**Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee**

**Meeting Summary**

**Date:** March 23rd | 12-1:30 pm

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

**Committee Members/Representatives Present**

Mary Ellen Heng for Kristyn Anderson, Kerry Meyer for Toddrick Barnette, Hilary Caligiuri, Matt Clark, Sara Gonsalves, Chela Guzmán-Wiegert, Catherine Johnson, Leah Kaiser, Lisa Lopez, Jeffrey Lunde, Mark Kappelhoff, Julie-Maas-Kusske, Mary Moriarty, Jason Nelson, Michael Rainville, Eric Werner, Tracey Martin for Dawanna Witt.

Staff: Carrie Scardigli Notes: Cherie Nelson

**Guest / guest presenters**: Jackie Braun-Lewis, Law, Safety and Justice; John Choi, Ramsey County Attorney; Dr. Matthew Johnson, District Court; Kareem Murphy, IGR

*Agenda Topics*

**Welcome | Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Lead: Chief Matt Clark, CJCC Chair*

* Call the meeting to order
* Roll Call
* Approval of meeting minutes – found on CJCC Website
* Vice Chair Vacancy
  + Excerpt from Bylaws for consideration:

**Section 4.** The offices of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will rotate between the Members from Hennepin County (see Article IV, Section 1(a)-(e)) and the Members from the City of Minneapolis (see Article IV, Section 1(f)-(i)), suburban cities and specialty law enforcement agencies, meaning that if the Chairperson is a Member from Hennepin County, then the Vice Chairperson will be a Member from the City of Minneapolis, a suburban city or specialty law enforcement agency and vice versa. At the first meeting of each calendar year at which a quorum is in attendance, the Members from Hennepin County will decide which County Member holds the office of Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, and the Members from the City of Minneapolis, a suburban city and/or specialty law enforcement agency will decide 3 which City/Specialty Member holds the office of Chairperson or Vice Chairperson. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall hold office for a term of two (2) years or until they leave the elected and/or appointed position that qualifies them for membership in the CJCC. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, a replacement will be selected from the Members from Hennepin County, or from the Members from the City of Minneapolis, a suburban city and/or specialty law enforcement agency as appropriate.

* Motion to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2022 and January 26, 2023 meetings was made and seconded. With no objections noted, the minutes were approved.
* John Choi, Ramsey County Attorney, was welcomed. He reported on recent discussions at Ramsey County on justice-involved youth resulting in proposed legislation that would provide $15 million to Ramsey County. Of this, $5 million was designated toward residential treatment homes licensed by Human Services and $10 million toward reentry for youth. He added that the Ramsey County delegation has received questions regarding Hennepin County’s needs.
* Chela provided an update from an opinion received from the County Attorney’s Office on the selection of the Chair and Vice Chair of the CJCC, noting that in deciding who holds these offices the CJCC is divided into two groups: members from Hennepin County and members from Minneapolis, suburban city and specialty law enforcement. The Chair will be held by a member of one of the groups and the Vice Chair by the other, with members of each group deciding on who is selected to represent the group. In the instance of the current Vice Chair vacancy, the Hennepin County members would make the decision, including two Commissioners, the Assistant County Administrator for Public Safety, the County Attorney, the Sheriff and the DOCCR Director.

Further discussion ensued on past practices, and requests were made for consultation with the County Attorney’s Civil Division regarding the bylaws and to wait to include Sheriff Witt in the decision at a future meeting. It was also noted that the Bylaws state that vacancies shall be filled within 30 days of occurrence to the extent possible. A motion was made and seconded to table the vote until the next meeting. The motion did not prevail.

It was agreed that the vote would be held in 30 days by email. Any Hennepin County member interested in being considered for Vice Chair should notify Carrie Scardigli within one week (March 30). It was noted that Commissioner Lunde had already expressed his interest in being considered as a candidate for Vice Chair.

**Work Group Update** *Leads: Tim Busse, Bloomington Mayor | Eric Werner, Maple Grove Chief of Police*

Chief Werner said that he was reporting on behalf of Mayor Busse, who was making a state of the city address. The workgroup had held one meeting and received a significant amount of information in response to the questions. The workgroup needed another meeting before making a presentation to the CJCC in May.

