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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

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Clark County, Nevada

### Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2021 – Webex Meeting, 1400 hours

#### Attendees:

Belinda Harris, Judge - NLVJC  
Cary Leavitt, Court Division Admin - LVJC  
Christopher Lalli, Assistant District Attorney  
Damon Harris, Financial Officer – Clark County  
Darin Imlay, Public Defender-Clark County  
Diana Sullivan, Judge - LVJC  
Drew Christensen, Attorney – Clark County  
Fred Meyer, Deputy Chief, CCDC  
Grissell Hernandez, Court Administrator – LVJC  
Jeff Wells, ACA – Clark County  
Jessica Williams, Lieutenant – CCDC  
Karen Powell, Court Administrator – Outlying JC  
Linda Bell, Chief Judge – District Court  
Marcie McMahill, Director - CCDC

Martina Bauhaus – LVMPD  
Melisa De La Garza, Judge, LVJC  
Melissa Saragosa, Chief Judge - LVJC  
Nita Schmidt, Captain – CCDC  
Raymond Taie, Supervisor - CCDC  
Sandra Molina, DTSC - CCDC  
Sam Bateman, Judge - Henderson JC  
Sarah Hawkins, Chief Deputy Public Defender  
Sheri Sneen, Major – Parole & Probation  
Steven Wolfson – District Attorney  
Ta’ Mara McNulty, Analyst – LVMPD  
Tierra Jones, Judge - LVDC  
Victor Miller, Judge – Boulder City

#### Agenda

Attendance of the voting members was taken.

#### Update on Subcommittees

- Enhanced Services for Justice Involved Individuals with Behavioral Health and Homelessness Issues Subcommittee
  - There have been some meetings with Metro and Dr. Woodard regarding better communication between state and county partners.

- Battery Domestic Violence Subcommittee
  - A meeting was held earlier this week with both the District Attorney and the Public Defender to discuss reasons for dismissals.
  - Students from UNLV will be assigned to Las Vegas Justice Court and the DA's office to collect data.
  - Victim groups met to discuss processes being used in other jurisdictions and whether those processes might be used here.
  
- Racial Justice Subcommittee
  - The McArthur Foundation Grant has been approved. It includes funds for a coordinator.
  
- Pretrial Subcommittee
  - A meeting was held to discuss AB 424, specifically the 48 hour Valdez Hearings. AB 424 becomes effective July 1, 2022. Topics of discussion included Pretrial Services Report distribution, and how the rural courts can most effectively and efficiently comply with the statute.
  - Christopher Lalli spoke about the future role of Pretrial Services with regard to AB 424. Discussions will be held in this subcommittee.
  - The question was asked, "What is the best model going forward to implement AB 424?"
  - There was discussion about having separate Pretrial and AB 424 subcommittees. A motion was made by Darin Imlay to create a new subcommittee within CJCC to include representatives of all organizations involved with the implementation of AB 424 working together. Sarah Hawkins and Melisa De La Garza seconded the motion. A vote was taken. The motion passed with no one opposed.
  - Members of the new subcommittee will include Melisa De La Garza, Melissa Saragosa, Linda Bell, Sam Bateman, Ryan Toone, Victor Miller, Terri March, Karen Powell, Cary Leavitt, Sarah Hawkins, Christopher Lalli, Jeff Wells, Drew Christensen, and Marci McMahill.
  - The new 48 Hour Valdez Hearing Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 2PM (both in person and virtually) at the Regional Justice Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Executive DA Conference Room.

## Topics

- Update on Jury Trials
  - There are 1547 criminal cases set for trial and 301 are homicide cases.
  - There is consideration of using COVID money for an additional homicide judge.
  - There are about 60 in custody settlement conferences a week with expected expansion to settlement conferences for those out of custody.

- P&P Contact Group
  - Sheri Sneen agrees to be the point of contact for Parole and Probation. She is available to address any concerns.
  
- CCDC Court Refusals
  - Discussion about adding a reason for an inmate absence in court minutes when an inmate is not in court. More specific information will be needed from the transport officer so a reason for an inmate absence can be included in court records.
  - Additional delays are expected with the implementation of SB 212 which limits use of restraint chairs to bring inmates to court.

**New Business**

- There is no new business.

**\*\*Next meeting will be held on August 26, 2021 at 1400 hours.\*\***

Meeting adjourned @ 1458 hours.