**Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee**

**Meeting Summary**

January 26, 12-1:30 pm

A-Level Auditorium, Government Center

**Committee Members/Representatives Present**

Nikki Applebaum, Toddrick Barnette, Tim Busse, Hilary Caligiuri, Matt Clark, Sara Gonsalves, Chela Guzmán-Wiegert, Catherine Johnson, Leah Kaiser, Jeffrey Lunde, Mark Kappelhoff, Julie-Maas-Kusske, Mary Moriarty, Jason Nelson, Michael Rainville, Eric Werner.

Staff: Carrie Scardigli Notes: Cherie Nelson

**Guest presenters**: Andrew Evans, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension; Kareem Murphy, IGR (bumped to March Meeting)

*Agenda Topics*

**Introductions & New Membership | Approval of Meeting Minutes (September)**

*Lead: Chief Matt Clark, CJCC Chair*

* Call the meeting to order
* Roll Call -
* Discuss new members and vice chair
* Approval of meeting minutes – found on CJCC Website
* Dashboard Update in March
* CJCC Director change for 2023
* March vote on CJCC Focus areas

Chief Clark called the meeting to order, and roll call was taken. He added that the Vice Chair needed to be filled given Commissioner Fernando’s new role. Any member interested in serving the remaining term should contact Carrie Scardigli. Chief Clark welcomed Mary Moriarty, new County Attorney and noted other new members not attending, Chief O’Hara and Sheriff Witt. Mary Moriarty introduced Jamael Lundy, Nick Kimball and Shawn Daye.

Chief Clark indicated there would be a change in the CJCC Director as Carrie Scardigli had accepted a position in DOCCR; Chela Guzmán-Wiegert said that she was in the process of filling the position and that Carrie would continue to provide assistance to CJCC during the transition.

Chief Clark said that the committee would also be considering focus areas for 2023, noting that the focus areas in 2022 had been gun violence, juvenile issues and pretrial issues. Chief Werner recommended considering the use of the process used by HJIP, a half-day session with key partners developing a roadmap for the year that is then periodically reviewed.

**BCA – Crime trends for Hennepin County & Minnesota** *Lead: Drew Evans, Superintendent*

Drew Evans gave a presentation on 2021-2022 crime data, reviewing statewide violent crimes and a number of offenses comparing Minneapolis-St. Paul or Hennepin County-Ramsey County trends, including homicides, robberies, weapons law violations and aggravated assaults, accompanied by an overview of offender demographics. He noted the data was based on the Nation Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), which provided a richer picture than provided by the Uniform Crime Reporting program. Using 2019 as the baseline pre-pandemic, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties were both seeing fairly significantly elevated levels. However, 2022 rates were lower than 2021, which had an all-time high in all categories. Reviewing offender demographics, Drew indicated data illustrated significant disparities. Outside of Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, the rest of the state had normed out to pre-Covid numbers. Discussion noted that the report references reported crimes and that it was difficult to analyze how much crime went unreported, particularly with the current staffing challenges in law enforcement.

**Juvenile Behavioral Health Initiative Update**

*Lead: Leah Kaiser, Behavior Health & Justice Strategies Director*

Leah Kaiser provided a brief update on Juvenile Behavioral Health Initiative, noting that many attendees or representatives from their agencies had participated in this effort. She added that juvenile issues had been identified as a priority in 2021 and a project manager and additional resources were brought in. Leah outlined four key areas that all interact: services, policy, finance and data. She noted data that indicates 70% of kids in the criminal justice system have a diagnosable mental illness, ranging across the spectrum, with 60% also having a substance use disorder. She added that they saw significant concerns and disparity for children of color. Leah reported on current efforts including expanding literacy and training among current criminal justice partners, targeted case management interventions, and Rule 20s for juveniles. Comments noted that many juveniles with mental illness do not belong at the Juvenile Detention Center and that it is not conducive to their well-being. However, similar to adults, there were not spaces equipped or willing to address the behavioral challenges of these youth when returning home is not an option. It was added that some youth with mental illness end up boarded in hospitals.

**20 minutes | Community Corrections Act Interim Plan** *Lead: Catherine Johnson, DOCCR Director*

* Vote to approve

Catherine Johnson referenced the draft *Community Correction Ac (CCA)t Interim Plan* that had been distributed via email prior to the meeting, adding that Hennepin County was required to submit a report every two years, with an interim plan in the off years. The plan must be reviewed by a local advisory board and the CJCC services as this advisory board. The advisory board is to receive and review the report, providing feedback and vote to forward the report on to the Hennepin County Board. Catherine provided an overview of the report, noting the content of the report was dictated by the Department of Corrections (DOC) and reporting on a proposal to reimagine youth residential treatment.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposal and involvement of law enforcement in the planning process along with closing of the County Home School, and the request to approve the CCA Interim Plan without knowing more about the proposal. Concern was also expressed regarding services for youth awaiting court dates while continuing to commit further offenses. Commissioner Lunde said as a member of the Board he expected that Catherine Johnson would first report the proposal to the Board, who would then make the decision on what should be funded and how to services would be provided. It was added that DOCCR deals with post adjudication.

Mayor Busse noted an opportunity to put together a group including mayors and police chiefs to review what has been done and identify gaps on juvenile services. Mayor Busse and Chief Werner agreed to co-chair a Juvenile Services Workgroup. Anyone interested in serving on the workgroup should notify Carrie Scardigli.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the CCA Interim Plan. After determining a quorum was present, the motion carried with a clear majority of those present (12 votes in favor).

**Wrap-up and next steps**

*Lead: Chief Matt Clark, CJCC Chair*

Chief Clark said that a future item for discussion was returning to a public meeting forum for CJCC. discussion

## Time 1:37 | Agenda topic Adjournment

* Next CJCC Meeting is March 23, 2023

# Relevant Links or Resources

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

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