



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2023, 4:15 pm
Law and Justice Center, Atrium Conference Room, First Floor

Mission: Lewis and Clark County's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council exists 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. Welcome and Call to Order –

The meeting was called to order and the mission statement read.

2. Introductions

- Members Present: Brett Petty, Sue Podruzny, Suzanne Seburn, Tom Cordingley, Mike Sanders, Leah Lindgren, Kevin Downs, Leo Dutton, Andy Hunthausen, Drenda Niemann, Judge Menahan, Judge Piskolich
- Members Absent: Judge Peterson, Andy Shirtliff, Gina Boesdorfer
- Staff Present: Kellie McBride, Bri Lake, Jillian Danesi, Alexia Clark
- Guests Present: Beki Brandborg, Brad Bragg, Mike Mahoney

3. Action Items – Judge Menahan

- Citizen's Advisory Committee Member Roster was approved.
- CJCC Executive Committee Membership was approved.
- May 23, 2023, Minutes were approved

4. National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (NNCJCC) Update – Kellie McBride provided an overview the NNCJCC, the work of the CJCC in Milwaukee, and shared that the next annual meeting will be held in Helena.

5. CJCC Five-year Overview – McBride and Bri Lake shared a copy of the five-year report with all members and provided a presentation on the CJCC directed work completed since the inception of the Department in December 2017.

6. Beki Brandborg facilitated a strategic plan prioritization process starting with a review of the CJCC's nine strategic plan goals and leading the Council to select their top three priorities for staff to focus over the next 18 months. After careful and thoughtful discussion, members identified Pretrial Services, Intercept Zero, and Public Communication as the top three priorities.

a. Pretrial Services

- Pursue national accreditation.

- Higher standards will be implemented.
- Increased funding opportunities will be possible.
- Pretrial service training will be provided to all partners and CJCC members resulting in overall consistency and quality improvement.

b. Intercept Zero (Diversion)

- Research, develop, and implement a diversion program at Intercept Zero. Look at LEAD and other “Citation in Lieu of Arrest” programs.
- Seek available funding.
- Law enforcement will be assisted on-site by the appropriate service providers.
- This meets CJCC goal of diverting non-crisis individuals from jail.
- Secure beds will be sought in a partnership between Lewis and Clark County and Helena Police Department, including collaboration with local nonprofits, Journey Home, and possibly piloting other approaches.

c. Public Communication

- Step up efforts to communicate with the public about what CJCC work does and accomplishes.

d. Data

- The following was acknowledged as on-going and important efforts: Data collection and data-driven decision making, including examining the possibility of participating in a state pilot program about data cross-jurisdiction sharing.

7. Questions and Public Comment: There was no public comment.

8. Next CJCC Meeting: September 26, 2023, 4:15 pm

9. Adjourn