**Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee**

**Meeting Summary**

**Date:** May 25th | 12-1:30 pm

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

**Committee Members/Representatives Present**

David Bernstein for Kristyn Anderson, Nikki Applebaum, Toddrick Barnette, Hilary Caligiuri, Matt Clark, Sara Gonsalves, Chela Guzmán-Wiegert, Geoffrey Isaacman for the Public Defender’s Office, Catherine Johnson, Leah Kaiser, Jeffrey Lunde, Mark Kappelhoff, Mary Moriarty, Brian O’Hara, Michael Rainville, Tracey Martin for Dawanna Witt. Staff: Mary Ellen Heng, Jackie Braun-Lewis Notes: Cherie Nelson

**Guest / guest presenters**: Kareem Murphy

*Agenda Topics*

**Welcome | Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Lead: Chief Matt Clark, CJCC Chair*

* Call the meeting to order
* Roll Call
* Introduce new Vice Chair & new Director
* Approval of meeting minutes – found on CJCC Website

Chief Clark called the meeting to order, and roll call was taken. Chief Clark noted Commissioner Lunde had been elected as Vice Chair. He welcomed Mary Ellen Heng in her new role as Director of Justice Initiatives and Program Performance. A motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023 meeting was made and seconded. With no objections noted, the minutes were approved. Chief Clark noted that the data review as voted on at the last meeting would be included in the approval of future minutes.

**15 minutes | Data presentation**

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

Jackie Braun-Lewis reviewed a data model developed for juveniles that could pinpoint the flow of a case through the system to the point of exit. She asked for feedback on whether this was the direction that the group wanted to move toward. The need for additional data was discussed along with the intent that the data was meant to be public. Jackie said that data would be sent out in advance of future meetings to allow time for review.

**15-20 minutes | Justice-Involved Juveniles**

*Lead: Mary Ellen Heng, Director*

Mary Ellen Heng provided an overview of the process for youths entering the juvenile justice system, noting steps on the basic pathway beginning with arrest. Also noted:

* The Risk Assessment instrument has been in use since 2009 and was reviewed and validated every five years.
* Release statistics showed that 14% of youth were released from the JDC based on the RAI score while 70% of youth were released by the court and 16% were released based on the County Attorney’s decision.
* Reasons for the closing of the County Home School, a post-adjudication placement option, included the declining use and increased availability of community-based services.

Current issues were reviewed and discussed, with the work group on youth interventions noted. Mary Moriarty added that an important step was that the County Attorney’s Office could not make a charging decision until the case was submitted by law enforcement. The need for quick and early interventions with relational, wrap around support for kids and families was stressed, along with the need to share information that is compounded by data practices.

**10 minutes | Legislative Update**

*Lead: Kareem Murphy, Intergovernmental Relations Director*

Due to time constraints, Kareem Murphy provided an update only on the creation of a youth interventions working group that had been part of a bill just signed into law. The group would be co-chaired by Hennepin County and the Department of Corrections and would include representatives from each of the counties in the seven-county metro and Olmstead, St. Louis and Stearns Counties. The group has an ambitious timeline to complete their work with a report due in mid-February 2024. Other members will include two community members with lived experience from Hennepin and Ramsey Counties and two providers.

**15 minutes I New Committees**

*Lead: Chief Matt Clark, CJCC Chair*

* Violence Reduction – Chair Hennepin County Sheriff Dawanna Witt
* Juvenile Services – Chairs Judge Mark Kappelhoff and Councilmember Michael Rainville
* Strategic planning & Goal Setting – Chair Mary Ellen Heng

Chief Clark asked anyone interested in participating to contact Mary Ellen Heng.

**15 minutes | Minneapolis Police Presentation**

*Lead: Chief Brian O’Hara, MPD*

Chief O’Hara briefly noted the issue of juvenile auto theft as already discussed. He added that violent crime was down, as well as shots fired.

**Wrap-up and next steps**

*Lead: Chief Matt Clark, CJCC Chair*

Chief Clark asked that if a member wanted to invite a guest, other than someone who works with all partners, to notify him or Mary Ellen Heng. Meetings are currently not open to the public and have not historically had guests attend from the community.

## Time 1:23 | Agenda topic Adjournment

* Next CJCC Meeting is July 27, 2023

# Relevant Links or Resources

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

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