**Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee**

**Meeting Summary**

March 24, 2022 | 12 – 1:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting in Microsoft Teams

**Committee Members/Representatives Present**

Kassius Benson, Tim Busse, Matt Clark, Irene Fernando, Michael Freeman, Tamara Garcia, Chela Guzmán-Wiegert, Tracey Martin for David Hutchinson, Andrea Jenkins, Julie Rud for Catherine Johnson, Leah Kaiser, Dana Hurley Swayze for Sarah Lindahl-Pfieffer, Jeffrey Lunde, Julie-Maas-Kusske, Jason Nelson, Jim Rowader, Rolf Sponheim and Eric Werner.

Staff: Carrie Scardigli Notes: Cherie Nelson

*Agenda Topics*

**Introduction, roll call & approval of meeting minutes**

*Lead: Chief Matt Clark, Chair*

* Chief Clark called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.
* Motion to approve the minutes from the January 2022 meeting was made and seconded, with no objections noted.

**40 minutes I 911 Mental Health Task Force Update**

*Leads: Nicole Robbins, Administrative Manager, Criminal Justice Behavioral Health Initiatives / Tony Martin, Director Emergency Communications, Sheriff’s Office / Mike Risvold, Suburban Community Engagement Liaison, Sheriff’s Office / Carrie Scardigli, CJCC Director*

Carrie Scardigli, provided background on the Mental Health Task Force, established in December by the Hennepin County Board to develop better ways to respond to mental health needs as part of 911 calls. She recognized members of the task force, noting that Jill Hermanutz and Leah Kaiser had co-chaired the group, and outlined representation that came from across the spectrum and included trusted messengers, young adults with lived experiences and parents with lived experiences, as well as many others.

Leah Kaiser noted that two main themes had been identified in local and national reviews: taking a system approach and a network response that was amplified on the mental health side. Leah reviewed the evolution of the 911 system that started in the 1960’s with police, then evolved to include medical and fire. She mentioned that 988 would soon be coming online; this would need to be integrated. She noted that the 911 data dashboard had been shared with the group a few months earlier.

Six key focus areas were described:

1. Integrating an Emergency Response System

Nicole Robbins provided information on integrating an emergency response system around mental health and additional questions to ask to better prepare first responders.

1. Tailored Response/Continuum of Services

Mike Risvold discussed tailored responses and sending the most appropriate response with layers that work together and could feed into each other including: police with embedded social workers, 911 with embedded social workers, alternative non police response, co-responders, mobile crisis response and crisis stabilization centers (1800 Chicago for Hennepin County).

1. Enhancing 911 Dispatch

Tony Martin discussed enhancing 911 Dispatch and indicated that there were eight Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in Hennepin County; all with different CAD systems, nature codes and ways of collecting and pushing out data. Currently there were no minimum education standards for dispatchers nor continuing education guidelines, but there were some legislative proposals to develop standards. Additional training specific to mental health situations was another enhancement desired. Staffing and retention were noted as challenges currently faced.

1. Sustainability & Adaptability of Systems

Tony Martin noted the policy aspects for sustainability and adaptability of the systems. Questions around this aspect include: Who is the governance? Who can make these decisions? State statutes, department policies and local ordinances may all be involved. The nationwide mental health number 988 going online in July would be another factor.

1. Community Expectations

Carrie Scardigli described efforts around community expectations, noting that a graduate research assistant had been hired and would work with two University of Minnesota professors to develop a plan for evaluation, identifying and engaging with stakeholders to collect data and evaluate responses. She said this was a two-phased approach in partnership with HUP.

1. Accountability

Mike Risvold spoke about the need for accountability and transparency to the county’s communities. Oversight would continue through the Criminal Justice Behavioral Health reporting up to CJCC.

Commissioner Fernando noted her support and thanked the team; adding that this area was not fully funded and was in part funded by fines or diversion that didn’t allow for expansion. Commissioner Lunde shared his experience in touring Denver’s facilities and seeing the concepts in action, noting the passion displayed to desire to help others; that was less academic. In response to questions on the timeline for implementation, Leah Kaiser described that this was a complex system with not all areas moving forward at the same rate. She indicated that there were multiple tracks, all in motion at the same time and that there was not a succinct response. It was suggested that it would be beneficial to develop a single message for the community to be shared with participating agencies to provide a uniform message. Carrie Scardigli indicated she would be sharing the slide deck after the meeting.

**60 minutes I Survey Results, & Discussion**

*Lead: Chair - Chief Matt Clark, University of Minnesota Police Department*

* **Form 3 Action Committees**
  + **Chairs**
  + **Meeting Schedules**

Chief Clark outlined the need for the data dashboard to provide a grater view of our criminal justice system. He added that it should be as broad as possible and not limited. The dashboard would be presented and reviewed at the start of every CJCC meeting.

Carrie Scardigli reported on the results of the survey distributed to CJCC members, noting that the response rate was at 75%. Responses determined:

* CJCC meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of odd months from Noon-1:30 p.m. (adjusted for holidays) – preferred by 60%.
* The top three subcommittees selected were: Gun Violence, Car Jackings and Violent Crimes-Pretrial Status.

Based on survey feedback on the CJCC dashboard, data from 2019 to present would be included and would follow violent crime through the system. Three distinct areas would be included: case initiation, case processed through the Court and disposition. Data would be compiled on a monthly basis with data points to include race, gender and age. At some point, CJCC might want to analyze how race data is reported. Chief Clark added that different groups would be contacted to obtain information. He stressed how important collaboration was and sharing information.

Chief Clark reported that volunteers to chair the subcommittees had been recruited. The subcommittee chairs had been asked to convene 2-3 meetings and develop 3-5 recommendations by May:

Gun Violence – Judge Mark Kappelhoff / Mary Ellen Heng

Car Jackings – Chief Tracey Martin

Violent Crimes-Pretrial Status

Chief Clark added that everyone wanted to improve public safety and encouraged subcommittee members to think about what needed further study, what support was needed and what changes were needed within the system. CJCC members were asked to either participate or designate a representative to participate on each subcommittee. Names should be sent to [Carrie.Scardigli@hennepin.us](mailto:Carrie.Scardigli@hennepin.us).

Commissioner Fernando noted the troubling trends that the county was seeing, adding that while a multijurisdictional effort could be complex, she hoped that CJCC would be able to identify recommendations that could begin right away and get started on a number of initiatives. She added that she appreciated the move toward in-person meetings with a tighter attendance list. She asked if the subcommittees had sufficient staff support and that she would be happy to advocate to address any needed resources. Chief Martin indicated she would be utilizing a team from HCSO to support the Car Jackings subcommittee. Kassius Benson said that the Public Defender’s Office would be involved and would definitely have representation on these issues.

## Time 1:04 | Agenda topic Adjournment

* Next CJCC Meeting is May 26, 2022

# Relevant Links or Resources

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