

Clark County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order and a quorum was established.

Review and Approve Minutes

- The October 17, 2024, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

For Possible Action

- The voting of the 2025 co-chairs was completed. Chief Judge De La Garza and Assistant Sheriff Fred Haas were nominated. Unanimously approved.

Informational

- Updates from Director LaMontagne
 - Overall success for 2024. The CJCC focused upon Intercept 0-1 within the Sequential Model allowing for system level changes throughout the year. These changes moved us away from operating in silos and had a true impact upon the community
 - Created a comprehensive map of the justice system interventions for a person encountering the justice system to identify gaps and areas of improvement.
 - Won a place in the prestigious MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge, which provides grant dollars and technical assistance to build our capacity to lower the jail population and increase equity for all justice system-involved people.
 - Selected Miami, Florida's successful mental health and substance abuse intervention program as a model for replication in Clark County, with a focus on the County's unhoused population.
 - Launched a CJCC Jail Navigators program staffed with nine people to help incarcerated and recently released people access community resources needed to help them transition back to the community successfully and sustainably.
 - Oversee a new Community-Based Medically Assisted Treatment Program (MAT) that extends behavioral health and recovery resources for returning individuals already participating in the jail-based MAT program to help them continue their recovery journeys successfully.
 - Played a leadership role in the expansion and relocation of the County-level public-private collaborative "One Safe Place" initiative providing a one-stop shop where survivors of domestic violence and trafficking can access comprehensive case management, legal, and other resources.
 - Consilience Group has submitted a final report with highlights that was presented to the team. Once finalized it will be available on the CJCC website. The CJCC dashboard is in the final stages of development and Director LaMontagne will continue to work with the Consilience Group to update and maintain the current information.

- Chief Judge De La Garza and Director LaMontagne are working with the Urban Institute regarding Initial Appearance Court and how they would like to highlight the accomplishments.
- Chief Judge De La Garza and Director LaMontagne continue to work with JMI and ISLG to gather information for the Race and Ethnicity study. A reminder email has been sent to all of those identified for an interview or survey.
- Jail Based Community Navigators: The Clark County Social Service unit began meeting with inmates on Medicated Assisted Treatment in August 2024. To date, this unit has been able to successfully get 34 releasees to Vegas Stronger for MAT and treatment services. In addition, we have housed 21 releasees and gave rental assistance to 2. This unit has been able to make an impact on CCDC in a short amount of time. They have received dozens of kites from inmates that would like assistance with housing, and we have begun meeting with them to assist in housing. We have been able to successfully house some of these inmates and we have been able to remove potential housing barriers that they could face due to incarceration. In addition, they have created and updated over 229 profiles into HMIS, allowing clients easier access to housing upon release.
- It was proposed that the current Social Worker position within the Public Defender's Office be realigned as a Management Analyst. This will be further discussed with the Executive Committee.
- An update was given regarding the Prohibition of Encampments, Camping, Lodging, and Similar Activities Ordinance. A team of stakeholders are working to share process and resources for when the ordinance takes effect. Further meetings will be scheduled.
- Discussion regarding the Competency Hearing was tabled and will be discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting.

New Business Requests or Future Agenda Items

- The District Attorney has requested further discussions regarding Presentence Investigations (PSI) and the amount of time it is taking to complete them. Delayed PSIs are resulting in delayed releases.

Meeting was Adjourned.