

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 – 2 p.m.

Regional Development Building – 2880 International Circle. Colorado Springs, CO 80910

1. **Welcome / Introductions** (Chair)
 - a. Welcome Steven Klaffky as Interim County Attorney
2. **Approval of February 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes** (Chair)
3. **Committee Reports** (2:20p.m. – 3:00p.m.)
 - A. Strategic Planning Committee (Rosalie Roy)
 - B. Financial Resources Committee (Christine Burns)
 - C. Legislative Affairs Committee (Janet Huffor and Brandon Wilson)
 - D. Pretrial Services Community Advisory Board (Chief Judge Bain)
 - E. Transition to Workforce Committee (Christine Richard)
 - F. Behavioral Health Steering Committee (Dr. Alexis Harper)
4. **General Reports** (3:00p.m. – 3:10p.m.)
 - A. 2022-2024 CJCC Action Plan Progress Tracking Sheet (Dr. Alexis Harper)
 - B. Quarterly Criminal Justice Metrics Report (Dr. Alexis Harper)
5. **Discussion Items**
 - A. CJCC Bylaws Redraft Approval
(Dr. Alexis Harper) – (3:10p.m. – 3:25p.m.)
 - B. Behavioral Health Steering Committee Co-Chair Confirmation
(Dr. Alexis Harper) – (3:25p.m. – 3:30p.m.)
 - C. CPAR Updates
(PJ Higgins) – (3:30p.m. – 3:50p.m.)
 - D. Other Discussion Items – (3:50p.m. – 4:00p.m.)
6. **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, August 23, 2022 @ 2:00PM – Location TBD

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Location: Microsoft TEAMS Meeting

1. Chair Holly Williams welcomed Council members.
2. The following Council members or their representatives were in attendance:

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| Holly Williams | El Paso Board of County Commissioners |
| Michael Allen | District Attorney |
| Mary Ellen Benson | Diversus Health |
| Russ Bogardus | Citizen |
| Jack Briggs | Springs Rescue Mission |
| Pete Carey | El Paso County Justice Services |
| Katelyn Harrison | Colorado Division of Adult Parole |
| PJ Higgins | Community Health Partnership |
| Janet Huffor | El Paso County Sheriff |
| HayDen Kane | Colorado Springs Municipal Court |
| Stacie Kwitek-Russell | El Paso County Department of Human |
| Ryan Mills | Services Probation, 4th Judicial District |
| George Reed | UCCS School of Public Affairs |
| Rosalie Roy | Public Defender's Office |
| Kirsten Swenson | Community Corrections Board |

3. Pete Carey moved to approve the November 30, 2021 meeting minutes. Jack Briggs seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner Williams moved to maintain current CJCC officers in their positions for the 2022-2023 year. Stacie Kwitek-Russell seconded. The motion carried unanimously; Election results:
 - Holly Williams – CJCC Chair
 - William Bain – Vice Chair
 - Mark Allison – Second Vice Chair
5. The following committee chairs or representatives provided updates on committee activities:

Strategic Planning – Rosalie Roy
Financial Resources – Christine Burns
Legislative Affairs – Janet Huffor
Pretrial Services – Christine Burns
Transition to Workforce – Maurice Motley
Behavioral Health – Dr. Alexis Harper

