, Karen English, John Lytle, Mike Mahoney, Mark Nay, Swain, Moffie Funk, and Jen Gursky

Members absent: Judge Menahan, Joanne Romasko

Staff in attendance: Jillian Danesi, Bri Lake, and Brandi Spangler

Others in attendance:

3. Action Items – Tom Cordingley

Review of October 20, 2023 meeting minutes:

John Lytle made a motion to accept/approve the minutes. Jen Gursky seconded the motion.
The motion Passed on a 8-0 vote.

4. Tenant Rights and responsibilities -Theresa Charlton, Moffie Funk, Mark Nay

Moffie Funk presented the Tenant Rights pamphlet that includes resources, tenant rights and responsibilities, eviction and early lease termination information. Moffie listed one possible change. It has been presented to the landlord association.

Jen Gursky spoke about a federal grant that has been proposed to support programs that support tenant/landlord relationships and what benefits would arise from such programs.

John Lytle requested pamphlets to hand out to folks under DOC who are re-entering the community.

Karen English would like to propose some changes to the pamphlet and urged information on renters' insurance be included.

Mike Mahoney officially thanked everyone for their work on the pamphlet.

Next steps is for Bri to create the document in Canva, Jen Gursky and John Lytle will print, and then distribution.

5. Due Process Continuity of Care Act/Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy – Tom Cordingley

Discussion was held on the difference between people in the detention center being excluded from Medicaid when people at the Prerelease Center are DOC and have access to Medicaid. It was pointed out that post/pre conviction is the difference. Prejudicated lose access. Jen Gursky requested data on people in detention center that have a cash bond they can't afford and what the failure to appear (FTA) rate is.

6. Intersection between homelessness and Criminal Justice Involvement

The council discussed issues in the Community. The encampment up Oro Fino Gulch is dissolved and all members of that camp are scattered. The City of Helena approved the conditional permit for Ruth's Place. The area of the building where Our Place is located is leased by Good Samaritan.

7. Areas of focus for 2024 – Tom Cordingly

Due to time, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Non-Agenda Items

Bri Lake reported a CAC panel is requested to participate in the annual CJCC National Annual Meeting in Helena on June 5 and 6, 2024. She also stated that Crimestoppers may be a good group to come speak at a CAC meeting.

9. Public Comment

No public comment.

10. Upcoming Dates:

Next CJCC Meeting – January 23, 2024, 12:00pm, Law and Justice Center

Hometown Helena Presentation – January 25, 2024, 7:00am, Montana Club – Bri gave an overview and requested attendance for all who can attend.

Next CAC Meeting – February 16, 2024, 12:30pm, Law and Justice Center

11. Adjourn