



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2021
Zoom Meeting
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

Judge Menahan called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.

Members present: Commissioner Andy Hunthausen for Commissioner Tom Rolfe, Mayor James Schell, Judge Mike Menahan, Leo Gallagher, Judge Anne Peterson, Leah Lindgren, Justice Piskolich, Leo Dutton, Brett Petty for Steve Hagen, Suzanne Seburn, Christin Thennis

Member excused: Gina Boesdorfer

Members absent: Mayor Wilmot Collins

Others in attendance: Andy Shirliff, Tom Cordingley, Roger Baltz, Shane Hildenstab, Jolene Jennings, Gloria Soja

Staff in attendance: Kellie McBride, Jillian Danesi

2. Introductions

Judge Menahan led introductions.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

May 26 and June 23 meeting minutes were approved.

4. Criminal Justice Services Update

Kellie McBride provided an overview of current Criminal Justice Services programs and initiatives.

- a. 7 Generations – 7 Generations is the early childhood intervention program required through the 2017 Operations Levy. The program is a partnership between Public Health, CJS, and the Detention Center providing parenting support for individuals booked into the Detention Center with children ages 0 – 3 and the caretakers of those children. Case management services, parenting plans, reunification plans, and visitation coordination are components of the program.
- b. Intercept Zero. The Intercept Zero program is in its infancy. An organic partnership between CJS, Helena Police Department, and Good Samaritan Ministries, Intercept Zero is a true diversion program for law enforcement to utilize rather than having to cite and/or arrest. Intercept Zero is NOT for individuals currently in crisis and does NOT take the place of the Mobile Crisis Response Team. CJS will collaborate with Good Sam's, HPD, Sheriff's Office, and East Helena PD on formalizing the program and identifying funding.

- c. Pretrial Services. Approximately 300 defendants are currently assigned to the program. CJS was invited, by the Great Falls City Manager, to present our Pretrial Program to the Great Falls Crime Task Force.
- d. Detention Center Behavioral Health Team. The Behavioral Health Team in the Detention Center is specifically mandated through the 2017 Operations Levy and required by the voters. The team includes one full time behavioral health therapist, one full time case manager, and is currently recruiting for their third member: a full-time licensed addictions counselor.
- e. MAT Bridges. MAT Bridges is a Federally funded Medication Assisted Treatment program for incarcerated individuals with opioid use disorders. The program is moving forward with policies and procedures. The Montana Board of Crime Control has requested McBride, Sheriff Dutton, and Captain Hildenstab provide a MAT Bridges presentation at this year's annual Crime Prevention conference.
- f. Education and Reentry/Transition. The program, required through the 2017 Operations Levy, coordinates with the Detention Staff to ensure volunteer programming including AA, NA, and Chaplain services. This program also addresses the need for reentry planning for defendants and offenders exiting the Detention Center.
- g. PASS. The Post Adjudication Supervision Services Program is a Mental Health Court for individuals with behavioral health disorders found guilty of misdemeanor charges. PASS averages five offenders at any given time through Helena Municipal Court.
- h. Data Initiative. Autumn Frey, currently with the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office, will join CJS in August to create our County's criminal justice data dashboards with an eye toward working with the City/County Information and Technology Services Department to explore their GIS/ESRI opportunities for sharing data with the community.

5. Action Item: Citizens Advisory Committee

Approval of CAC Membership

Tom Cordingley put forward the names of proposed new CAC members for two-year appointments: Michael Johnson, Rhonda Champagne, Karen Keith, Katherine Hutchinson.

Current and new membership approved for two-year appointments to the CAC:

Tom Cordingley, Chair
Carolyn Belling, Vice Chair

Dennis Taylor
John Lytle
Mike Mahoney
Moffie Funk
Teresa Charlton
Theresa Ortega
Stephanie Ballenger-Brooks
Jenifer Gursky
Michael Johnson
Rhonda Champagne
Karen Keith
Kathryn Hutchison

6. Public Comment

Tom Cordingley reminded the group that CJCC will now be meeting quarterly.

Suzanne Seburn shared that the Public Defender's Office has hired a full-time case manager named Morgan Davis.

7. Next Meeting: October 78, 2021

Agenda items and suggestions may be sent to Kellie McBride, Suzanne Seburn, or Judge Menahan.

8. Adjourn