6. During the Legislative Affairs Committee report, Russ Bogardus asked if it would be beneficial to summarize this in a spreadsheet with potential impact analysis. Janet Huffor and Dr. Alexis Harper reminded members there is a spreadsheet tracking bill updates, and that the committee would hold special sessions to discuss potential impacts if a bill of substantial note is progressing to becoming law. Commissioner Williams discussed the potential to meet with legislators to be more proactive in drafting bills to help recognize impact locally.
7. Metrics provided during the Transition to Workforce Committee's report on the number of justice involved clients served during 2021 garnered some questions. Russ Bogardus asked about CEO's job retention measurement. Maurice Motley stated CEO does a great job of reviewing job retention at specific time marks, checking in with employers of full-time employees, and can provide information if needed on reasoning for job loss if a person leaves a position.
8. During the CJCC Metrics Report, conversations were had around how local metrics and figures compare to other counties and nationwide. Dr. Alexis Harper offered that it's difficult to make a 1:1 comparison when our partners have definitions specific to our region and population we're serving, but that some metrics are reported at the state level and are standardized in state data dashboards. These figures could be reviewed for comparison as a future meeting agenda item.
9. Juaquin Mobley provided a review of CommunityWorks Trauma Informed training for employers and staff. Partners can contact him to schedule a consultation for trainings available from their organization.
10. Dr. Alexis Harper asked for volunteers to provide a review of their agency or organization operations, their position within criminal justice system service provision, and any project updates as part of an educational series to meet an Action Plan objective under the Strategic Planning Committee to "Inform and Train Partners". A number of partners from local service providers, including Springs Recovery Connection, Diversus Health, and Colorado Health Partnerships volunteered. Dr. Harper will follow-up with these partners about presentations during other 2022 meetings.
11. The meeting adjourned at 3:36PM.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 24, 2022 Report

Committee Members

Rosalie Roy, 4th Judicial District Public Defender's Office (Chair)
Terry Anderson, Springs Rescue Mission
Russ Bogardus, Citizen
Pete Carey, El Paso County Justice Services
Bridget Collins, 4th Judicial District Courts
Teri Frank, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Chris Garvin, El Paso County Department of Human Services
Alexis Harper, Ph.D., El Paso County Justice Services
Trudy Hodges, Springs Recovery Connection
LeeAnn Ortega, 4th Judicial District Probation
Reginald Short, 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office
Susan Wheelan, El Paso County Public Health
Brandon Wilson, El Paso County Public Information Office

Committee Highlights

1. The Committee met virtually on April 21.
2. While reviewing Action Plan progress for each of the committees, Dr. Harper asked members to reflect on any confusion points within the criminal justice system process, or if there's any common misconceptions/misunderstandings in processes/services that can be clarified, contributing to meeting the Committee's Action Plan objective B2 on educating partners on the role of other partners in the community. If any partners are interested in providing a review of their objectives and services during future CJCC meeting, please let Dr. Harper know.
3. Members reviewed the CJCC Bylaws amendments, making suggestions about clarifying how members who do not attend meetings under the newly outlined expectations will be addressed, potential for replacing non-participating members, and other general membership related adjustments. Members agreed after considering these final notes, the bylaws amendments could be reviewed by the County Attorney, then submitted to the CJCC to vote to send to the BoCC to vote to approve the amendments. The County Attorney's Office has reviewed the CJCC Bylaws redraft for the CJCC's consideration and vote for approval to send the newly drafted bylaws to the BoCC, to be addressed during this meeting's agenda item #5A.
4. The next committee meeting will be held July 21, 2022.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

May 24, 2022 Report

Committee Members

Christine Burns, El Paso County Justice Services (Chair)
Russ Bogardus, Citizen
Jane Fromme, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Trudy Hodges, Springs Recovery Connection
Keith Schumacher, Springs Rescue Mission
Scott Sosebee, 4th Judicial District Courts

Committee Highlights

1. The committee met on March 8, 2022.
2. Representatives from El Paso County Finance, Lori Cleaton, and Shanna Smith introduced themselves and shared that the County is looking at filling the vacant Grant Analyst position and that the County set aside \$150,000 to support matching funds for grants in which the County is involved.
3. The 4th Judicial District Court plans to submit a three-year program extension grant to support the Domestic Violence and Victims advocacy efforts in collaboration with CASA.
4. The 2022 Grant Tracking Spreadsheet, as currently updated, is attached.
5. 2022-2024 Action Plan Discussion
 - a. The committee prioritized 2022 to identify and promote access to training opportunities in proposal writing.
 1. What is available nationwide in grant writing training, and do we have a local expert that can provide such training.
 2. Partnering with others to discuss program need and opportunities to obtain Federal Grants.
 3. Discussion regarding the local challenges with State Grants as they come up against the TABOR CAP.
6. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022 @ 3:15pm at 17 N. Spruce St.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

