

Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2021, 8-9:30 am

Location: Virtual Meeting in Microsoft Teams

Meeting Called By Jill Hermanutz
Facilitator Catherine Johnson

Committee Members/Representatives Present

Tim Busse, Matt Clark, Irene Fernando, Steve Fletcher, Michael Freeman, Tamara Garcia, Juan Hoyos, David Hutchinson, Leah Kaiser, Sarah Lindahl-Pfieffer, Jeff Lunde, Jason Nelson, Mark Thompson, Todd Barnette, and Eric Werner

Guest Presenters: Danette Buskovick and Tony Martin

Staff: Jill Hermanutz

Notes: Cherie Nelson

Agenda Topics

Introduction & approval of meeting minutes

Lead: Chair Catherine Johnson

- Approval of September 2021 meeting minutes
Motion to approve the minutes from the September 2021 meeting was made and seconded.
With no objections noted, the minutes were approved.

Appreciation & Farewell (Mark Thompson); CJCC Chair (CJ Johnson) & Vice Chair (Steve Fletcher)

Lead: Jill Hermanutz

Jill Hermanutz thanked Catherine Johnson and Councilmember Fletcher for their leadership, noting they were instrumental in developing the strategic framework and bringing the juvenile assessment and triage to implementation. She congratulated Mark Thompson on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for being her mentor and for his efforts in moving forward the goals of CJCC.

Jill introduced Carrie Scardigli, the new CJCC Director. Catherine Johnson congratulated Carrie and thanked Jill for all her contributions to CJCC as she moved on to another role with the county.

CCA Plan

Lead: Danette Buskovick, DOCCR Area Director

Danette Buskovick, Area Director, provided highlights from the Community Corrections Act (CCA) 2022-2023 Comprehensive Plan that had been distributed with the agenda. She noted that Hennepin County had been participating in CCA since 1978 and receives a subsidy in return for providing all correctional services in the county with the exception of long-term prison incarceration. Hennepin County is required by statute to complete CCA plans, with a 2-year comprehensive plan giving information on how services are provided and an interim plan in the off years. An interim plan was approved in January 2021. The Department of Corrections initiates the process with a letter outlining requirements and date due. Required contents include an organizational chart, budget, FTEs, salary roster, programmatic changes, and annual process for strategic planning. Due to meeting schedules, the 2022-2023 CCA Plan had already been approved by the Hennepin County Board; normally the plan would first be reviewed by the CJCC. The approved plan will be forwarded to the DOC. Danette noted the advisory board has membership requirements and an education member had been invited to the CJCC meeting.

Danette outlined programmatic changes which included:

- Covid-19 mitigation efforts, including delayed reporting, expanded EHM, use of virtual visits and COG interventions in field units
- Organizational changes with the Future Hennepin model for onsite and hybrid workers
- Move of Family Court Services to Health and Human Services and consolidation of IT into PSIT in January 2022
- Closing of the youth residential treatment center
- Strategic goals and disparity reduction efforts.

Catherine Johnson said that the CJCC currently functions as the statutorily required advisory board for the CCA Plans, which is included in the bylaws. The group does not have the membership required under statute and extra attendees need to be invited to attend for the review of the CCA Plan. She suggested consideration of instead using the Community Corrections Coalition group instead in the future, and a request may be made to the CJCC to amend bylaws in 2022. No comments / objections were noted to the 2022-2023 CCA Plan.

Principles of Prosecutor Led Gun Diversion Programs

Leads: Mary Ellen Heng, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, Criminal Deputy

Catherine Johnson noted that due to a scheduling conflict Mary Ellen Heng could not attend this meeting and the agenda item was moved to the January 2022 meeting.

25 minutes | Mental Health 911 Task Force; Hennepin Highlight

Leads: Leah Kaiser & Jill Hermanutz, Co-Chairs Mental Health 911 Task Force

Commissioner Fernando indicated that the Hennepin County Board had established the task force last year. Leah Kaiser gave a presentation that had been presented to the Board as a Hennepin Highlight on November 16, outlining the purpose of the task force. This included developing recommendations to improve the response for residents who call 911 with mental health concerns. She reviewed the 2021 timeline for the task force, including process mapping in the first quarter, a review of local and national systems in the second quarter and community engagement involving people with lived experience, advocates, trusted messengers and providers in the third quarter. It was noted a group representing the task force would be traveling to Colorado to observe one model. Recommendation would be developed in the fourth quarter. The recommendations will seek to provide value to resident, increase community stabilization and decrease emergency department and hospital use and justice system involvement. Investment in 911 enhancements will be needed that will integrate services to create a system approach. Policy changes will be advanced with local and state governance.

Tony Martin provided an overview of the 911 data dashboard (Sheriff's Office data only), which is completely interactive to a user with access to Power BI. He demonstrated the ability to filter data based on a variety of elements, including city, agency, nature codes. Options included an hourly view to assist in identifying peak times to better determine resource needs. Mark Thompson commented that in talking with a national consultant on justice issues, they indicated no other area is doing this type of work at the level being done in the county. He thanked everyone for their efforts on this project, which was echoed by committee members.

In response to a question, Leah Kaiser noted that one of the stated goals was to send the right resources for that particular individual response; some responses would involve law enforcement with mental health professionals, others might include mental health professionals with EMS, and some could be handled over the phone. A pilot in Brooklyn Park was planned to start in 2022, with a layered approach to responses. Catherine Johnson suggested a change in language, using behavioral health calls instead of mental problems calls.

The meeting adjourned with Catherine Johnson adding that it had been an honor to serve as the CJCC Chair.

Time 9:28 | [Agenda topic Adjournment](#)

- Next CJCC Meeting in January 2022

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