



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Clark County, Nevada

Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2020 – Webex Meeting, 1400 hours

Attendees:

Chris Jones, Assistant Sheriff - LVMPD	Richard Suey, Project Coordinator – Grant
Christopher Lalli, Assistant DA – District Attorney	Robert Daskas, Assistant DA – District Attorney
Dana Hlavac, Court Administrator – LV Muni	Ryan Toone, Justice of the Peace - Mesquite
Darin Imlay, Public Defender-Clark County	Sam Bateman – Henderson JC
Diana Sullivan, Justice of the Peace - LVJC	Sandra Molina, DTSC – LVMPD
Drew Christensen, Attorney-Clark County	Scott Martin, Captain – NPP/DPS
Emily Nowlin, Chief of Staff for Tick Segerblom	Sheri Sliva, Major – Parole and Probation
Fred Meyer, Deputy Chief – LVMPD/CCDC	Steve Grierson, Court Executive Officer - DC
Grissell Hernandez, Court Administrator – LVJC	Steven Wolfson – District Attorney
Jackie Rodgers – Clark County	Suzan Baucum, Chief Judge-LVJC
Jeff Wells, ACM – Clark County	Ta'mara Silver, Grant Analyst – LVMPD
John Piro, Chief Public Defender	Terri March, Court Administrator - NLVJC
Laura Weir, Lieutenant - CCDC	Tick Segerblom, County Commissioner
Larry Clark, Captain – CCDC	Timothy Christianson, Manager – NDOC
Linda Bell, Chief Judge - LVDC	Victor Miller – Justice of the Peace – Boulder City
Marcie McMahill, Director –CCDC	Will Jimenez, LVJC Supervisor - LVJC
Nita Schmidt, Captain – CCDC	

Agenda:

The minutes from the June 16, 2020 meeting were approved.

Update on Subcommittees

- Initial Appearance Court
 - Judge Sullivan said that stats from Judge Cruz and Marcie McMahill will be sent out.
 - There is a need to figure out a system to be able to have access to inmates who are on long term quarantine who might have an early offer. Reaching in custody defendants through courtroom phone on the day of arraignment would be beneficial to calendaring. Captains Clark, Teel and Barrowes have involvement in this issue and will follow up.

- Marcie McMahill said there would possibly be travel to Maricopa in September to look at their booking, releasing and IA Court diversion.
- Darin Imlay spoke about the new Justice Court four day work schedule.
- Darin Imlay spoke about obstacles with domestic violence cases, the logistics of having paperwork signed and asked for ideas on how to move forward. Captain Clark said that with advance notice, special arrangements can be made to move defendants under quarantine to court by themselves. There will be discussions among the judges of the possibility of a separate calendar for defendants under quarantine.
- Battery Domestic Violence Subcommittee
 - The subcommittee has not met. The outside consultant has suggested sending out a survey to the members. The survey should go out next week.
- Improved Responses to Parole and Probation Sub-Committee
 - Christopher Lalli says the Probation Discharge Program is being used in two departments (Judge Jones and Judge Holthus) and is very successful. Parole and Probation has requested the program be rolled out to additional departments. The challenge is with IT issues in District Court. Judge Bell says there are other priorities for their IT department right now, but this is on their list of projects.
 - Sheri Sliva announced that Parole and Probation has imbedded an officer at CCDC to help manage DONS bookings and ensure timelines are met. Captain Scot Martin reports that everything is going well.
 - Judge Sullivan asked that judges be kept in the communication loop reference probation holds to assist with handling new cases in a more expeditious manner.
 - Tick Segerblom asked for an update on AB236 and revocations. Scot Martin said there has been a decline in holds due to technical violations. Training on AB 236 was provided to the District Attorney's Office in mid-June.
- Enhanced Services for Justice Involved Individuals with Behavioral Health and Homelessness Issues Sub-Committee
 - Judge Bell reports that getting people moved to Lakes and Stein has been going well.
- Safety Justice Challenge (SJC)
 - Rich Suey shared that the Safety Justice Challenge Grant expires September 30, 2020. A new application was submitted with a request for \$700,000 over 2 years.
 - An addendum was submitted requesting an additional \$140,000 for a CJCC Coordinator position. Although it has not officially been approved, Suey has been told that the funding is pretty much guaranteed.
 - Criminal case management strategies that have been put together are suspended until the Rules of Procedure Commission makes their final decisions.
 - There is now a centralized work area within CCDC for the entire Detention Services Division Population Team.