**Survey Results & Focus for 2023** *Lead: Carrie Scardigli, Director CJCC*

* Results
  + Effective Youth Interventions
    - Juvenile Services - including incarceration, carceral alternatives, mental health, and substance abuse services
  + Strategic planning/goal setting – (foundation and shared vision)
  + Violence Mitigation
  + Dashboard - completed and posted on our website
  + Gun Task Force
  + Car Jackings
  + Pretrial Violence
* Executive Committee Meeting for Goals and Scheduling

Carrie provided a brief report on the survey results. The results were listed on the agenda in order of those receiving the highest level of interest at the top. The top two or three areas received multiple responses. It was agreed that the top three should be the areas for focus in 2023. It was further agreed that two workgroups would be formed for Effective Youth Interventions and Violence Mitigation, and Strategic planning/goal setting would be undertaken by the CJCC as a whole. A group to work on goal setting willing to make a 4–6-hour commitment would also be formed.

Anyone interested in chairing or serving on one of the workgroups or in participating in the goal setting group should contact Carrie.

**Review Data**

*Lead: Jackie Braun-Lewis, Law, Safety & Justice – Head of Analytics*

Jackie gave a PowerPoint presentation that included BCA and County Attorney data on violent crime. She outlined changes in how BCA data was reported, noting that now all multiple crimes that were part of one incident were reported. She provided new definitions for HCAO data and pointed out data was now available on carjackings. Jackie said this should be interpreted with caution since it was new, and carjacking was not a separate statute; this was instead a new option that could be selected by attorneys.

Jackie reviewed data from HCSO and DOCCR on jail and ACF population. A discrepancy was noted in the definitions used by HCSO and DOCCR for functional capacity and operational capacity. It was agreed that the definitions needed to be updated with a consistent definition for both.

A motion was made and seconded to have a Hennepin County public data dashboard presented at every meeting and posted with the meeting notes.

Mary requested that HCAO be consulted on data being shared for the County Attorney’s Office. Concern was expressed on publishing data and that agreement was needed on who would respond to questions that came in. It was recommended that the group of researchers should respond; they have access to the data and would have an understanding of who was asking and the best way to answer, as well as what information was public.

The motion was amended to a have a PowerPoint version of Hennepin County public data dashboard presented at every meeting and posted with the meeting notes. Motion carried.

**Intergovernmental Relations Update** *Lead: Kareem Murphy, Director*

Kareem provided a brief update on proposed legislation with a focus on a bill to create a task force on youth interventions (Senate File 1549, House File 1712). The task force would include representatives from the seven-county metro area as well as Olmstead, St. Louis and Stearns Counties, the Minnesota Sheriffs’ Association, the Minnesota County Attorneys Association and the Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties Mary noted another legislative proposal to increase jury pay from $20 to $50 per day.

**District Court Backlog Update**

*Lead: Sara Gonsalves, Judicial District Administrator*

Sara introduced Dr. Matthew Johnson from the Fourth Judicial District’s Research Department. He provided an overview on the court backlog, providing the technical definition of “backlog.” This was the number of open major criminal cases as of the current date minus the number of open major criminal cases at the start of the pandemic (3/19/2020). Major criminal cases include felonies and gross misdemeanors. Any new case filed would be added to the count of backlog cases. Dr. Johnson said that the Fourth District had disposed of 97% of cases that were open at the start of the pandemic and 92% of cases that were filed during the pandemic, with 75% of the backlog cases having been filed within the last twelve months. He added that new cases have become more complex and serious. He noted the challenges presented by turnover and retention with five judges having retired since August 2022 alone and Court Administration having a 20% attrition rate. Dr. Johnson outlined steps to alleviate the backlog, including hiring senior judges and the addition of a referee in Criminal Court.

**Wrap-up and next steps**

*Lead: Chief Matt Clark, CJCC Chair*

Chief Clark provided several timely reminders:

* Any Hennepin County member interested in serving as Vice Chair should submit their name to Carrie.
* The deadline to vote for a new Vice Chair would be in 30 days.
* Anyone interested in serving on one of the subcommittees or the goal-setting group should contact Carrie.

## Time 1:31 | Agenda topic Adjournment

* Next CJCC Meeting is May 25, 2023

# Relevant Links or Resources

[Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee Website](https://www.hennepin.us/cjcc)

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