



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Clark County, Nevada

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2021 – Webex Meeting, 1400 hours

Attendees:

Andrew Walsh, Asst. Sheriff - LVMPD
Betsy Avila, Court Div. Admin – LVJC
Brian Williams, Deputy Director - NDOC
Cary Leavitt, Court Div. Admin - LVJC
Damon Harris, Financial Officer – Clark County
Darin Imlay, Public Defender-Clark County
Derek Boyle, Court Administrator – Hend. JC
Jack Eslinger, Court Administrator – LV Muni
Jessica Gurley, Court Administrator – LVJC
Jessica Williams, Lieutenant - CCDC
Jonathan Clark, Lieutenant - CCDC
JoNell Thomas, Special Public Defender
Marcie McMahill, Director - CCDC
Martina Bauhaus, Asst. Gen Counsel-LVMPD
Melisa De La Garza, Judge, LVJC

Melissa Saragosa, Chief Judge - LVJC
Nita Schmidt, Captain – CCDC
Richard Forbus, Captain – CCDC
Richard Segerblom, County Commissioner
Robert Daskas, Assistant District Attorney
Ryan Toone, Judge - Mesquite
Sandra Molina, DTSC – CCDC
Sonya Wingard, Supervisor – CCDC
Spurgeon Kennedy, Program Director, JMI
Ta' Mara McNulty, Analyst - CCDC
Terri March, Court Administrator – NLVJC
Thomas Eberly, Program Director, JMI
Virginia Eichacker, Assistant Public Defender
William Teel, Captain - CCDC

Agenda

Tom Eberly and Spurgeon Kennedy (Kenny) from Justice Management Institute (JMI) were introduced.

Attendance of the voting members was taken.

Update on Subcommittees

- Enhanced Services for Justice Involved Individuals with Behavioral Health and Homelessness Issues Subcommittee
 - No updates were available.

- Battery Domestic Violence Subcommittee
 - No updates were available.

- Racial Justice Subcommittee
 - No updates were available.

- Pretrial Subcommittee
 - Melisa DeLaGarza says that the minor changes that are being made is improving the communication and relationship between the jail and Pretrial Services.
 - JMI will be coming in November and December to look at Pretrial Services with the intent to submit a plan by January with goals and direction for the future.
 - The meetings and plan will include the rural courts and District Court.

- AB424
 - No updates were available.

Topics

- Safety and Justice Challenge Update
 - Tom Eberly and Spurgeon Kennedy (Kenny) introduced themselves and their roles with Justice Management Institute (JMI). They provided a presentation of the Safety Justice Challenge (SJC).
 - The presentation topics included:
 - Jail reduction
 - Reducing ethnic and racial disparity
 - Types of funding provided
 - History of the grants provided to Clark County and the strategies implemented
 - Eight new strategies were introduced.
 - Create a CJCC/SJC Director position
 - Expand Initial Appearance Court and Pretrial Services
 - Place a social worker at jail intake
 - Add staff to process video evidence at the DA Office
 - Place a social worker at the Public Defender Office
 - Discontinue arrests for traffic warrants
 - Purge old traffic and some low-level misdemeanor warrants
 - Evaluate the Clark County CJCC
 - Budget overview
 - Importance of spending the money provided by the Grant.

- Next Steps
 - Compliance with the requirement that data on jail population be provided. Data dash boards make it easy to submit data.
 - Complete Pretrial Services and CJCC review.
 - Refocus on race and ethnicity efforts.
- A question was asked about the money provided for salaries. Tom Eberly replied that any money not spent on salaries and benefits can be applied to something else.
- The review of Pretrial Services will focus on the following:
 - Services currently provided to include screening for risk, supervision services, and giving information to the courts.
 - Examine how well current services line up with established best and promising practices in the pretrial field.
 - Examine where services are occurring.
 - Figure a cost for providing services that will meet the determined needs.
 - Outcome and performance metrics.
- Discussion on placing defendants on calendar after honorable discharge from Probation/Specialty Courts
 - This topic to be continued at the next meeting.
- Lakes/Stein Transports
 - Nita Schmidt said Maverick Airlines is scheduled for two transports to Lake Crossing in November. She is working with them to see about December transports.
 - Stein is being used as beds become available.
 - If the vendor is unable to make flights available there is a backup plan to use ground transportation to Lakes Crossing.
 - Challenges include:
 - Lakes Crossing is limiting the number of intakes due to quarantine requirements.
 - Availability of transport seats due to the number of officers who must travel depending on the classification of inmates.
 - Availability of bed space at Lakes Crossing and Stein.
 - Martina Bauhaus said that any expansion of bedspace is at least two years out.
- Las Vegas Justice Court Stay Away Orders
 - Melissa Saragosa explained that No Contact orders initiated in Justice Court (and not rescinded at the time of bind over to District Court) will stay in effect until their expiration date once the case is bound over to District Court. Once the case is bound over it is up to District Court to either rescind or extend the expiration date. All conditions are status quo unless there is an affirmative change from the judge.

- Requests for Medical Releases
 - Marcie McMahill asked for guidance regarding the timing of phone calls to judges when requesting medical releases from custody.
 - Melissa Saragosa will discuss this with the judges to include the ethical considerations of medical releases.

Wrap Up

- Future EMP Presentation to Courts
 - Nita Schmidt is planning to make a presentation to the judges shortly after the first of the year to include an overview of House Arrest, electronic monitoring, rules, forms, provide contact info and more.
- Please email items for next agenda to Marcie McMahill.
- Co-Chair nominations will be accepted at the next meeting.
- Melissa Saragosa spoke about these two issues:
 - Juveniles being tried as adults, the certification process, and Initial Appearance Court hearings.
 - Reinstating the Friday Bench Warrant return calendar. There is no date set at this time.

****Next meeting will be held on December 2, 2021 at 1400 hours.****

Meeting adjourned @ 1520 hours.