

Salt Lake County
Criminal Justice Advisory Council
Executive Committee
May 10, 2017
Room S1120 - Noon

In Attendance:

Beth Mitchell	Judge Brendan McCullagh*	Rich Mauro*
Bobby Sampson	Judge Randall Skanchy*	Sherry Trujillo
Chief Pamela Lofgreen*	Karen Crompton*	Sherry Craig
Dave Askerlund	Karen Hale	Sim Gill*
Jeannie Edens	Kele Griffone*	Vanessa Walsh
Jim Bradley*	Lisa Ashman	Yanling Shi
Jim Peters*	Mayor Ben McAdams*	
Jon Thelen	Noella Sudbury	

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

* Executive Board Members

MEETING CONVENED AT NOON (lunch provided)

Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Ben McAdams welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Ben McAdams asked for the approval of February 8, 2017 and March 8, 2017 CJAC meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Kele Griffone. Second by Karen Crompton. Motion carried.

Farewell and Thank You to Sherry Craig

Mayor Ben McAdams stated that Sherry Craig will be retiring and thanked her for her service. Noella Sudbury also thanked Sherry for being the CJAC secretary. Mayor Ben McAdams introduced Sherry Trujillo as the new CJAC secretary.

County Jail Bed Initiative

Mayor Ben McAdams briefly discussed some of the impacts of JRI, including its effect on the Salt Lake County Jail. The Mayor explained that the County was able to secure some state funding for jail beds in the last legislative session to be used to contract with other counties to obtain additional jail beds. Because the state dollars are not available until July 1, the Salt Lake County Council generously approved a request from the Sheriff's office to provide some immediate funding to get the program started.

Chief Pamela Lofgreen thanked the elected officials for all of their work on this project and provided an update to CJAC members on the status of Salt Lake County's contracting efforts with other county jails.

Several individuals had questions about the contracting program. Judge McCullaugh asked if OMS would show where an inmate is housed if they were not in the Salt Lake County jail. Others asked about video conferencing, inmate transportation, medical needs, and dental services. Rich Mauro asked whether inmates would be able to make phone calls to LDA. Chief Pamela Lofgreen stated that these are all operational issues that her office is working to finalize and that she will provide an update at the next meeting.

Discussion: JRI Grant Application

Mayor Ben McAdams gave an overview to the group on the history of the JRI grant process. He stated that the grant is \$6 million in ongoing funds that are awarded statewide and all of the counties are eligible to apply. Mayor Ben McAdams believes Salt Lake County has a very strong application and is hopeful that we will receive funding for the programs in our application. Noella Sudbury thanked everyone for their time in helping her put together the JRI grant and that she has benefitted from the knowledge and expertise of many in the room.

Noella presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the JRI grant terms and the focus on collaborative criminal justice programs. Noella stated that the JRI grant application is due by June 1st and it is very lengthy. Mayor Ben McAdams stated that there will be a lot of details to work out based on funding, and asked the CJAC committee members for their continued support.

Mayor Ben McAdams also stated that there was interest in creating a county wide Mental Health Court program and asked Judge McCullaugh if he would be willing to chair a subcommittee to work on this project. Judge McCullaugh stated that he would be happy to do that and has already engaged in some preliminary conversations to explore this idea.

Mayor Ben McAdams then walked the CJAC members through the complete list of programs in Salt Lake County's grant application:

- Expand treatment capacity for current drug court program;
- Expand Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) to serve medium risk/medium-to-high need individuals;
- Add a new risk/needs based specialty court program to support 125 individuals;
- Fund additional treatment capacity to support these programs;
- Start a new UPD Mental Health Unit pilot program

Noella then discussed each of the programs in more detail as described below.

Additional Treatment to Support Salt Lake County Drug Court. Currently each existing drug court has access to 10 residential treatment beds per 125 individuals and the current wait list is 4-6 months. Salt Lake County is proposing to add an additional 10 residential beds to be used by existing drug courts to reduce the waiting list. Judge Skanchy stated it would be helpful if the courts were notified when a new bed comes available and how many beds are actually available to the court on a regular basis. Mayor McAdams asked Jeannie Edens if she

could find out how to make this information available. Jeannie stated she would talk to Tim Whalen and report back to the group.

Expansion of Intensive Supervision Program (ISP). This program is a collaboration among the Sheriff's office, Criminal Justice Services and Behavioral Health Services. This program has won national awards and has shown great preliminary outcomes. There has been a high completion rate and 11 point reduction rate in individual risk scores. Individuals are getting treatment faster and accessing the recovery support needed to succeed. Mayor McAdams stated he was excited to expand the program to serve an additional 170 new medium risk individuals.

New Risk and Needs Based Specialty Court. Mayor McAdams stated that this is something he is excited about. A lot of cross-agency collaboration will be needed for it to work. Legislative leadership has made it clear that whatever Salt Lake County applies for in the JRI Grant, that part of those resources must be focused on addressing the public health and safety crisis in the downtown area. Mayor Ben McAdams stated that Operation Diversion was a good start, but he would like to improve upon it. This new specialty court would be a great start since it brings all of the resources together in a structured format for the individuals.

Noella Sudbury discussed a possible flow for the court. For the first phase of Operation Diversion, there was a pop up receiving center that was a huge cost. Noella stated that to help lower the cost, she is exploring with Chief Lofgreen the possibility of doing assessment at the jail instead. Noella also stated that it would be critical to coordinate with Salt Lake City Police.

Noella Sudbury stated that one of the goals of the program is to determine as quickly as possible who would be a good candidate for the program. Instead of being charge based the program will be risk and needs based and there is a goal to get individuals pled into the program and into treatment as soon as possible. The "team" would have weekly staff meetings and weekly proceedings in front of a judge. There would be a "team" looking at what is best for the individual. Sim Gill stated that in his view, many individuals in this area will need the structured support from the court to succeed.

Dave Askerlund with Salt Lake City police department stated he met with Chief Brown and 8 individuals from First Step House who are in treatment. The individuals stated that one of their biggest frustrations was that they didn't feel like they were held accountable for their actions and they weren't forced to make a change in their life. The individuals were upset that the system did not hold them accountable. Mayor McAdams stated that Salt Lake County is looking to see new models to help individuals get the help that they need and be successful.

UPD Mental Health Unit Pilot Program. Noella stated that data from UPD shows that there are approximately 3,500 documented people that call for mental health service. Noella stated that UNI would be assisting to help with better outcomes for individuals and increased safety for all involved.

Discussion: Program Outcomes and Recidivism

Noella talked about program success and asked everyone in the room to share their ideas on what this looks like. Committee members shared the following potential metrics for successful programs:

- Reduce recidivism
- Increase in employment and education
- Better transition from jail
- Risk and needs based assessment
- Increased access to housing
- Stability to maintain lifestyle
- Immediate access to treatment
- Number of days of sobriety

Discussion: Recidivism

Vanessa Walsh stated that recidivism means different things to different people. Vanessa began a conversation about recidivism, but due to time constraints, stated it would be continued at the next meeting.

Judge Randall Skanchy thanked Mayor McAdams for all of his work.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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