

Salt Lake County  
Criminal Justice Advisory Council  
Executive Committee  
June 14, 2017  
Room N2800 - Noon

In Attendance: (Executive Board Members\*)

Chief Pam Lofgreen*	Karen Crompton*	Noella Sudbury
Deborah Kreeck Mendez	Karen Hale	Patrick Reimherr
Jim Peters	Kele Griffone*	Shaleane Gee
Jon Thelen	Kwynn Gonzalez-Pons	Sherri Trujillo
Judge Brendan McCullagh	Mayor Ben McAdams*	Vanessa Walsh
Judge Randall Skanchy*		

*(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. Noella Sudbury introduced the new CJAC intern, Kwynn Gonzalez-Pons. Noella stated that Kwynn has a lot of experience and Noella is excited to have her here. Kwynn stated that she will be focusing her work this summer on barriers to re-entry.

**Approve minutes from last executive meeting**

Judge Skanchy moved to approve the minutes. Kele Griffone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Executive Committee Updates: JRI Grant**

Mayor Ben McAdams told the committee that Salt Lake County submitted its JRI grant. Salt Lake County is asking for 4 million of the 6 million dollar statewide grant money. Mayor Ben McAdams stated that Salt Lake County has a bigger need for more money to tackle these issues, particularly for treatment, because Salt Lake County is the central hub for services in this state. Salt Lake County will be notified of the grant decision by the first week in July. Mayor McAdams thanked everyone for their time and efforts in helping with the JRI grant.

Noella stated that many counties across the state applied for the grant. Judge Skanchy asked if the State will make the decision about what aspects of the grant are funded or if Salt Lake County will be able to make those decisions. Noella stated that she was not sure, as it is a new process.

## **Executive Committee Updates: Jail Contracting**

Chief Lofgreen was asked to share updates on jail contracting. Chief Lofgreen stated that Salt Lake County transported the first group of inmates to the Tooele County Jail. As a result of the transfer, the jail has lifted the booking restrictions on Class A misdemeanors.

Salt Lake County is having trouble finding other jails willing to participate in the jail contracting program due to higher rates paid by other agencies, questions about the stability of the program, and new staff and capital improvements that would need to be made for what could be a short-term commitment. But Salt Lake County is continuing to work with the counties and is actively pursuing bed contracts in Wasatch and Beaver County.

As more jail bed space is obtained, the jail will continue to lift the booking restrictions for Class B and Class C misdemeanors.

## **Discussion: Program Outcomes and Recidivism**

Vanessa stated that she has encountered a lot of questions from stakeholders about the definition of recidivism and how Salt Lake County measures it, and thought it would be useful to have a discussion about this issue. She then led the group in a discussion and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the issue.

The most common definition of recidivism for drug courts nationally is “a person’s relapse into behavior.” Historically, the county has measured recidivism by focusing on new jail bookings. The advantage to measuring recidivism this way is that you can see the number of individuals who are consuming jail resources. The disadvantages to measuring recidivism this way are that it is only measuring the jail population, and misses individuals who commit new crimes, but were never booked in jail. It also makes it difficult to conduct comparisons among programs.

Judge McCullagh stated that the way the county tracks recidivism also assumes that getting booked into jail is a result of an individual doing something to be put in jail instead of being booked into jail on an outstanding warrant.

Vanessa stated that recidivism can also be measured by new charges or new convictions. The group discussed the pros and cons to these approaches and ultimately concluded that different definitions may be used in different contexts, and the most important thing to do is to define and clearly explain what definition of recidivism is being used and why.

## **New Specialty Court Discussion**

Noella engaged the group in a substantive discussion about the new specialty court program proposed by Salt Lake County in its JRI grant. She explained that Operation Diversion was a good pilot program and that the new specialty court program would build upon that model. The new specialty court model is based on a drug court model and will improve outcomes by introducing more accountability, supervision, and recovery support into the program.

Noella then walked the group through the process and gateway into the specialty court program. All of the partners engaged in the discussion and made helpful suggestions for flow into it.

With no further business the meeting adjourned.

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