

Salt Lake County  
Criminal Justice Advisory Council  
Executive Committee  
September 13, 2017  
Room S1-120 - Noon

In Attendance: (Executive Board Members\*)

Ashton Parry	Judge Brendan McCullaugh	Noella Sudbury
Chief Pam Lofgreen	Judge Randall Skanchy	Rich Mauro*
Erin Litvack	Karen Crompton*	Richard Jausi
Isaac Higham	Karen Hale	Sheriff Rosie Rivera
Jeannie Edens	Kele Griffone*	Sherri Trujillo
Jim Peters*	Kwynn Gonzalez-Pons	Sim Gill
Jon Thelen	Mayor Ben McAdams*	Tim Whalen

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

Excused:

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

**Welcome and Introductions**

Mayor Ben McAdams welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. Mayor McAdams thanked everyone for their hard work.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Ben McAdams asked for the approval of the August CJAC meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Chief Lofgreen. Seconded by Karen Crompton. Motion carried.

**Operation Rio Grande Update**

Mayor Ben McAdams stated that Salt Lake County is still actively working with the State on Operation Rio Grande. The first phase of Operation Rio Grande was to fix the lawlessness. He explained that we are now in Phase two, which is focused on assessment and treatment. The State Legislature is committed to getting treatment beds available to help individuals. Close to 250 residential treatment beds will come online by early next year.

Mayor McAdams thanked everyone for their dedication to the Operation Rio Grande effort. 37 new residential treatment beds have been made available so far and they were given to individuals connected to the new ORG specialty court program. September 7th was the first assessment day as a part of Operation Rio Grande and our county's team was able to meet with several individuals in the jail to connect them to treatment. It went extremely well.

Noella thanked everyone for their hard work in generating a list of individuals for our first assessment day. Given the volume of individuals joining the court, Judge Skanchy held a special orientation meeting. Noella thanked him for doing that, along with the DA, LDA, BHS, Sheriff's Office, and CJS for all their support.

Noella stated that it was very rewarding to work with those in the jail, and those who are starting the program were grateful for the opportunity to go into treatment. Judge Skanchy took

a few minutes to describe the members of the new court. He mentioned that many of them reported in orientation that they had family in the area, but it was not an option to stay with them until the individuals could demonstrate a commitment to and compliance with a treatment program. The group discussed the differences between the ORG population and the other drug courts. They then discussed the importance of transitions and making this a focus with this population.

Mayor McAdams stated that the three phases of Operation Rio Grande overlap. Clean-up is still occurring and homelessness is still an issue. DA Sim Gill added that even though phase 2 has started, law enforcement will still be very active in the Rio Grande area. Sim stated he is very excited about the opening of the new court and feels it will be a great opportunity for many individuals to access the care they need. The group also discussed the importance of community outreach and the need for diversion alternatives.

The group then discussed the number and nature of the Operation Rio Grande arrests. Rich Mauro stated that many of the individuals who were arrested during Operation Rio Grande have high and complex needs and asked whether they would be successful in the new court. Judge Skanchy stated that he believes the model will work and while it will not be a good fit for everyone, it will serve the needs of many of the clients.

Sheriff Rivera stated that there are 295 jail beds full as a result of Operation Rio Grande arrests. Chief Lofgreen stated that the jail has agreed to transport to court all of the individuals who are being housed in another county's jail. The group then discussed current issues with transportation as a result of the jail contracting with other counties.

### **SUD Residential Treatment Presentation**

Due to lack of time, Tim Whalen suggested that he arrange with Judge Skanchy another time for this presentation.

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

Weston Clark reported that the first Opioid task force meeting was held the first week of September and the next meeting will be held October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the COW room.

Mayor McAdams moved to adjourn the meeting. Sim Gill seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:04.

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