May 24, 2022 Report

Committee Members

Janet Huffor, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (Co-Chair)
Brandon Wilson, El Paso County Public Information Office (Co-Chair)
Jack Briggs, Springs Rescue Mission
Alexis Harper, Ph.D., El Paso County Justice Services
Carly Hoff, City of Colorado Springs
George Reed, Ph.D., University of Colorado Colorado Springs School of Public Affairs

Committee Highlights

1. The Committee met February 23 and May 12.
2. The Second Regular Session of the 73rd General Assembly officially wrapped up last Wednesday, May 11th, after a marathon 120-day session. The Senate adjourned at 10:54 p.m., while the House gavelled out at 11:37 p.m.

In total, 657 bills were introduced by lawmakers during this session. For reference, El Paso County's weekly report included 345 of the 657 bills introduced, which is just over half (52.5%). The Board of County Commissioners took an official position on 27 bills (11 bills supported and 16 bills opposed).

The CJCC's bill report tracked a total of 49 bills this session that were deemed relevant to the CJCC's current Action Plan objectives, 26 of which are still active (first tab in the sheet). Five bills were postponed indefinitely and 18 have been signed by or sent to Governor Polis. Weekly bill reports were distributed to an elective email list each Monday during the legislative session, tracking bills of interest to the CJCC based on Action Plan objectives and topics. These bill reports can be reviewed on the CJCC Microsoft Team. Please reach out to Dr. Alexis Harper if you would like to opt into receiving the weekly bill report via email for next legislative session or if you need access to the Microsoft Team to review the bill reports: alexisharper@elpasoco.com

3. The Committee intends to host a 2022 Legislative Session Wrap-Up Review call on July 14th. Please let Dr. Alexis Harper know if you or any of your staff are interested in attending to provide feedback and gain insight on the potential impacts and plans for meeting new mandates passed during this legislative session.
4. A few bills that have been passed and/or signed by Governor Polis to become new laws which may have significant impact on or be of interest to CJCC partners include:
 - a. [HB22-1063](#) - Jail Standards Commission:

The bill creates the Colorado jail standards commission (commission) in the department of public safety. The commission creates standards for the operation of Colorado's county jails (jails) and updates the standards as necessary. The bill outlines the commission's membership. The commission shall develop standards for

all aspects of jail operations as follows:

- Reception and release
- Classification of inmates
- Security
- Housing
- Sanitation and environmental conditions
- Communication
- Visitation
- Health care, mental and behavioral health care, and dental care
- Food service
- Recreation and programming
- Inmate disciplinary processes
- Restrictive housing
- Inmate grievances
- Staffing
- Inmates' prerogatives

The commission shall establish standards regarding oversight of the standards; compliance with the standards, including a requirement for a biennial compliance inspection of each jail; a complaint process and investigation process; and possible sanctions for noncompliance with or violations of the standards. The department of public safety shall promulgate rules adopting the standards and possible sanctions. The department of public safety shall provide oversight of the implementation of the standards. The commission shall evaluate the effectiveness of the standards after implementation and make any needed changes to the standards. The bill sunsets the commission on September 1, 2029.

b. [HB22-1067](#) – Clarifying Changes to Ensure Prompt Bond Hearings

Under current law, when a defendant is detained in jail on a municipal hold, the defendant must receive a hearing before the municipal court within 2 calendar days, excluding Sundays and federal holidays. The bill requires the hearing to be held within 48 hours after the defendant arrives at the jail. The bill makes clarifying changes to the district attorney assistance for bond hearings grant program and repeals the district attorney assistance for bond hearings cash fund.

