



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Agenda
April 27, 2022
Zoom Meeting
Lewis and Clark County Court House, Judge Menahan's Courtroom
12:00 p.m.

Mission: Lewis and Clark County's Department of Criminal Justice Services 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 – Commissioner Hunthausen

The Commissioner asked Kellie McBride to read the mission statement.

Members present: Commissioner Andy Hunthausen, Leah Lindgren, Tom Cordingley, Sheriff Leo Dutton, Leo Gallagher, Lieutenant Cary Bailey for Chief Brett Petty, Chief Mike Sanders

Member excused: Judge Mike Menahan, Judge Anne Peterson, Justice Piskolich, Suzanne Seburn

Members absent: Mayor Wilmot Collins, Gina Boesdorfer, Probation and Parole

Others in attendance: Kayla Morris, Michael O'Neil, Charles Lane, Mary Nay, Theresa Ortega

Staff in attendance: Kellie McBride, Jillian Danesi, Bri Lake

2. Introductions – Led by Commissioner Hunthausen

3. Action Item: Approval of Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Hunthausen

a. October 27, 2021, minutes were approved. Motion by Leo Gallagher, seconded by Leah Lindgren, motion carried.

b. January 26, 2022, minutes were approved. Motion by Sheriff Dutton, seconded by Leah Lindgren, motion carried.

4. Action Item: amend Bylaws Section E. Notice of Agenda

Council members discussed the Bylaws Notice of Agenda requiring Council meeting agendas be publicly posted seven (7) days in advance of any regularly scheduled meeting. Leo Gallagher moved to amend the bylaws to read "...at least 48-hours in advance..." Motion seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. Commissioner Hunthausen commented that the Council should endeavor to publish the agenda earlier than the 48-hours requirement. Motion carried.

5. Housing is Healthcare FUSE Presentation: Michael O'Neil, Helena Housing Authority, and Kayla Morris, St Peter's Health

Michael and Kayla provided a handout of their PowerPoint presentation slides.

The FUSE Program identifies those persons in our community with multiple system contacts to ensure better health outcomes for those individuals. Those individuals considered for FUSE are experiencing homelessness, have five or more emergency room visits in a 12-

month period, and have contact with a minimum of two other community systems. Those community systems include the criminal justice system, local service providers including Good Samaritan Ministries and Center for Mental Health, and substance misuse treatment. Other communities in Montana implementing FUSE have recognized an actual cost savings of \$226,441 in service costs per participant.

Last year, of the approximately 50 FUSE participants, 31.5% were processed in the Lewis and Clark County Detention Center. Kayla requested better data from the criminal justice system to better provide and track services. Specifically, usable data from the Sheriff's Office, East Helena PD, cost of an arrest, cost of a call for service, and cost for the Court process. Criminal Justice Services staff will work with FUSE staff on actualizing data and costs.

6. Criminal Justice Services Update – Kellie McBride

- a. Bri Lake, CJS Program Analyst, was introduced.
- b. Strategic Plan – Those in attendance were encouraged to read their copy of the April 2022 Strategic Plan “Report Out” and contact Kellie with questions

7. CAC update: Tom Cordingley

No update provided.

8. Public Comment –

a. Theresa Ortega, Good Samaritan Ministries

Theresa explained the work Good Samaritan Ministries is undertaking in coordination with Law Enforcement as a means of diverting individuals from arrest and booking.

b. Leo Gallagher, County Attorney

Leo asked about the current Mental Health services offered in the Detention Center. Jillian Danesi, CJS Behavioral Health Coordinator, shared that one of the two therapists will be filled May 9, and the other position is in the process of reference checks. Leo reiterated the importance of the therapists having Mental Health Professional Person licensure.

c. Tom Cordingley, CAC Chair

Tom inquired into the vacancy rate among the Law Enforcement agencies. Lt. Corey Bailey shared Helena Police Department is short six Officers.

9. Next Meeting: July 27, 2022

Contact Judge Menahan or Kellie McBride to have an item of discussion added to the agenda.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Hunthausen.