- A history of data collection was presented. The goal for the future is to not only collect data, but to analyze that data so that it is useful for decision making.
- An internal CCDC Population Review Team has been formed. An external process will be created based on a similar team in Franklin County, Columbus, Ohio.
- Rich Suey recommended the creation of a Clark County Criminal Justice System Racial and Ethnic Disparity Review Team. This will be a diverse group to look at different decisions points throughout our criminal justice system and determine if there is disparity. Commissioner Tick Segerblom volunteered to chair the committee.
- Rich Suey announced that LVMPD Analyst Keith Justus will take the position of CJCC Coordinator. Justus will work directly with PD Darin Imlay and Chief Judge Suzan Baucum coordinating the CJCC activities.
- Rich Suey also announced that he is leaving with his last day being September 30, 2020. Analyst Ta'mara Silver will move into his position as Grant Coordinator.
- Ta'mara Silver presented current statistics for CCDC to include average daily population, average length of stay, and demographics of the population and Uniform Crime Report data.
- Darin Imlay said no further action is needed in regards to the CJCC Coordinator position moving forward and thanked Rich Suey for making it happen.

Topics of Discussion

- Judge Bell reports that Settlement Conferences are ongoing. The first jury trial is set for August 3rd. There is still a lot of concern amid COVID for bringing in jurors.
- Judge Baucum reports that LVJC is going to a four day work week on a seven day calendar. There will be a bench warrant/arrest warrant return via video every Friday morning.
- Terri March reports that North Las Vegas was trying to go forward with a jury trial. However, there has been a lack of response to jury summons.
- Ryan Toone from Mesquite reports that rural courts are making efforts to handle domestic violence jury trials in the rural communities.
- Christopher Lalli said that the District Attorney and other justice partners had decided that rural court domestic violence cases needed to be filed in Las Vegas Justice Court. There was a decision at a past CJCC meeting that the Domestic Violence Subcommittee would make a recommendation to the DA if there should be a change in position. Lalli suggested that rural courts should be represented in the DV Subcommittee because the recommendation of that subcommittee would be important.
 - There was conversation regarding this matter between Jeff Wells, Christopher Lalli and Darin Imlay with the agreement that the matter has not been heard before the Nevada Supreme Court at this time.
- Steve Wolfson addressed the backlog of cases in the DA office. There are currently about 3500 cases waiting to be screened and filed. With the assistance of the County, there is staff movement to better address the backlog. The hope is that within the next four months Justice Court will see an influx of new filings.

- Judge Sullivan spoke about the increase in the number of misdemeanor denials being seen and asked Wolfson if this is a result of COVID or a change in policy. Wolfson replied that the answer is both. Because of COVID there have been policy decisions to focus on cases most important to this community. A portion of this conversation was lost in garbled audio.
- Fred Meyer gave an update on video visitation and video court progress at CCDC. A demo unit and CAT 6 wiring are coming along for video court. There are some challenges with regard to remote visitation due to contractual obligations throughout the end of this year and CCDC is moving forward as quickly as they can.
 - Tick Segerblom asked for Financial Officer Damon Harris to reach out to him reference the contractual problem.
 - Judge Bell asked about alternatives for people coming to Justice Court because too many people are coming into the building.
 - Judge Sullivan responded that it would be helpful if there was contact information on misdemeanor citations so that the misdemeanant offender could be contacted about the status of their case before they come to the court house on their court date unnecessarily.
- Sandy Molina and Judge Bell discussed the challenges of scheduling given the limits on video rooms and staffing. Looking forward, this issue will probably get worse. Lt. Weir added that there is additional staff on Friday for an additional video court.

****Next meeting will be held on September 24, 2020 at 1400 hours.****

Meeting adjourned @ 1510 hours.