c. [HB22-1278](#) – Behavioral Health Administration

The bill creates the behavioral health administration (BHA) in the department of human services (department) to create a coordinated, cohesive, and effective behavioral health system in the state. The BHA will handle most of the behavioral health programs that were previously handled by the office of behavioral health in the department. The bill establishes a commissioner as the head of the BHA and authorizes the commissioner and state board of human services to adopt and amend rules that previously were promulgated by the executive director of the department. By July 1, 2024, the bill requires the BHA to establish:

- A statewide behavioral health grievance system
- A behavioral health performance monitoring system
- A comprehensive behavioral health safety net system
- Regionally-based behavioral health administrative service organizations
- The BHA as the licensing authority for all behavioral health entities
- The BHA advisory council to provide feedback to the BHA on the behavioral

health system in the state.

The bill transfers to the department of public health and environment responsibility for community prevention and early intervention programs previously administered by the department. The bill makes extensive conforming amendments.

d. [HB22-1326](#) – Fentanyl Accountability and Prevention

The bill makes the unlawful possession of any material, compound, mixture, or preparation that weighs more than 4 grams and contains any amount of fentanyl, carfentanyl, or an analog thereof a level 4 drug felony.

The bill creates an exemption to the unlawful possession of a controlled substance offense for employees, agents, or volunteers of certain agencies who are in possession of the controlled substance, including fentanyl, carfentanyl, or an analog thereof, for the purpose of safe disposal of the controlled substance.

The bill makes the unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing, or sale of a material, compound, mixture, or preparation containing fentanyl, carfentanyl, or an analog thereof:

- A level 1 drug felony if it weighs more than 50 grams;
- A level 2 drug felony if it weighs more than 4 grams, but not more than 50 grams; and
- A level 3 drug felony if it weighs not more than 4 grams.

The bill makes it a level 1 drug felony if the defendant unlawfully distributed, manufactured, dispensed, or sold a material, compound, mixture, or preparation containing fentanyl, carfentanyl, or an analog thereof, and a person died as a proximate cause of using or consuming it.

The bill makes a defendant a special offender, making them subject to a level 1 drug felony, if:

- The defendant introduced or imported into Colorado any material, compound, mixture, or preparation that weighs more than 4 grams and contains fentanyl or carfentanyl; or
- The defendant unlawfully distributed, manufactured, dispensed, or sold a material, compound, mixture, or preparation containing fentanyl or carfentanyl, and the defendant possessed pill or tablet manufacturing equipment with the intent to use the equipment in the manufacture of a controlled substance.

For certain offenses, the bill requires a court to order placement in a residential treatment facility for treatment of an addiction that includes fentanyl, carfentanyl, or an analog thereof as a condition of probation if recommended pursuant to a substance abuse assessment. Furthermore, for certain offenses, a court is required to order a fentanyl education class, which is developed by the office of behavioral health.

The bill expands the list of eligible entities that are eligible for standing orders to receive opiate antagonists.

The bill creates immunity from civil liability for certain persons who or entities that act in good faith to furnish a non-laboratory synthetic opiate detection test to another person.

The bill requires a jail, upon release, to provide opiate antagonists and prescribe medication for an opiate use disorder to certain persons.

The bill requires community corrections programs to assess individuals residing in the programs for substance use withdrawal symptoms and develop protocols for medical detoxification monitoring, medication-assisted treatment, and other

appropriate withdrawal management care.

The bill permits the correctional treatment board to direct money in the correctional treatment cash fund for drug overdose prevention, opiate antagonists, and non-laboratory synthetic opiate detection tests.

The bill permits a school district board of education, the charter school institute, or governing board of a nonpublic school to adopt and implement a policy to permit a school to acquire and maintain non-laboratory synthetic opiate detection tests and furnish them on school grounds.

