2023 budget presentation – Law, Safety and Justice

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Today’s presenters

Michael O Freeman
Hennepin County Attorney
County Attorney’s Office

Tracey Martin
Chief Deputy
Sheriff’s Office

Kassius Benson
Chief Public Defender
Public Defender’s Office

Catherine Johnson
Director
Department of Community Corrections & Rehabilitation

Jeanette Boerner
Director
Adult Representation Services
Today we will discuss

• Budget overview
• Areas of focus
• Disparity reduction and climate action efforts
## Operating budget

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Law, Safety and Justice Departments

- County Attorney’s Office
- Sheriff’s Office
- Public Defender’s Office
- Law, Safety & Justice Operations
- Community Corrections & Rehabilitation
- Adult Representation Services
CAO Mission: We serve justice and public safety through our commitment to ethical prosecution, crime prevention, and through innovative and reasoned client representation.
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### Pie Chart Breakdown

- **Personal Services**: $61,465,230
- **Commodities**: $169,709
- **Services**: $7,828,979
- **Other Expenditures**: $126,150
## Property Tax

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### Chart
- **Property Tax**: $63,644,220
- **Other Revenue**: $5,945,848

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HCAO Leadership

Michael O. Freeman
County Attorney

Daniel Mabley
Criminal Deputy

Lee Sheehy
Civil Deputy

Dominick Mathews
Adult Prosecution

Chris Freeman
Community Prosecution

Tom Arneson
Juvenile Prosecution

Jon Schmidt
Special Litigation

Elizabeth Beltaos
Adult Services

Lori Whittier
Child Protection

Elizabeth Beltaos
Child Support

Beth Stack
Civil Division

Vernona Boswell
Victim Services/Race & Equity Director

Jackie Johnson
Administration Division

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Key initiatives and impacts

• Competency Restoration Bill & Juvenile Competency
• MN HEALS 2.0
• Disparity Reduction efforts
• Climate change work
Competency Restoration Bill (H.F. 2725) & Juvenile Competency

• Helped to pass the Competency Restoration (“Rule 20”) Bill

• Bill will provide mental health, chemical dependency, and educational services for defendants deemed incompetent

• Assisting in drafting similar legislation to address juvenile competency
MN HEALS 2.0

• Public-private partnership to combat the spike in violent crime, including carjackings and homicides, seen across Hennepin County

• Membership includes 35 cross-sector leaders

• First report issued on September 1, 2022

• Emphasis on partnership
Connection to disparity domain work

• Criminal Divisions – Bolstered pre-charge and post-charge diversion programs for juveniles and adults.

• Civil Divisions – Child Protection Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Initiative.

• HCAO Staffing – Staffing to better reflect the communities we serve. Victim/Witness Division. U-Visa certification.

• Partnership with Dr. Keith Mayes (University of Minnesota).
Climate change work

• Changes to accommodate living and working in a pandemic.

• Civil Division – Support of County operations related to Climate Action Plan
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Recruitment and retention

• Unprecedented staffing challenges facing law enforcement

• Competition for limited resources

• Licensed Deputy, Detention Deputy, and Telecommunicator
Violent crime

• Focused efforts

• Strong partnerships
Community outreach

• Commitment to strengthening community relationships

• Encourage community engagement and public safety education
Connection to disparity domain work

- Increased workforce diversity
- Jail programs
- Jail medical services
Climate change work

- HCSO Fleet
- HCSO Initiatives
Thank you

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State Board of Public Defense committed $5.1 million

Increase in funding for attorney contracts:

- in criminal cases in adult and suburban courts
- supporting in-person court at pre-COVID levels
Court backlog reduction efforts

• Allocated $1,689,553 in pandemic response and recovery funds
  • Increased use of contracts to meet demand
• Handled 918 cases in first 9 months of 2022
• Increased contractor costs to address ongoing need
2022 Public Defender initiatives

• Attorney training and development program
• Investigative internship program
• Community engagement efforts
  • Know Your Rights Program
  • High School Outreach Efforts
Connection to disparity domain work

• Client Ride
• Housing Readiness
• Increased workforce diversity
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Law, Safety & Justice Operations
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Strengthening county collaboration

