

Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting

**Date:** February 22, 2024, | 12-1:30 pm

**Location:** Government Center – A Level Auditorium (lunch provided)

**Committee Members/Representatives Present**

Jeff Lunde, Dawanna Witt, Kristyn Anderson, Eric Werner, Robin Wonsley, John Freude for Mayor Jacob Frey, Michael Berger, Elie Farhat for Marion Greene, Chela Guzmán-Wiegert, Leah Kaiser, Mary Moriarty, Michael Rainville, Catherine Johnson, Tim Busse, Kerry Meyer, Nikki Appelbaum, Tracey Martin, and Sara Gonsalves Staff: Mary Ellen Heng, Jackie Braun-Lewis Notes: Roberta Groening

Virtual attendees: Julie Maas-Kusske

Meeting Minutes

**Roll Call and Introductions | Approval of Meeting Minutes (November)**

*Lead: Commissioner Jeff Lunde, CJCC Chair and Mary Ellen Heng, CJCC Director*

* Called the meeting to order at 12:04
* Chief Werner memorialized the three first responders killed in the shooting last week and the committee observed moments of silence.
* The meeting resumed, and Director Heng took roll call.
* Director Heng reviewed the nomination and voting process and introduced the newly elected; Jeff Lunde, Chair & Eric Werner, Vice Chair of the CJCC. Commissioner Lunde indicated his goal for these meetings would be to move expeditiously and forward the work of the committee.
* With new roles and membership in place, committee members introduced themselves.
* Approval of meeting minutes from November 16, 2023 – found on CJCC Website moved and approved. Passed.
* Approval of motion to move March meeting to March 21st & November 28 meeting to November 14th passed.

**Data update**

*Lead: Jackie Braun-Lewis, Head of Analytics, LSJ*

Dashboard Jail population numbers are from the end of the year 2023.

* In custody population – 748

Volume at Adult Detention Center has been consistently high for the last three months.

* Juvenile Detention Center population - 31
* Adult Corrections Facility – 128
* In custody population has been slightly below functional capacity compared to the end of 2022.
* Juvenile Detention Center population numbers have been consistent.
* Adult Detention Center is close to publishing a public facing dashboard.
* Adult Corrections Facility has kept its lower number since post COVID, the numbers are expected to maintain over the next months.
* January to December 2023 Group A Offenses Reported and Known to Law Enforcement in Hennepin County: 86,374, a 3.6% decrease in crime with most serious offenses from 2022, does not include minor offenses and traffic offenses.
* According to the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office data, nearly half the cases charged are diverted. Diversion data is significant on the juvenile side. Backlog is decreasing. More cases going out than coming in. A question from Council member Wonsley; will there be an update on charging or diversion rates? Attorney Moriarty responded that the clearance rate for auto theft is currently at 2%. The data shared is a fraction of the data available and can be shared with the council member. Mayor Busse inquired where Metro Transit falls in the data? Numbers shared at this meeting include Metro Transit and numbers outside of Hennepin County.

**Strategic Planning Discussion/Working Group Update**

*Lead: Mary Ellen Heng, CJCC Director*

*Lead: Commissioner Jeff Lunde, CJCC Chair*

* Director Heng reviewed the development of a strategic plan process for the CJCC committee which will help accomplish goals set for 2024. Staff will be reaching out to the membership to discuss focus priorities in 2024. Mary Ellen can share best practices for CJCCs as we move forward. Data is a helpful tool to further discussion with this group.
* Commissioner Lunde provided an update on the meetings and report for the working group;
  + the report will be filed with the legislature 2/23/24, with a recommendation for 6 areas to work on.
  + thanked the staff who worked on the report. The group and staff had 5 months to meet and work on producing the report which was a huge lift considering the topic.
* The following questions were asked of the commissioner, and a lively discussion ensued regarding possible follow-up avenues the legislature could take based on the report findings during the 2024 session.
* Attorney Moriarty – asked what the return was going to be related to the report? Commissioner Lunde responded that we will see the Legislature working on licensing updates. Hennepin County will be working simultaneously with the legislature to determine what updates we can work on using gap analysis.
* Council member Wonsley –inquired whether removing barriers’ unintended consequences was lowering the standards? Was this an issue that will be considered? What can the state do to invest in the process, help with training and consider pay equity for this work?
* Director Kaiser – indicated that the current process for access must be reviewed as well. Juveniles tend to follow the door they come through and not on a need basis. This creates barriers for the juveniles and their families.

**Comprehensive Plan, HC DOCCR**

*Lead: Catherine Johnson, DOCCR Director*

Director Johnson reviewed the updated Comprehensive Plan. All 87 counties are required to complete comprehensive plans. State funding is tied to the approval of this plan.

New guidelines required the full plan to be updated/reviewed every four years, with an interim plan review every two years. The role of the CJCC in this process is to review the plan and affirm that the Department of Community Corrections has met the plan requirements as stated by the Department of Corrections. The approval recommendation from the CJCC will be reviewed by the County Board on March 5th, 2024. Some of the information in the report indicated:

* 10% of Hennepin County resident population lives in poverty.
* As a result, DOCCR has sunsetted corrections fees - correctional services fees will be eliminated in two budget phases.
* Determine risk and need spaces related to the records management system.

78% of the case closures were successful.

87% of juvenile cases were successfully closed.

* At presentation end, the committee voted on a motion to accept the DOCCR Comprehensive Plan as reviewed, and the motion passed.

**Wrap-up and next steps**

*Lead: Commissioner Jeff Lunde, CJCC Chair*