

Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 23, 2024, | 12-1:30 pm

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

Committee Members/Representatives Present

Jeff Lunde, Eric Werner, Mary Moriarty, Marrion Greene, Tracey Martin for Dawanna Witt, Michael Berger, Todd Fellman, Hilary Caliguiri, Jason Nelson, Julie Maas-Kusske, Heidi Johnston for Kristyn Anderson, Michael Rainville, Sara Gonsalves, Leah Kaiser, Chela Guzman-Wiegert, Robin Wonsley, Kerry Meyer, John Freude for Mayor Frey.

Staff: Mary Ellen Heng, Jackie Braun-Lewis, Susan Winterfield Thompson, Liz Mohr, Roberta Groening

Notes: Qulmie Abdi

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

*Lead: Commissioner Jeff Lunde, CJCC Chair*

* Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm
* Roll Call was taken by Director Heng.
* Approval of meeting minutes from February and March meetings – found on CJCC Website moved and approved. Passed.
* Introduction of Qulmie Abdi, who will be providing support to the CJCC committee.

**15-20 minutes | Safe Communities/Cities United Summit Follow-up**

*Lead: Commissioner Jeff Lunde, CJCC Chair*

* Commissioner Lunde acknowledged and extended his gratitude to Lisa Bayley and the Safe Community’s team for organizing the Safe Communities Summit. Special thank you and recognition went out to the Hennepin County LSJ Communications team led by Liz Mohr for their efforts in ensuring a successful event.
* Commissioner Lunde reviewed the weekend’s events, which included highlights around the goal of the summit being a mindset change and engaging the community and being more than just providing 911 service.
* The Commissioner highlighted a few breakout sessions; The first, was a youth led discussion – where invited youth discussed the challenges they are currently facing.
* Other presenters talked a lot about investment – youth are looking for things to do, want to be supported in looking for programming, looking for places to go in the summer, and encouraged attendees to invest in youth and safe communities will follow.
* The takeaway from these discussions was this is going to be a process and, not meant to be one and done.
* A discussion followed among the CJCC membership.
* Hennepin County communications team indicated that a large portion of the summit was recorded and is being edited and will be available on YouTube shortly.

**Strategic Planning Discussion/Working Group Update**

*Lead: Mary Ellen Heng, CJCC Director*

*Lead: Susan M Winterfeld Thompson, Strategic Planning & Initiative*

* Susan Winterfield Thompson re-introduced herself.
* Ms. Winterfield Thompson provided background on her individual meetings with members of the CJCC and provided a review of the feedback that was received. Some of the questions included in the discussion were:
* What does the CJCC do?
* What’s the purpose?
* For whom do we, do it?
* What is the benefit?
* The discussion continued with the membership expressing the wish for clear/concise communication, using plain language to get the committee’s message across.
* Current CJCC purpose was reviewed – promote public safety while building public trust within criminal justice system and across communities.
* The meeting attendance issue was addressed and stressed, the importance of participation from membership reviewed.
* The group expressed an interest in effective communication to avoid redundant efforts.
* Suggestion for transparency of public fund disbursement to foster trust in stewardship.
* Suggestion for a summary of last meeting accomplishments.
* Proposal of sharing opioid statistic highlights.
* There was a reading and review and definition of the Mission of the CJCC.
* In the discussion, work began on the drafting of a new mission statement that will facilitate more constructive interaction between members.
* Emphasis was placed on the importance of improving communication and information sharing among CJCC members and their agencies.
* Part of the feedback included the wish to address the CJCC’s lack of focus, trust, and expanding CJCC membership to ensure even-use of resources and using them effectively.
* In the continuing discussions the themes below were covered:

**Data Discussion**

* Greater interest in sharing data between committee members.
* Concern of said data being available to a wider audience was shared.
* An interest to further develop a dashboard to be used as a hub of data sharing.
* To create such a dashboard, the official rules (Bylaws) must change.

**Bylaws**

* Members shared an interest in a sub-group focused on reviewing and updating CJCC Bylaws.
* Reviewing the Bylaws has become a point of focus, meeting will be arranged to work on updates.

Future Strategic Planning Topics

* May Focus
  + Member feedback
  + Draft Mission
  + Review shared focus areas
* July Focus
  + Adopt mission and share focus areas
  + Develop short term and long-term strategies
  + Review Objectives and metrics
* Gather Feedback
  + Hear from all members the value of CJCC
  + Understand the people, agencies/departments, and culture.
  + Systems level change and improvements.
  + Bringing together all perspectives of the criminal justice system.
  + Coordination and information sharing
* What does success look like:
  + Having a regional focus.
  + Knowing what’s going on in your jurisdiction.
  + Connecting from your subject matter expertise and influence with others in different fields.
  + Forging relationships
  + Having measurable qualitative and quantitative data and results
  + Open minds: not arriving in a defensive manner.
  + Improved communication across different fields and jurisdictions
* Challenges
  + A lack of focus
  + Lack of trust
  + Membership (attendance)
  + Members have different levels of system knowledge.
* External Challenges
  + Workforce: current and future
  + Lack of public trust and confidence in the system
  + Increased complexities across the system and with community members.
* Areas to focus on:
  + Youth
  + Behavioral Health
  + Data collection and information sharing
  + Victim supports
  + Gun violence prevention
  + Warrants
  + Opioids
  + CJCC Bylaws – making a space and time to discuss the bylaws
    - Voting, proxy voting, meeting minutes.
    - Competency restoration
    - Coordinated approach to media
  + Other
    - Community involvement programming
      * Safety in communities
  + Additional Asks
    - Member Bios
      * Picture, title, previous experience,
    - On boarding materials
      * Visual diagram of the criminal justice system & where members fit
      * Roles and responsibilities.

**Wrap-up and next steps**

*Lead: Commissioner Lunde, CJCC Chair*

Next Meeting scheduled for July 25th.

Post Meeting Information:

Look for intermediate emails before the next meeting.

Opioids data will be provided via email.

Bylaws to be reviewed before next meeting.

Next Meeting: Adopting Mission Statement to current feedback presented.

Meeting adjourned at 13:32 (1:32pm).