

Salt Lake County
Criminal Justice Advisory Council
Executive Committee
December 13, 2017
Room N2800 - Noon

In Attendance: (Executive Board Members*)

Alyson Heyrend	John Williams	Kwynn Gonzalez-Pons
Bobby Sampson	Jon Thelen	Max Burdick
David Garbett	Judge Brendan McCullagh	Noella Sudbury
Isaac Higham	Karen Crompton*	Rich Mauro
Jeannie Edens	Karen Hale	Sam Klemm
Jim Bradley	Katy Halverson	Sasha Zaharoff
John Krantz	Kele Griffone*	Sherri Trujillo
		Tim Whalen

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

MEETING CONVENED AT NOON (lunch provided)

Welcome and Introductions

Judge McCullagh welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room.

Approval of September Executive Committee Minutes

Judge McCullagh asked for a motion to approve the September CJAC meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Rich Mauro. Second by Kele Griffone. Motion carried.

Operation Rio Grande Update

Noella provided 2 updates on Operation Rio Grande:

1. **Launch of the Sober Living Voucher Pilot Program.** Noella reported that DWS approved \$300,000 worth of funding for the program. Eligible individuals are: (1) those in ORG court; (2) those graduating from the CATS program; (3) those in a residential level of care (regardless of program) who are ready to transition to sober living. Noella explained that the benefit lasts up to 3 months and that provider rates vary. Providers must be located in Salt Lake County and be State Certified as a Recovery Residence. Drug Court Detectives are conducting site visits. Rich Mauro asked if LDA attorneys need to do anything. Noella said that she is still finalizing the details and will work to distribute the information to LDA and other CJAC partners as the program moves forward. Anticipated launch is January.

2. **Expungement Day:** DWS has approached Noella to help organize an “Expungement Day” for individuals who have old criminal convictions they want off their records. This Day will be held in the Rio Area on March 14th. Noella said she would be meeting with a group of attorneys to discuss planning in January and welcomed anyone on the committee to participate in the planning process. More information will be reported at the next meeting.

Judge McCullagh asked if any other partners had updates related to Operation Rio Grande.

Tim Whalen provided an update on Medicaid enrollments and new residential behavioral health programs opening in January. Both Odyssey House and Valley Behavioral Health are planning large expansions. The program will add a total of over 100 new residential treatment beds.

Judge McCullagh stated that the new Operation Rio Grande Drug Court has individuals with open cases all across the county and that it has been a challenge to coordinate this. He stated he was hopeful we can get all of the Salt Lake County justice court judges on the same page. Rich Mauro stated that it would also be helpful to get buy-in from justice courts outside of Salt Lake County as well, as his lawyers are experiencing a lot of out-of-county holds.

Noella stated that on December 14th there will be another ORG assessment day. It will be an out of custody partnership, and will be held at the Legal Defenders’ office. Noella thanked everyone for their collaboration and hard work on the assessment days that they have had all year.

Farewell and Thank You to Chief Lofgreen

Chief Lofgreen was not available to be at today’s meeting. Noella stated that Chief Lofgreen has been a great partner, a substantive CJAC participant, and a progressive leader in Salt Lake County. Chief Dumont said a few words about Chief Lofgreen, highlighting her 25 years of service, and her national leadership with regard to the transgender population. He added that Chief Lofgreen has always tried to make the jail a better place to work. Chief Dumont will be taking over Chief Lofgreen’s position, beginning in December.

IHC Access Center

John Williams, with Intermountain Healthcare, announced that they will be opening a new “Access Center” inside of LDS Hospital. The Access Center is a walk-in center for those individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis. Individuals who walk into the center will be seen by a crisis worker and, where necessary, a psychiatrist. The Access Center will have a 16 chair/bed observation unit. John reported that the target date for opening the Access Center will be January 15, 2018. The hours will be from 2:30 – 8:00 PM, however they are looking to expand these hours once the program gets off the ground. During non-walk in times, individuals can (and will) still go to the ER to be seen. Patients that come by emergency vehicles will be taken to the ER prior to being transferred to the Access Center. Powerpoint slides will be available online.

Reentry Presentation

Kwynn Gonzalez-Pons and Sgt. Shon Lance gave a PowerPoint presentation on Reentry barriers, existing re-entry programs, programs around the country, and recommendations for improving reentry services throughout Salt Lake County.

Salt Lake County Opioid Task Force Report

Weston Clark, Policy Advisor to Councilmember Jenny Wilson, stated that the county task force is continuing to meet monthly, but it is difficult to do anything without funding. If there are issues related to opioids that anyone wants the Task Force to discuss, he asked committee member to contact him.

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

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