

Clark County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order

- The meeting called to order and a quorum was established.

Review and Approve Minutes

- June 18, 2025, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Informational

I. One Safe Place Presentation and Update. (CEO, Liz Ortenburger)

- Liz Ortizberger introduced herself as CEO of Safe Nest, an agency serving Clark County focused on domestic and sexual violence.
- Presentation focused on *One Safe Place Campus* and the opportunity for Metro to potentially relocate the Family Justice Center (FJC) onto the campus.
- Family Justice Center (FJC) Affiliation
 - The One Safe Place campus is intended to operate as a Family Justice Center model, but the current FJC has not pursued formal affiliation.
 - Affiliation requires a set number of partner agencies on site, which has not yet been met locally.
 - Further clarification will be provided during the September 9th call.
- Domestic Violence & Homicide Data
 - 2025: 53 homicides county-wide, down 36% overall.
 - 16 domestic homicides so far in 2025, compared to 12 in 2024.
 - Domestic homicides already surpass the prior year's total.
 - Noted incidents included cases involving multiple family members.
 - Historic note: when the FJC opened in 2018, there was a temporary drop in homicide numbers, but no sustained decrease in following years.
- Campus Plans & Partners
 - Potential partners: Metro, Department of Child and Family Services, housing providers, advocacy organizations.
 - Housing opportunities included, with \$1 million in funding.
 - Distinction between Metro advocates (non-confidential) and nonprofit victim advocates (confidential services).
 - Goal is to secure at least five affiliated partners to meet Family Justice Center standards.
- Questions/Comments
 - Discussion on why the current FJC does not meet affiliation standards.
 - Clarification that affiliation involves formal protocols and requirements.
 - Emphasis on the need for on-site partners to strengthen the model and services.

- Next Steps / Follow-Up:
 - Additional clarification on FJC affiliation standards to be provided during the September 9th call.
 - Safe Nest to continue developing partnerships and securing on-site services for affiliation.

II. Discussion regarding the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan.

- Looking Ahead
 - As the Council enters the final five months of the year, members were asked to consider:
 - What is next for the CJCC?
 - What do we want to accomplish?
 - What legacy should this board leave?
 - Review of key accomplishments under the *Safety and Justice Challenge* (noting the initiative is coming to a close).
 - Established and expanded programs that divert individuals away from jail at the earliest possible point.
 - Increased collaboration with law enforcement and service providers to route eligible individuals into treatment and community-based services instead of custody (Community Navigators).
 - Strengthened collaboration between justice partners and community providers to improve victim safety and offender accountability.
 - Advanced planning for co-location of Domestic Violence services.
 - Expanded pretrial supervision and monitoring to reduce reliance on money bail and promote fairness (Initial Appearance Court and PCU).
 - Increased data-driven practices for tracking outcomes of pretrial release versus detention.
 - Developed shared data dashboards to measure disparities and guide targeted interventions.
 - Created partnerships with community stakeholders to ensure transparency and accountability.
- L2K (Legal 2000) and Release Process
 - Discussion on release timelines and related safety concerns.
 - Noted inconsistencies in release practices and need for further subject matter expertise.
 - Attorney representation not always being notified of key developments.
 - Suggestion: Continue with the current workgroup that is reviewing and improving L2K process.
- Resort Corridor Crime Subcommittee
 - Consideration of forming or continuing a workgroup to address corridor-related issues.
- Data & Measurement
 - Review of updated statistics, with noted increases compared to prior years.
 - Emphasis on using data to guide decision-making and identify gaps.
- Toxicology Lab Updates
 - Previous meetings lacked input from key toxicology stakeholders.
 - Toxicology representatives were invited to present at the subcommittee meetings.
 - Judges are invited to attend for further discussion.
- Electronic Discovery
 - Ongoing issues with discovery materials being passed between Metro, DA's Office, and defense without clear organization.
 - Concern about duplication of effort and lack of centralized process.

- Discussion on upgrading software or exploring systems used in smaller jurisdictions as possible solutions.
- Action Items / Next Steps:
 - Workgroup formation/continuation for:
 - Resort Corridor Crime.
 - Review of L2K/mental health hold and release process.
 - Explore improvements to electronic discovery processes, including software upgrades and jurisdictional best practices.

New Business Requests or Future Agenda Items

None currently.

Meeting Adjourned at 16:00.