For the 2022-23 fiscal year, the bill requires the appropriation of \$20 million from the behavioral and mental health cash fund to the opiate antagonist bulk purchase fund.

For the 2022-23 fiscal year, the bill requires the appropriation of \$300,000 to the department of public health and environment for the purchase and distribution of non-laboratory synthetic opiate detection tests to eligible entities.

The bill requires the department of public health and environment to develop and implement a statewide fentanyl prevention and education campaign.

The bill expands the types of entities that are eligible for a harm reduction grant and the permissible uses of the grant funds. For the 2022-23 fiscal year, the bill requires the appropriation of \$6 million from the behavioral and mental health cash fund to the harm reduction grant program cash fund.

The bill requires a jail that receives funding through the jail-based behavioral health services program to develop protocols for medication-assisted treatment and withdrawal management care and develop and implement a policy that describes the provision of medication-assisted treatment to individuals upon release. For the 2022-23 fiscal year, the bill requires the appropriation of \$3 million from the behavioral and mental health cash fund for these purposes.

The bill requires each managed service organization to evaluate current supply and necessary demand within its region for certain harm reduction and treatment services and report their findings to the general assembly.

The bill requires the legislative services agencies of the general assembly to perform a post-enactment review of certain criminal provisions 3 years following the act becoming law.

- e. [SB22-010](#) - Pretrial Diversion For Persons With Behavioral Health Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems. The bill expands the existing pretrial diversion program to include diversion programs that are intended to identify eligible individuals with behavioral health disorders and divert such individuals out of the criminal justice system and into community treatment programs. This expansion replaces the alternative pilot programs to divert individuals with mental health conditions that are currently set to repeal July 1, 2022.

PRETRIAL SERVICES COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

May 24, 2022 Report

Committee Members

William Bain, 4th Judicial District Courts (Chair)
Stephanie Blackburn, 4th Judicial District Court Operations
Pete Carey, El Paso County Justice Services
Jonathan Caudill, Ph.D., Citizen
Shannon Gerhart, 4th Judicial District Courts
Katherine Livornese, 4th Judicial District Courts
Steven Klaffky, El Paso County Attorney's Office
Dawn Montoya, El Paso County Pretrial Services
Deborah Pearson, 4th Judicial District Courts
Bud Perry, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Rosalie Roy, 4th Judicial District Public Defender's Office
Andy Vaughn, 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office
Jennifer Viehman, 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office
Holly Williams, Board of El Paso County Commissioners

Committee Highlights

1. The Correctional Treatment Board application for FY23 was denied. There has been little interest from defendants to utilize the current substance use disorder program providing free counseling and transportation. Defendants may not have participated as expected due to lack of recognition of a substance use disorder and that the pandemic lock down also affected the ability of defendants to take advantage of the program.
2. The summer criminal justice intern will be asked to create a literature review related to referral options for defendants with substance used disorder and domestic violence.
3. The Community Advisory Board discussed warrant forgiveness programs designed to clear out active warrants on low level cases and that the city has had a successful program operating at the Springs Rescue Mission. Commander Prehm shared with the Board that on May4, 2022 there were 27,000 misdemeanor warrants and 11,400 felony warrants.
4. The Community Advisory Board has an opening for a citizen volunteer. If you have an interest in serving or know of a citizen that may have interest, please have them contact Christine Burns at 719-520-6996.
5. The next Community Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for noon on August 3, 2022.

