



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Clark County, Nevada

Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2021 – Webex Meeting, 1400 hours

Attendees:

Ann Zimmerman, Judge, LVJC
Bita Yeager, Judge – District Court
Chris Jones, Assistant Sheriff, LVMPD
Christopher Lalli, Assistant District Attorney
Darin Imlay, Public Defender-Clark County
Drew Christensen, Attorney – Clark County
Grissell Hernandez, Court Administrator – LVJC
Jeff Wells, ACA – Clark County
Jessica Williams, Lieutenant - CCDC
JoNell Thomas – Special Public Defender
Marcie McMahill, Director - CCDC
Martina Bauhaus – LVMPD
Melissa Saragosa, Chief Judge - LVJC
Neldon Barrowes, Captain – CCDC

Nita Schmidt, Captain – CCDC
Richard Segerblom, County Commissioner
Ryan Toone, Justice of the Peace - Mesquite
Sam Bateman – Henderson JC
Sandra Molina, DTSC – LVMPD
Sarah Hawkins, Chief Deputy Public Defender
Sheri Sliva, Major - Parole & Probation
Steve Grierson, Court Executive Officer - DC
Steven Wolfson – District Attorney
Ta'mara Silver, Grant Analyst – LVMPD
Terri March, Court Administrator - NLVJC
Victor Miller, Justice of the Peace – Boulder City
William Teel, Captain – CCDC

Agenda

Attendance of the voting members was taken and proxy established.

Chairman Darin Imlay introduced and welcomed co-chair Chief Judge Melissa Saragosa. He also welcomed County Commissioner Richard Segerblom and Boulder City Justice of the Peace Victor Miller as new voting members.

Update on Subcommittees

- Enhanced Services for Justice Involved Individuals with Behavioral Health and Homelessness Issues Subcommittee

- Judge Bita Yeager (sitting in for Judge Linda Bell) reports that there will be a meeting in the next month or so.
- Battery Domestic Violence Subcommittee
 - Assistant County Manager Jeff Wells reports a meeting that was well attended. Several bill draft resolutions were discussed, some of which will have statements filed at the legislature.
 - Goals for the year were discussed.
 - Reduce the numbers of dismissals/increase the number of defendants in domestic violence cases.
 - The possibility of moving TPO Court adjacent to DV Specialty Court. Melissa Saragosa said there are ongoing discussions regarding the possibility of space availability once the new Municipal Court Building is open and occupied.
- Improved Responses to Parole and Probation Subcommittee
 - District Attorney Steve Wolfson moved to disband this subcommittee. The original strategies have been achieved. The motion was seconded by Jeff Wells on behalf of Yolanda King. There was a vote with no opposition and the Improved Responses to Parole and Probation Subcommittee has been disbanded.
- Racial Justice Subcommittee
 - Darin Imlay asked for volunteers to sit as members and chair/co-chair of this subcommittee. Richard Segerblom and Judge Tierra Jones will sit as co-chairs. Chief Deputy Public Defender Sarah Hawkins volunteered to be a member. Assistant Sheriff Chris Jones, who is retiring, volunteered his yet to be named replacement to be a member.

Topics

- Electronic Monitoring Program/Return Date for EMP
 - Melissa Saragosa wants to raise awareness of the limited number of people who can be released to EMP (currently 950.) The limit is based on the supervision of those on EMP, not the availability of equipment. There is a current wait list of approximately 25 inmates who can expect to wait up to two weeks for release.
 - There is hope that numbers will go down as District Court trials resume. As a temporary measure, Justice Court is giving return dates as if defendants are in custody until numbers are down.
- Inmate Transportation
 - Due to major maintenance of the inmate elevators at the Regional Justice Center there are issues and concerns regarding the movement of inmates over the next several months.

- Inmates are being moved through an open court session and into the back hallway near the judicial chambers, which was formally a secure area, in order to reach the court rooms they are assigned to.
 - The policy of transporting no more than six inmates at a time and leaving them unconnected from one another (for social distancing compliance) has caused calendars to become extraordinarily long.
 - There have been several fights among inmates in the back hallway. Judges are asking corrections officers to break policy by transporting more than six inmates at a time.
 - Melissa Saragosa asked for discussion to assist in alleviating these issues. Suggestions include staggering court calendars, use of virtual appearances and looking forward to having more space upon the completion of municipal court building.
- Virtual Appearances By Both In-custody & Out of Custody Defendants in Justice Court
 - Corrections Lieutenant Jessica Williams says two virtual court rooms are functional. There are sound issues which will be alleviated with the installation of carpet. Use of the room prior to carpet installation will cause an echo but could be started within the next 2-4 weeks. Saragosa would like to move in that direction. Use of the rooms will require staggered start times. It is noted that the outlying courts have been using the current rooms with success.
 - Captain William Teel, representing the projects team at the Clark County Detention Center, says there is a plan in place for carpet placement in four program rooms at CCDC and a plan is being created for placing sound boards on the walls to cut down on background noise. Testing of the rooms is ongoing. Teel will get an update on the testing and provide feedback to Saragosa in hopes of setting a start date.
- Bail Report
 - Director Marcie McMahon asked for feedback regarding how the information she is providing in the Bail Report is being used.
 - Assistant District Attorney Christopher Lalli said the report is being sent to Case Assessment and the information is being used to evaluate positions on bills where it might be applicable. The information is also relevant to pending legislation.
 - Darin Imlay asks to continue receiving the report. The Bail Project is committed to hiring a coordinator for Las Vegas who will begin in two weeks. The Bail Project's goal is to assist 80 people per month with bail amounts of \$5000 or less to bail out of jail. Court date reminders and access to public transportation will be provided as well.
 - Marcie McMahon volunteered to be the CCDC point of contact for the Bail Project.
- Goals for 2021

- Steve Wolfson proposed the creation of the Case Backlog Subcommittee to address the backlog of District Court and Justice Court cases created by the COVID situation.
 - Wolfson volunteered to chair the subcommittee.
 - Wolfson recommended representatives for the subcommittee.
 - Wolfson proposed contacting Justice Herndon for his unique perspective.
- Special Public Defender JoNell Thomas, Sarah Hawkins, Darin Imlay and Attorney Drew Christensen volunteered to be members of this subcommittee.
- Darin Imlay made a motion to create the Case Backlog Subcommittee. A vote was taken. There was no opposition. The subcommittee co-chairs will be named at the first meeting of the Case Backlog Subcommittee.

New Business

- JoNell Thomas asked about the process for inmates at CCDC to receive COVID vaccinations.
 - William Teel, who oversees medical operation inside the jail, responded that the jail is working with the Health District to put together a plan to vaccinate the inmate population. He is hopeful that a plan will be in place by the end of the month.

****Next meeting will be held on April 8, 2021 at 1400 hours.****

Meeting adjourned @ 1443 hours.