



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Clark County, Nevada

Meeting Minutes

June 2nd, 2020 – CJCC Webex Virtual Meeting, 1400 hours

Attendees:

Anne Carpenter, Director – Parole & Probation
Christopher Lalli, Assistant DA – District Attorney
Dana Hlavac, Court Administrator – LV Muni
Darin Imlay, Public Defender-Clark County
Diana Sullivan, Justice of the Peace – LVJC
Fred Meyer, Deputy Chief – CCDC
Grissell Hernandez, Court Administrator – LVJC
John Piro, Chief Public Defender
JoNell Thomas, Special Public Defender
Karen Powell, Administrator – Rural Courts
Laura Weir, Lieutenant - CCDC
Larry Clark, Captain – CCDC

Linda Bell, Chief Judge – District Court
Marcie McMahill, Director –CCDC
Richard Suey, Project Coordinator – Grant
Sam Bateman, Judge HJC
Sheri Sliva, Major – Parole and Probation
Sherri Parris, Court Administrator - LVJC
Steven Wolfson – District Attorney
Suzan Baucum, Chief Judge-LVJC
Ta'mara Silver, Grant Analyst - LVMPD
Yolanda King, County Manager-Clark County

Agenda:

The CJCC Webex will focus on the current status for all the Clark County Criminal Justice Partners as we phase in the opening of our State, County and economy. Due to the limits of Webex, we will facilitate this discussion to provide as much one way informational conversation as possible. We will be asking each criminal justice partner to provide a brief 3 – 5 minute synopsis of their entities status and how they will be transitioning as we continue to open our community. If any participant would like to pose a question, we will have a short question/answer period after the last briefing. The order will be as follows: LVJC, DC, HJC, NLVJC, Rural JC, LV Muni, PD, DA, SPD, Private Attorneys, NPP, LVMPD/Enforcement, LVMPD/DSD, CLV Detention, NDOC, CC Management, BCC Representative, CLV Representative and any entity not listed.

Minutes:

On 6/2/2020, at 1400 hours, CC CJCC Co-Chairs, Justice Court Chief Judge Suzan Baucum and Public Defender Darin Imlay facilitated a Webex meeting with the membership of the CJCC. The basis of the meeting was for all the Clark County Criminal Justice Partners to provide a short 3 – 5 minute summary regarding their current status, what they're doing to assist with the expanded re-opening of the Clark

County Criminal Justice System and what challenges they're facing. A total of (13) entities logged into the Webex and participated. Below are the entities which participated, a summary of their status and challenges:

Las Vegas Justice Court – Implemented in person court proceedings on 6/1/2020. Following multiple CDC recommended safety guidelines to include; social distancing by staging, mandatory wearing of masks, additional hand sanitizer stations, and elevator limit guidelines. Judges Baucum and Diana Sullivan both relayed the Justice Court processes were running smoothly.

District Court – Judge Linda Bell stated they're still suspending jury trials due to concerns over bringing in jury pools due to the COVID19 pandemic. She stated DC has a committee of judges working together to determine a plan of re-opening jury trials. District Attorney Steve Wolfson asked if the DA and PD could be part of her committee and she advised her committee would be handled internally. Assistant DA Christopher Lalli stated they had concerns for DC not having a written plan with projected dates for trials. He stated both the DA and Defense needed time frames for preparation, witness out of State interviews and the scheduling of witnesses. Judge Bell stated she would address with her committee and communicate the decisions out.

District Attorney – Assistant DA Christopher Lalli stated they had a backlog of 7,000 unscreened cases and they've assigned additional attorneys and support personnel to the screening process. He stated they've already reduced the backlog by 2,000 cases. The DA had other concerns with both JC and DC, but it was decided those conversations could be made off-line from the CJCC meeting.

Supreme Court - Justice Kathy Pickering introduced herself to the membership of the CJCC and wanted to thank everyone for their continued work. Justice Pickering was thanked for her participation and for the support she provided everyone during the COVID19 pandemic response.

Henderson Justice Court – Judge Sam Bateman stated Henderson is following the court opening guidelines of LVJC and they opened their courtrooms on 6/1/2020. Attorney John Piro questioned why Henderson inmates were not being provided masks and Judge Bateman stated he would ensure this issue was resolved immediately.

Las Vegas Municipal Court – Director Dana Hlavac stated they had successfully reopened their courts and they were having no issues.

North Las Vegas Justice Court – No representation was present for the call, but Judge Sam Bateman stated NLVJC was following the same guidelines as LVJC and had opened their courts on 6/1/2020.

Rural Courts – Court Administrator Karen Powell stated they were still running on video court with no issues and advised the DA had returned to filing their cases in Rural JC as opposed to LVJC. This change took place two weeks ago.

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department/Detention Services Division – Deputy Chief Fred Meyer briefed on transportation issues and asked for patience if timeliness has been an issue. He also discussed technology improvements and the approval of funding for video courts. Director Marcie McMahill provided a written assessment for the statistical information associated with the COVID19 pandemic response. She also advised the assessment would be attached to the meeting minutes for everyone's review. She further discussed staging for court ordered EMP clients when the maximum capacity number

of 950 is reached and wanted to ensure everyone delays were not due to a lack of bracelets, but due to exceeding the Sheriff's maximum count of 950.

Special Public Defender – JoNell Thomas discussed her concerns with not having access to clients at CCDC for confidential conversations and contact visits. She also expressed her concerns about the lack of information for scheduling jury trials and the involved coordination of scheduling witnesses, etc.

Private Attorneys – John Piro discussed his issues with AO-1804 not being utilized for arrested protesters. Judge Baucum stated this would be addressed with an off-line conversation between John and LVJC. John Piro also discussed the challenges of not having access to his clients and asked when contact visits could resume at CCDC. This was an overwhelming concern by the PD, SPD and Private Attorneys.

Nevada Parole & Probation - Major Sheri Sliva stated they have dramatically decreased home visits and will be embedding officers at CCDC as well as the LVMPD Fusion Center. They have a phased reopening plan of bringing staff back into the workplace of 25%, 50%, 75% and 100%. She hopes to be at 100% by September. Currently, their officers are completing remote/virtual supervision and have been doubling up with Nevada Highway Patrol Officers for safety reasons. She also stated NPP would be embedding an officer at CCDC as well as the LVMPD Fusion Center. Chief Anne Carpenter discussed NPP's concerns due to a possible 19% reduction in their current budget. They're looking for ways to provide effective supervision with less resources.

City of Las Vegas Detention - No representation.

Nevada Department Of Corrections - No representation.

Board of County Commissioners - No representation.

City of Las Vegas Management - No representation.

Clark County Management - County Manager Yolanda King thanked everyone for their efforts and stated the County's opening to the Public this week had been smooth and discussed precautions they had taken to ensure the safety of their staff and the public. She also discussed the challenges of having some damage to their buildings due to the protests.

PD Darin Imlay provided a closing and Chris Lalli asked if we could make this a bi-weekly meeting until the next in-person CJCC meeting scheduled for July 23, 2020. Everyone agreed it would be a good idea and Grissell Hernandez sent out appointments. The overriding theme concerning CCDC was the creation of a plan to allow investigators and attorney's better access to their clients for upcoming trials, hearings and revocations.

Meeting ended @ 1441 hours.