TRANSITION TO WORKFORCE COMMITTEE

May 24, 2022 Report

Committee Members

Christine Richard, Colorado Department of Corrections, Division of Adult Parole (Co-Chair)
Maurice Motley, Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) – Colorado Springs (Co-Chair)
Charity Bellerdine, CMHIP In-Reach
Matthew Blanski, Colorado Department of Corrections, Division of Adult Parole
Becky Boerjan, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Julia Brownfield, Springs Recovery Connection
Kristina Carroll, Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) – Colorado Springs
Damon DiFabio, Colorado Homebuilding Academy
Cliff Hunter, Project Diakonia
Lee Jones, Springs Rescue Mission
Denise Krug, Goodwill of Colorado
Don Mainard, Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center
Juaquin Mobley, CommunityWorks
Kassidy Norvill, Pikes Peak Workforce Center
Eric Rhone, Colorado Springs Municipal Probation
Ivett Ruiz, Division of Youth Services
Kurt Runge, 4th Judicial District Probation
Gene Shvedov, ParadigmONE

Committee Highlights

1. The Committee met on March 28 and is expected to meet on May 23.
2. A Microsoft Team has been created for committee members to better share metrics and data on serving justice involved clients. Numbers reflecting quarter 1 metrics for many of the committee's partner agencies include:
 - a. Pathway Grant: 57 Enrolled
 - b. City Municipal Court: Q1 caseload of 1290; 361 new probationers
 - c. Goodwill: 30 Enrolled; receiving career exploration and job readiness services
3. Yvette Ruiz and Christine Richard met with a few of the case managers from the DHS Adolescent Services. The meeting went well and the CHAFEE program was explained as a program that was created following the passage of the Foster Care Independence Act (FCIA) of 1999 (Public Law 106-169). The program provides assistance to help youth currently and formerly in foster care successfully transition to adulthood by providing grants to States and eligible Tribes that submit an approvable plan. Activities and programs allowable under the Chafee program include help with education, employment financial management, housing, emotional support, and assured connections to caring adults for older youth in foster care. The John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (Chafee program, formerly the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program). Next steps are to bring Eric Rhone with Probation that would also like to work on this agenda item that we identified as being of importance for us to tackle and continue to promote at risk youth.

4. The Committee is hosting a Second Chance Job and Employment Resources Fair on June 8th at the Regional Development Building. The intent of the event is to connect citizens who have been justice-involved with resources for improving employment potential, including meeting with local agencies and organizations who provide employment readiness services and employers who provide second chance hiring opportunities. Participants can meet with second chance employers who have labor shortage needs to an untapped pool of talent, where on-the-spot can be conducted in hopes of making job offers. The planning workgroup for the event is currently in the phase of recruiting service providers and employers for the event, growing attendee awareness, and planning the finer details to host a successful event. Please let the Committee know if your organization is interested in participating. A flyer for the event is attached.
5. The Committee typically meets to the 4th Monday of each month, with the next meeting scheduled for June 27.

*Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC),
Transition to Workforce Committee Presents:*

Fair Chance Hiring & Resource Event



June 8, 2022

1:00PM-4:00PM

**Pikes Peak Regional
Building Department**

**2880 International Circle
Colo. Springs, CO 80910
2nd Floor Conference rm.**

***Free Event - No Registration
Required***

We invite any individual impacted by the justice system to our Colorado Springs Fair Chance Hiring and Resource event. Second Chance Employers will be conducting on-the-spot interviews so come prepared with a resume & dressed for success!

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**Center for
Employment
Opportunities**



If you have any questions regarding the event please contact Maurice Motley at mmotley@ceoworks.org

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE

May 24, 2022 Report

Committee Members

Michael J. Allen, 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office
William Bain, Recovery Court 4th Judicial District
Mary Ellen Benson, Diversus Health
Katie Blickenderfer, Diversus Health
Jack Briggs, Springs Rescue Mission
Eric Stein Bronsky, M.D., Colorado Springs Fire Department; Centura Health
Pete Carey, El Paso County Justice Services
Cari Davis, Colorado Springs Health Foundation
Bill Elder, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Todd Evans, City of Fountain
Lari Hanenberg, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Trudy Hodges, Springs Recovery Connection
Andrea Kedley, Colorado Community Health Alliance
Deb Mahan, Gazette Charities, Anschutz Foundation
Mark Mayes, UC Health; Memorial North Hospital
Jayme McConnelllogge, Colorado Springs Fire Department Regional EMS
Chad Miller, 4th Judicial Criminal Courts
Doug Muir, Centura Health, Penrose Hospital
Rob Nartker, Peak Vista Community Health Centers
Steve Posey, City of Colorado Springs Community Outreach
Amber Ptak, Colorado Health Partnership
Joe Roybal, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Heather Steinmann, Pikes Peak United Way
Adrian Vasquez, Colorado Springs Police Department
Mark Wester, Comcor
Susan Wheelan, El Paso County Public Health
Amy Yutzy, Colorado Community Health Alliance

