

Salt Lake County  
Criminal Justice Advisory Council  
Executive Committee Meeting  
November 8, 2017  
Room N2800 - Noon

In Attendance: (Executive Board Members\*)

Chief Matthew Dumont*	Karen Hale	Sheriff Rosie Rivera*
Jennifer Myer-Smart	Kele Griffone*	Sherri Trujillo
Jim Peters	Kwynn Gonzalez-Pons	Sim Gill
Jon Thelen	Mayor Ben McAdams*	Tim Whalen
Judge Brendan McCullagh	Noella Sudbury	
Karen Crompton*	Shaleane Gee	

*(Note: There may have been others present who did not sign the Attendance Roster)*

**MEETING CONVENED AT NOON** (lunch provided)

**Welcome and Introductions**

Mayor Ben McAdams welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room.

**Announcement of New Chief Deputy**

Sheriff Rivera introduced Matt Dumont, who will be the new Chief Deputy for the Salt Lake County Sheriff's department. Chief Lofgreen was not able to attend the meeting.

**Operation Rio Grande Elected Official Update**

- Mayor Ben McAdams stated that it has been 86 days since Operation Rio Grande began and that so far, the city, county, and State collaboration has been a huge success. The Mayor noted that one of the biggest achievements of the effort is the expansion of behavioral health care. With the passage of Targeted Adult Medicaid (TAM), four to six thousand new individuals will be covered, and our residential substance use treatment capacity in the county will more than double. The Mayor then highlighted the efforts of the Health Department and their hard work to clean up the Jordan River. He noted that The Road Home is safer and that more individuals are seeking services. Finally, he stated that the new ORG specialty court program has been a huge success and is operating at an 80% retention level. He thanked all those in the County involved in Operation Rio Grande for helping to make the effort a success.

- District Attorney Sim Gill stated that a focus of the new specialty court program is to reach individuals sooner. His office is working with LDA to identify individuals with misdemeanors who would be good candidates for this program. Sim stated that this population is high risk, and vulnerable, and if we do not reach them now, they will keep cycling through the system, and be harder to treat.
- Salt Lake County Sheriff Rosie Rivera stated that 1,977 individuals have been booked into the jail as part of Operation Rio Grande, and that 1,720 individuals have been released. She also noted that with Mayor McAdams' support, the Sheriff's office plans to reopen the Oxbow Jail in July 2018. This will add 360 new jail beds. She also stated that the contracting program would end. Judge McCullough stated that the jail contracting program has generated quite a few challenges and that it will be very beneficial to open Oxbow.
- Tim Whalen echoed the Mayor's comments about the dramatic expansion in behavioral health care and how much it will improve the system. Tim stated that once qualified Medicaid individuals are enrolled in Medicaid, it will free up the tax dollars being used, and those dollars can go to support other individuals.
- Judge Baxter stated that there was a spike in justice court cases, but that it has dropped off a little over time.
- Noella thanked everyone for their hard work and support of Operation Rio Grande.

### **Operation Rio Grande Specialty Court Update**

Noella and Kwynn gave a brief overview of the Operation Rio Grande Specialty Drug Court Program (presentation available upon request). This presentation included a demographic look at court participants, recent residential treatment expansion, and an early success rate. Kwynn highlighted the cost of incarcerating court participants, as well as the potential cost savings of getting those individuals out of the criminal justice system.

Noella stated that the County is working with the State on a new sober living pilot program to help connect individuals to safer, sober, and affordable housing. The program will also free up additional space in residential treatment by allowing an individual to transition into housing when he or she is ready, as opposed to staying in residential treatment until an affordable housing option is available.

Valerie Wilde stated that there are roughly 730 misdemeanor arrests and the group discussed the potential of getting some of these individuals into the Operation Rio Grande Specialty Drug Court Program.

### **Targeted Adult Medicaid Expansion (TAM)**

Guest Jennifer Myer-Smart, from the Utah Department of Health, gave an overview of the new Targeted Adult Medicaid expansion program approved on November 1, 2017. She explained that individuals need to meet the following criteria to be eligible:

1. Need to be adults between the ages of 18-64
2. Have no dependent children.
3. There is an income criteria (up to 5% FLP).
4. Cannot qualify for any other Medicaid programs.
5. Be a resident of Utah, and not in a public institution.
6. Meet one of the three targeted categories:
  - Chronically Homeless
  - Involved in the justice system and in need of substance use or mental health treatment
  - Need substance or mental health treatment

### **Salt Lake County and Statewide Opioid Task Force**

Weston Clark, Policy Advisor to Councilmember Jenny Wilson, gave an update on Salt Lake County's Opioid Task Force. He stated that there is the potential to take legal action against Opioid manufacturers. He also noted that the Task Force expects to see a number of bills in the upcoming legislative session focused on tackling the opioid epidemic.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:23pm.

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