**Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee**

**Meeting Summary**

**Date:** July 27th | 12-1:30 pm

**Location:** Government Center – A Level Auditorium

**Committee Members/Representatives Present**

David Bernstein for Kristyn Anderson, Toddrick Barnette, Michael Berger, Tim Busse, Matt Clark, Jacob Frey, Elie Farhat for Marion Greene, Chela Guzmán-Wiegert, Leah Kaiser, Jeffrey Lunde, Mark Kappelhoff, Julie Maas-Kusske, Mary Moriarty, Jason Nelson, Michael Rainville, Eric Werner, Dawanna Witt. Staff: Mary Ellen Heng, Jackie Braun-Lewis Notes: Roberta Groening

*Agenda Topics*

**Welcome | Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Lead: Chief Matt Clark, CJCC Chair*

* Call the meeting to order
* Roll Call
* Introduce Roberta Groening
* Approval of meeting minutes – found on CJCC Website

Chief Clark called the meeting to order, and roll call was taken. Chief Clark welcomed Michael Berger, Chief Public Defender. A motion to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2023, meeting was made and seconded. With no objections noted, the minutes were approved. Mary Ellen Heng welcomed Roberta Groening, who will be providing staff support to CJCC.

**10 minutes** **| Data presentation**

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

Jackie Braun-Lewis reviewed a data model developed for juveniles focused on custody data, an area of particular interest to the CJCC committee. With the group’s agreement the data models can be placed on the public facing website.

Jackie asked for feedback on whether this was the direction that the group wanted to move toward, and the expressed hope of having data analytics available in advance of future meetings to allow time for review.

Jackie noted several caveats regarding BCA data:

* The definitions used come from the FBI.
* The BCA collects data for the State of MN as reported by police departments. Part 1 and 2 have been phased out to be replaced by A and B. A is typically more serious offenses, while B are more traffic offenses.
* Numbers include every offense and incident. An aspiration is to include breakouts and report the highest charge.

Several questions were noted:

* The jail population number is high right now; however, misdemeanors numbers are low. Chief Clark asked Sheriff Witt to let everyone know how they can assist and any changes that can be made.
* While the current data used post-COVID numbers, deeper dives adding pre-COVID numbers could be made available under separate format if requested.
* Mary Ellen indicated that some of the reports that are used are not available due to the JMS system transition.
* Capacity was noted as 755 for the jail (80% of functional capacity) and 87 at the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC). JDC was staffed to accommodate 60. The Adult Detention Center has a capacity of 477, with 400 males and remainder for females.

Feedback or requests for additional information should be directed to Mary Ellen Heng.

**15-20 minutes| New changes for Juveniles**

*Lead: Judge Mark Kappelhoff*

* Flee in motor vehicle
* Auto theft pilot program
* Pre-trial services
* Carjacking cases blocked to a judge
* New navigator program for youth found incompetent
* Community feedback from listening session

Judge Kappelhoff reviewed enhancements/modifications that that have been made in the handling of some juvenile cases in the last few months. The Judge acknowledged the many work groups that were part of this change including the Juvenile Court Bench, the County Attorney’s Office, DOCCR, and the Public Defender’s Office. He highlighted several changes:

* Fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle – previously a youth would be released, now a youth is detained and scheduled to appear in front of a judge within 36 hours. Other services and intervention can then be provided to the youth.
* Auto theft pilot program – cases are assigned a court date within 3 business days of release.
* Pre-trial services – 169 screened, 54 were eligible, 21 accepted the services.
* Carjacking – all cases are assigned to one judge. This helps the court enhance services available and provide early interventions.
* Any youth with five or more cases (never adjudicated), are blocked to a single judge, so that judge can provide early intervention and services.
* New juvenile behavioral health initiative – the new program has a coordinator and a mental health services worker to help families navigate the mental health system.
* Community listening sessions – the Court recently held three sessions and received offers of assistance along with some criticism. The community wants intervention for these kids and doesn’t want them thrown away.

Mary Moriarty provided a brief update on the County Attorney’s Office’s youth auto theft early intervention pilot. First, the pilot would provide earlier interventions for youth who have been identified as connected with auto theft related behavior and develop a new pathway outside of the legal system for voluntary intervention.

The new voluntary pathways would require collaboration across HCAO’s Children & Families Division and would not be used for criminalization, but instead offer voluntary opportunities for support. The voluntary interventions would be aligned with evidence based best practices for intervention with youth.

Second, practices within the legal system would be shifted to offer earlier support and intervention. This would include expediting charging decisions for out-of-custody youth, support for law enforcement diversion and collaboration with justice system partners to support voluntary pre-trial supports for youth.

Discussion noted:

* Youth need a safe place to spend time with friends; sports and workforce development were noted as options needed. Lisa Bayley said that Safe Communities was making awards to community groups providing these types of services.
* Safe transportation to sports and other activities was identified as another need.
* Interest was expressed in having data on the participation in the pre-trial services program by geographic distribution including the suburbs.
* A similar process will be explored to address juvenile crimes focused on youth who are committing crimes with fireworks.

**15-20 minutes | Subcommittee updates**

*Lead: Chief Matt Clark, CJCC Chair*

* Combining both groups
* Identify gaps in the system or places to speed up the court process or engage the youth with services
* Legislative changes
* Community engagement/activities for youth
* Long-term residential treatment program options

Mary Ellen indicated that it had become apparent to the chairs of both subcommittees that there were larger issues to focus on and it was agreed to combine into one group, with the first meeting planned to be held in August. Another big area for next year would be to seek community partners e.g., the Twins and others to look for opportunities to draw youth into programs.

Any committee members interested in joining the subcommittee should email Mary Ellen.

**15-20 minutes I Youth Interventions Working Group update**

*Lead: Commissioner Jeff Lunde, Vice-Chair & Mary Ellen Heng, Director CJCC*

Mary Ellen said that the legislature had created the Youth Interventions Working Group during the last legislative session. The workgroup will be co-chaired by Hennepin County (Commissioner Lunde) and the Department of Corrections. There will be approximately 27-28 members including representatives from the seven metro counties. The goal is to figure out the best way to respond to youth and get them connected to services, to stop them from cycling back into the system and support their families with a sustainable financing model. The workgroup is to deliver a report with recommendations in February 2024.

Chief Eric Werner said that communication was key and noted that this working group should connect with the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association.

**Wrap-up and next steps**

*Lead: Chief Matt Clark, CJCC Chair*

Chief Clark noted there were several scheduling conflicts for the next CJCC meeting date. Mary Ellen added that they would prefer not to skip a meeting and would try to find a time for a virtual meeting that would allow as many members to participate as possible. .

## Time 1:19 | Agenda topic Adjournment

* Next CJCC Meeting is September 28, 2023 at 8:00 am (virtual meeting only)

# Relevant Links or Resources

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

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