Behavioral Health Workgroup Chairs and Supporting Partners

Christine Burns, El Paso County Justice Services (Diversion - Chair)
Carey Boelter, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (Diversion)
Teri Frank, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (Diversion)
PJ Higgins, Community Health Partnership/
Coalition for Prevention Education, Addiction and Recovery (Treatment)
Beth Roalstad, Homeward Pikes Peak/
Coalition for Prevention Education, Addiction and Recovery (Treatment)
Laura Ridenour, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (Reentry - Chair)
Steven Johnson, Colorado Springs Fire Department (Navigation - Chair)
Heather Graves, El Paso County Public Health (Prevention)
Fadi Youkhana, El Paso County Public Health (Data)
Stephanie Gangemi, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Alexis Harper, Ph.D., El Paso County Justice Services
Meghan Haynes, El Paso County Public Health

Committee Highlights

1. The Behavioral Health Steering Committee met March 15 and April 19
2. Updates from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Behavioral Health Connect (BHCON) team include:
 - a. BHCON is still looking for a clinician for our BHCON 4 Unit in Fountain.
 - b. The 5 year contract with the Office of Behavioral Health (PBH) for the Co-Responder Grant ends 06/30/22. OBH will continue to fund EPSO's BHCON unit and has awarded a FY23 grant starting 07/01/22 for \$390,000.
3. The Committee has approved PJ Higgins, Opioid Prevention Project Manager, Pikes Peak Community Health Partnership and Laura Ridenour, Detentions Behavioral Health Manager, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, as the new committee co-chairs. The CJCC will vote to approve these committee co-chairs during today's meeting agenda item #5B.
4. PJ Higgins provided the Committee a review of opioid settlement funding and recommendations from the Coalition for Prevention Education, Addiction and Recovery (CPAR) on the areas of interest and priority in spending these funds as well as how these efforts would align with this committee's Action Plan objectives. Mr. Higgins will review this information with the CJCC during today's meeting agenda item #5C.
5. Diversus Health partners Mary Ellen Benson and Katie Blickenderfer provided a review of Diversus Health Crisis Continuum. Highlighting the provider's facility and services, the presentation included a review of Diverus Health's Crisis Walk-In Center, Mobile Crisis Team, and Community Response Team, with insight into Crisis Evaluator assessments for high risk clients, as well as acute and outpatient treatment services.
6. Magistrate Vince Rahaman, 4th JD Probate Magistrate, provided information from the judicial and legal perspective around involuntary commitment. This discussion is part of a broader topic around the potential local use of Assisted Outpatient Treatment as a means for serving clients who are known to be historically voluntary treatment non-compliant. This discussion will continue when the committee reconvenes with members continuing to offer and discuss information on their local crisis-intervention services and how these efforts might qualify for coverage through Medicaid.
7. The Steering Committee elected to move Committee meetings from the second Tuesday of each month to the third Tuesday, with the next meeting scheduled for June 14.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Item: 2022 - 2024 CJCC Action Plan Progress Tracking Sheet

Agenda Date: May 24, 2022

Agenda Item Number: #4 – A

Presenter: Dr. Alexis Harper, El Paso County Justice Services

Information: X **Approval:**

The CJCC Strategic Planning Committee has coordinated the development of the attached 2022 - 2024 CJCC Action Plan Progress Tracking Sheet.

