



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Clark County, Nevada

Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2019 – Clark County Detention Center, Training Rooms, 1400-1600hrs

Attendees:

AJ Delap – LVMPD

Aimee Hill, Supervisor – CCDC

Ann Zimmerman, Judge - LVJC

Anna Vasquez, Court Div. Administrator - LVJC

Anne Carpenter, Chief – Parole & Probation

Christopher Lalli, Assistant DA – District Attorney

Cynthia Cruz, Judge - LVJC

Darin Imlay, PD – Public Defender

Diana Sullivan, Justice of the Peace - LVJC

Drew Christensen, Attorney

Grissell Hernandez, Court Administrator - LVJC

Jeff Wells, ACM – Clark County

JoNell Thomas, Special Public Defender - SPD

Laura Weir, Lieutenant – LVMPD

Larry Clark, Captain - LVMPD

Marcie McMahill, Director –LVMPD-DSD

Martina Bauhaus, Asst. Gen. Counsel - LVMPD

Nita Schmidt, Captain – LVMPD

Raymond Taie, Supervisor – CCDC

Richard Forbus, Captain - LVMPD

Richard Suey, Project Coordinator – Grant

Sharon Meads, Lieutenant – CLVDPS

Sheri Sliva, Captain – Parole & Probation

Steven Wolfson – District Attorney

Ta'mara Silver, Analyst - LVMPD

Terri March, Court Administrator – NLVJC

Tony Smith, Deputy Chief - CLVDPS

Virginia Eichacker, Assistant PD – Public Defender

William Jimenez, Court Supervisor – LVJC

Yolanda King, County Manager – Clark County

Agenda:

Update on Subcommittees

- Initial Appearance
 - Marcie McMahill reports that from a jail perspective, everything is going very well with IA Court and there are no issues to report.
 - The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2019. There may be some statistics to report at that time.
 - Steve Wolfson acknowledged how far the IA Court program has come and gave a “hats off” to all involved.

- Improve Responses to Probation Violators

- Results of the Legislative session and AB236:
 - There is a requirement that those facing technical violations of their parole or probation be on the court calendar within 15 calendar days of arrest.
 - This will have a positive effect on jails because people will not be languishing in custody.
 - These changes achieved a big objective of this subcommittee.
- Intermediate Sanction Program
 - Parole and Probation (P &P) will introduce intermediate sanctions prior to revocation. It will still be up to individual judges to decide if they would like to order intermediate sanctions. Christopher Lalli and Anne Carpenter will be meeting with the judiciary to explain the program.
 - The Safety Justice Challenge subcommittee has scheduled a judges meeting in July to discuss policy or programs to walk P&P cases through the system more efficiently and reduce the number of P&P revocations.
 - Martina Bauhaus brought up concerns that other jurisdictions with intermediate sanctions programs are having problems with those returning to jail carrying contraband into the facility. Nita Schmidt responded by saying that CCDC's recently purchased body scanner will help eliminate this issue.
- Christopher Lalli asked for feedback regarding the move toward having every P&P discharge calendared and the impact that will have on District Court calendars.
- Rich Suey asked for clarification on AB236 and the impact graduated sanctions will have on CCDC.
 - Christopher Lalli clarified that AB236 provides prescribed penalties for consecutive technical violations of P&P.
- Enhance Services for Justice Involved Individuals with Behavioral Health/Homelessness
 - Darin Imlay read a statement from Steve Grierson that said that the State of Nevada Substance Abuse and Treatment Agency will provide funding for a specialty court coordinator to assist officers in diverting eligible individuals to services. More information will be received in the future.
- Domestic Violence Court
 - This subcommittee has not met since the last CJCC meeting and there is nothing to update.
 - After discussion between Steve Wolfson, Ann Zimmerman and Jeff Wells, it was agreed that the current Domestic Violence Court is not effective in seeing that people get treatment they would benefit from due to so many cases being dismissed. In an attempt to increase the effectiveness of DV Court, Steve Wolfson offered employees from the DA's Office to participate in the subcommittee.
- Needs Assessment at Booking

- Richard Forbus spoke about the Needs Assessment Survey and said he is contacting a vendor to assist with a touchscreen version of the assessment. The results of the survey would be shared with the Programs Office to assist with providing programs based on an individual's needs.
 - The Programs Office has provided services through 16 organizations that have been brought in to serve over 200 inmates at release. Those who have been through the program have a 8-9% recidivism rate.
 - A suggestion was made to add questions about transportation needs, education level and job skills to the survey.
 - Martina Bauhaus says the State of Nevada just moved to add a gender description of "X" and that the survey should do the same.
 - There was discussion about who will take the survey initially, future expansion of the program and who will have access to survey results.
- Safety Justice Challenge (SJC)
 - Rich Suey proposed a Walk-through Booking Proposal that would allow arrestees who qualify under Las Vegas Justice Court Administrative Order #18-04 to walk through booking and release within a four hour time frame.
 - Reduces workload on CCDC employees.
 - Provides a cost savings.
 - Uses a voluntary electronic survey to connect arrestees with service providers.
 - About 48 people a day will qualify for this type of processing.
 - After discussion and questions, Darin Imlay motioned to approve replacing the strategy to Expand Pre-arrest Diversion with the Walk-through Booking Proposal. The change was unanimously approved.
 - Richard Suey presented current trends at CCDC.
 - Challenges with the increased number of bookings were discussed. The DA Office is noticing similar increases in felony cases.
 - Average length of stay at CCDC has decreased 2.4 days compared year to date with 2018.
 - Average daily population has decreased 3.08% compared to year-to-date with 2018.
 - The pre-trial population has decreased 2.29% compared to year-to-date with 2018.
 - The sentenced population has decreased 4.95% compared to year-to-date with 2018.
 - The Justice Management Institute will collaborate with CCDC to conduct a racial and ethnic disparity analysis.
 - Steve Wolfson asked Marcie McMahill to provide a report of pre-trial inmates with low bail amounts who are in jail.
 - Discussion about housing, inmate population and sentencing at the City of Las Vegas Jail.

- Discussion concerning possible reasons for the increased number of bookings at the CCDC.
- Update on the status of the Safety Justice Challenge strategies.

Topics of Discussion

- CCDC Veterans Module
 - The program begins July 8, 2019 with a 64 bed open dorm in the South Tower of CCDC with structured programming for veterans. The Veterans Administration will come in once a week to discuss services and housing.
- House Arrest/Electronic Monitoring Update
 - Larry Clark presented the statistics for House Arrest and Electronic Monitoring for the month of May 2019.
- CJCC Coordinator Position Update
 - No update available.

New Business

- Steve Wolfson said that the number one goal of the Council was to create IA Court and that has been achieved. He would now like to see a movement toward preventative measures (pre-contact with law enforcement) as opposed to reactive measures (after contact with law enforcement.)
- Jeff Wells and Steve Wolfson agreed that a diversion system similar to one being used in Milwaukee should be researched and agreed to meet together to move forward with this idea.

****Next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 1400 hrs.****

End 1532 hrs.