• Realigning partnership with the Fourth Judicial District to improve outcomes

• Improving collaboration on shared contracts and services

• Exploring new client housing options with Resident & Real Estate Services

• Partnering with law enforcement agencies on violence mitigation efforts and information sharing
Improved community collaboration

• Investing in programs for youth, adults, families, and communities

• Work on a reimagined system of care, including:
  • community resources focused on BIPOC clients, young people and families
  • evidence-based approaches to secure and non-secure treatment options for youth

• Partnering with community violence interrupters

• Developing a mentorship project with Community Corrections Coalition
Adjusted staffing for improved supervision and support

• Additional Juvenile Correctional Officers to aid in client to staff ratio at JDC

• Additional supervisors to lower span of control and provide better oversight and support for staff

• Proactive recruitment strategies designed to increase diversity and address staffing shortages and high turnover rates
Connection to disparity domain work

- Increased culturally specific and gender specific programs and services to youth at JDC and as part of the juvenile community-based service array
- Employment and education pathways for both adults and young adults
- Community Corrections Coalition Mentorship program
- Equity Strategy Team
- Continued work toward eliminating client fees
- Grief and trauma services and Afro-centric cognitive behavioral habilitation curriculum (H.E.A.T.)
- Family-friendly visitation grant at the ACF
- Trauma-informed and growth-focused skill training for probation officers
Connection to disparity domain work

Community Productive Day Participants

- Black/African American 73%
- White 14%
- Unknown 4%
- American Indian/Native American 8%
- Asian/Pacific Islander 1%

Employment Post Program Completion

- 98% Total Employment
  - Employed in Construction: 81%
  - Employed Non-Construction: 17%
Climate change work

- Youth employment pathway in partnership with Minneapolis Park Board

- Community Productive Day Forestry Pathway collaboration with Climate & Resiliency and Environment & Energy.

- Community Productive Day Construction Pathway uses green building practices and works to increase home energy efficiency in the houses it rehabs/constructs

- Use of solar energy to help power the Adult Correctional Facility
Mission

Protect fundamental rights, increase access to justice, and reduce disparities by providing high-quality, holistic legal representation to clients experiencing poverty in certain civil matters.
Who we serve

• Parents and legal custodians in child protection matters
• Tenants facing eviction
• Vulnerable people subject to Guardianship and Conservatorship
• Non-custodial parents facing contempt for non-payment of child support
• Individuals threatened with immigration consequences as a result of their legal action
Number of clients represented

October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022

- Child Protection: 1117
- Housing: 1731
- Guardianship: 723
- Total: 3571
Percentage of ARS clients who are Black, Indigenous and people of color

- Child Protection: 78%
- Housing: 75%
- Guardianship: 44%
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Budget request drivers

- Creating a Mental Health civil commitment defense team
- Meeting the demands of increased eviction filings
- Building strong infrastructure to improve service delivery
- Expanding client services
- Engaging in early intervention
Mental Health Civil Commitment Defense

• Transition client representation from contractor to employees
• Ensure continuity in representation
• Elevate representation to provide wrap-around services to clients
• Utilize the interdisciplinary team and resources to provide early intervention
Tenant representation

- Objective is to continue to serve all eligible clients
- Provide same day legal advice for clients who call or walk in
- Steady increase in volume after end of eviction moratorium
Spike in eviction filings and scheduled cases

Scheduled eviction cases

Sept 22 | Oct 22 | Nov 22
357 | 741 | 835

Hearings | % increase

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Access to justice through legal representation reduces disparities

How?

• Access - making legal services readily available to those who are experiencing poverty
• Scope - expanding services broadly to meet the needs of our residents
• Quality - adequate staffing, support, training

Why?

• Improves outcomes
• Empowers those historically marginalized
• Connects individuals to more resources
• Provides a confidential and safe place to seek help
Disparity Reduction—looking ahead

• Pre-petition pilot and grant: Health Equity Legal Project

• Cross-system collaboration: Improving Race Equity in Permanency Outcomes

• Increase community engagement

• Expand collaboration with county partners to maximize client outcomes

• Retain and recruit diverse staff: 44% of ARS staff identify as Black, Indigenous and People of Color
Discussion