



**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes February 18, 2025, 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. Call to Order & Reading of the Mission - Judge Abbott

- Judge Abbott called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.

2. Introductions – All

- Members Present: Judge Abbott, Judge Piskolich, Leah Lindgren, Brent Colbert for Leo Dutton, Chief Brett Petty, Sue Podruzny, Commissioner Candace Payne, Chief Mike Sanders, Commissioner Melinda Reed, Michael Troser for Suzanne Seburn.
- Members Absent: Gina Boesdorfer, Tom Cordingley, Kevin Downs, Drenda Nieman, Judge Anne Peterson,
- Staff Present: Kellie McBride, Jillian Danesi, Jess McDonald
- Guests: Ali Mandell

3. Actions Items – Judge Abbott

- November 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes were approved

4. Justice Counts Presentation – Amy Horton, Council of State Governments

- "Justice Counts" is a framework designed to improve the collection, analysis, and use of data in the criminal justice system. Its goal is to provide a more transparent and accurate picture of how well the system is working, particularly in areas like law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. The initiative aims to ensure that data is used to inform decision-making, improve public safety, and promote fairness.

Key elements of Justice Counts include:

- Standardizing data collection across various jurisdictions.
- Enhancing the accessibility of data to the public and policymakers.
- Encouraging better resource allocation and accountability within criminal justice agencies.

5. Jail Population Task Force – Judge Piskolich

- The group has focused on: Diversion, Meaningful First Appearances, Cash Bond Reduction Hearings, Department of Corrections, Pretrial Services and Measurable Goals. Judge Piskolich has been tasked with writing a draft recommendation for the CJCC. He will present this draft at the next Jail Population Task Force Meeting on February 20, 2025.

6. Citizen’s Advisory Committee Update – Tom Cordingley

- Tom Cordingley was not present

7. Criminal Justice Services Update – Kellie McBride

- Criminal Justice Services has contracted with MadAve Communications. Kellie introduced Ali Mandell, Founder and Director of MadAve Communications. MadAve Communications, based in Helena, Montana, is a full-service marketing and advertising agency. They specialize in providing creative solutions to help businesses grow their brand, reach their target audiences, and achieve their marketing goals. The agency offers a range of services, including digital marketing, social media strategy, content creation, web development, public relations, and traditional advertising methods.
- Kellie announced the graduation of Pretrial Officer Keaton Welch from the Pretrial and Misdemeanor Probation Academy. Keaton received the Leadership Award from his peers.
- Two Americorp Vistas have been hired to implement an Early Childhood Intervention Program and a Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program.

8. Public Comment

- No public comment

9. Next CJCC Meeting

- March 25, 2025, 4:15 pm, Law and Justice Center

10. Next CAC Meeting

- February 21, 2025, 12:00 pm, Law and Justice Center

11. Adjourn