

Clark County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Judge De La Garza.
- Quorum was established with representation from courts, DA, PD, Probation & Parole, and Commissioners.

Review and Approve Minutes

- Minutes from June 18, 2026, were unanimously approved.

Informational

I. Impaired Driving Solutions

Overview

The DUI Subcommittee received an update from James Eberspacher and Julie Seitz regarding the Impaired Driving Solutions (IDS) grant. This initiative provides training, technical assistance, and system improvement strategies to enhance impaired driving case processing within Clark County. The engagement builds on prior collaboration and establishes a long-term partnership focused on operational efficiency and best practices.

Key Issues Identified

- **Process Delays:** Current workflows require lab results to pass through multiple entities, contributing to delays in filing criminal complaints.
- **Lack of Transparency:** Courts often receive requests for 45–60-day continuances without clear justification or visibility into lab processing timelines.
- **Communication Gaps:** The primary barrier is not the lab or prosecution itself, but inconsistent communication between the lab, District Attorney's Office, and the courts.
- **System Limitations:** Limited integration with systems such as Odyssey prevents real-time tracking of lab results and case progression.

Discussion Highlights

- Exploration of streamlining processes by reducing intermediary steps and improving direct system uploads or notifications.
- Recognition that similar delays occur across multiple case types; however, the current focus will remain specific to DUI cases.
- Emphasis on improving timeline visibility to support informed judicial decision-making and reduce unnecessary continuances.

Decisions & Direction

- Maintain a targeted focus on DUI case processing improvements rather than implementing system-wide changes at this stage.
- Continue collaboration with IDS to identify and implement best practices.
- Utilize the grant to support ongoing evaluation and iterative improvements over time.

Next Steps

- Validate and map the current lab-to-court workflow, including system access points.
- Identify opportunities for improved data sharing and communication between stakeholders.
- Coordinate future meetings and targeted training with IDS to address identified gaps.

Conclusion

The IDS partnership presents a strategic opportunity to improve efficiency, transparency, and coordination in DUI case processing. Immediate efforts will focus on communication enhancements and workflow clarity, with long-term goals of system integration and sustained process improvement.

II. City of Las Vegas Community Court Program

Overview

The City of Las Vegas presented its Community Court Program, developed through the Bloomberg Harvard Initiative to address homelessness and its impact on public safety and the court system. The program represents a shift toward a problem-solving court model, focusing on addressing underlying needs—such as housing, employment, and behavioral health—rather than relying solely on traditional enforcement approaches.

Program Purpose & Approach

Community Court is designed to reduce recidivism by addressing the root causes that bring individuals into the justice system. Many participants lack stable housing and basic resources, resulting in repeated court involvement. The program uses a holistic, service-driven model to stabilize individuals and support long-term self-sufficiency.

Operations & Referrals

Participants are referred through multiple pathways, including law enforcement, pretrial services, courts, and community outreach teams (Neon Teams). Both manual and system-based referral processes are utilized, with ongoing efforts to improve integration and streamline access. The program is staffed by a coordinator and case managers who ensure daily coverage and service linkage.

Program Model

- Structured in phases with more frequent engagement at the beginning
- On-site access to service providers and a computer lab for document and resource navigation
- Integration with outreach teams conducting field-based assessments and referrals
- Low-barrier approach with no drug testing or electronic monitoring requirements

Participant Requirements

Participants must complete 20 “improvement hours”, which include activities that support stabilization such as medical care, mental health services, job search, and life skills development. This requirement emphasizes rebuilding essential habits and promoting self-sufficiency.

Outcomes & Impact

- Program duration expanded from an initial 90 days to 6–9 months to better meet participant needs
- Recent cohort: 8 graduates, all of whom achieved housing and employment in some capacity
- Additional successes include progress toward GED attainment, obtaining driver’s licenses, and resolving fines
- Current participation ranges from approximately 30–50 individuals

Key Takeaways

- Addressing homelessness is critical to improving justice system outcomes
- A holistic, low-barrier model can effectively engage participants and reduce repeat system involvement
- Longer program duration and sustained support are necessary for meaningful stabilization

- Early outcomes are promising, with strong indicators of housing and employment success

Next Steps

- Continue refining program structure and duration
- Enhance referral and data-sharing systems
- Monitor outcomes and scale best practices as the program matures

Conclusion

The Community Court Program demonstrates a promising, collaborative approach to addressing homelessness within the justice system. By focusing on stabilization and support rather than punishment alone, the program is improving participant outcomes while contributing to broader public safety goals.

III. Subcommittee Updates

Community Navigators

- **June Activity**
 - Contacts: 139 (Pods), 58 (Booking), 176 (Releasing)
 - 21 individuals housed directly from jail
 - 34 FAS assessments completed
 - MAT: 23 served; 5 housed; 8 transported by Vegas Strong
- **July Activity**
 - Contacts: 114 (Pods), 104 (Booking), 318 (Releasing)
 - 18 individuals housed directly from jail
 - 28 FAS assessments completed
 - MAT: 25 served; 5 housed; 13 transported by Vegas Strong

Deflection & Diversion

- Continued advancement of early intervention strategies to reduce justice system involvement
- Focus remains on:
 - Reimplementation of Project Redirect
 - Development of Corridor Diversion strategy

- Implementation planning underway, including identification of barriers, resource needs, and operations

Program Focus

- Project Redirect: Pre-charge diversion connecting low-level individuals to community services
- Corridor Diversion: Place-based strategy targeting key entry points
- Shared goal: create diversion opportunities prior to formal system involvement

Key Findings / Barriers

- Staffing limitations impacting screening, referrals, and case management
- Need for sustainable funding and infrastructure
- Lack of clearly defined roles across agencies

Program Design Considerations

- Emphasis on ongoing case management and engagement
- Need for accountability measures and outcome tracking
- Importance of coordinated, cross-system service delivery

Next Steps

- Finalize implementation plans
- Identify and secure funding
- Refine assessment and service coordination processes
- Strengthen interagency collaboration
- Funding application submitted to CSG Justice Center

Corridor Crime Committee

- Advancing development of Corridor Diversion Program in targeted areas
- Focus on early intervention, coordination, and public safety
- Barriers identified:
 - Staffing limitations
 - Service gaps

- Inconsistent referral processes
 - Coordination challenges
- Program design includes:
 - Dedicated staffing
 - Structured diversion pathways
 - Ongoing case management
- Next steps:
 - Finalize implementation plan
 - Secure funding
 - Initiate phased rollout

Pretrial Services

- Ongoing review of pretrial operations and data sharing
- Data shared with partners for NPRA revalidation
- Henderson site visit completed:
 - Observed release processes
 - Identified opportunities for alignment
- Continued focus on:
 - Data-driven decision-making
 - System coordination
 - Fair and effective practices

Domestic Violence Subcommittee

- Neil Websdale scheduled for September site visit and consultations
- LVMPD implementing monthly internal fatality reviews
- Ongoing discussions:
 - DV court track structure and alignment
 - System coordination improvements

- Identified need for education on forensic exam payment resources for victims
- Continued emphasis on collaboration, accountability, and victim support

DUI Subcommittee

- No meeting held during the prior month
- Upcoming activities:
 - IDS (Impaired Driving Solutions) presentation at CJCC meeting (8/20)
 - Workgroup with lab to improve timeliness of test result sharing
- Goal: streamline lab-to-court communication and reduce delays

New Business Requests or Future Agenda Items

- Discussion about need for future presentations. None currently.

Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m. and followed by a tour of the Courtyard.