The Action Plan Progress Tracking Sheet displays the efforts of the CJCC since January 1, 2022 as we strive to enhance the criminal justice system in the Pikes Peak region. The tracking sheet displays the overall “Actions”, and specific tasks for each committee, along with the tasks or project managers, priority and status of the tasks, and any notes related to accomplishment of the tasks.

Dr. Harper will highlight high priority items and those that have seen progress since the last meeting.

Proposed Council Action

Information only

| Criminal Justice Coordinating Council 2022-2024 Action Plan | | | | | |
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| Strategic Planning Committee Actions | Tasks | Project Manager | Priority | Status | Notes |
| CJCC Materials Updates | Update bylaws | A. Harper | 2022 | In Progress Q1/Q2 2022 | Bylaws redrafted for review/approval by SPC, EPC County Attorney, CJCC, and EPC BoCC |
| | Redesign CJCC meeting materials and webpage | A. Harper | 2022 | Complete Q1 2022 | New information, such as grant tracking sheets added to CJCC webpage; Meeting materials reorganized to align with Action Plan |
| Inform and Train CJCC Partners | Host a "State of the CJCC" event | | | | |
| | CJCC members/experts inform and train partners | | | | |
| New Data Initiatives | Develop a CJ metrics data dashboard | A. Harper | 2022 | | |
| | Create a data dictionary standardizing definitions for partners | | | | |
| Financial Resources Committee Actions | Tasks | Project Manager | Priority | Status | Notes |
| Partner Funding Assistance | Partner/program funding assistance outreach | | | | |
| | Maintain grant tracking spreadsheet | Open on Teams | | Updated 05/22 | The CJCC Grant Tracking Sheet is available on the CJCC's Microsoft Team for members to update regularly |
| Grant Writing Training | Generate opportunities for students/interns to assist in the grant writing process | | | | Pretrial Services to host a Summer 2022 Intern to create a grant narrative for substance use disorder services. |
| | ID and promote access to grant writing training and collaborative grant opportunities | | | | |
| | Expand committee membership to support grant assistance to partners | | | | |
| Legislative Affairs Committee Actions | Tasks | Project Manager | Priority | Status | Notes |
| Organize Legislative Session Activities | Provide bill reports and regular updates on legislation and potential impacts | A. Harper | 2022 | On Going | Bill reports distributed weekly during legislative session; available in Microsoft Teams file share |
| | Host meetings/update calls during the legislative session to provide partners with a forum for discussion on active bills | | | | The LAC meets as needed to discuss bill progress and provides reports to the CJCC quarterly |
| Provide Legislative Session Preparation and Review | Explore opportunities to engage with local legislators | | | | |
| | Host two events a year on legislative outcomes and to prepare for upcoming legislative sessions | | | Upcoming 07/22 | 2022 Legislative Session Concluded May 11 - Session Wrap-Up Review call to be held mid-July |

| Pretrial Services Community Advisory Board Actions | Tasks | Project Manager | Priority | Status | Notes |
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| Enhance Resources and Referrals for Defendants | Develop referral options for defendants on sobriety monitoring | CJCC Intern | 2022 | | Reentry planning through the jail could provide service referral information that Pretrial Services could utilize for defendants |
| | Develop referral options for defendants with domestic violence charges | CJCC Intern | 2022 | | CJCC Intern will review best-practices for treatment options for defendants based on their needs and charges |
| Help Clarify the Pretrial Process | Establish a pretrial process guide for defendants | | | | |
| | Create a Pretrial Personal Responsibility Checklist for defendants | | | | |
| Highlight Pretrial Research | Hold research discussions to review data and evidence-based practices | | | | |
| | Utilize Judicial data to review pretrial impacts on later criminal justice system outcomes | | | | A. Harper presented on bond type distributions at ACJS 2022 National Conference to inform pretrial practices |
| | Review Pretrial Services recommendation and conditions matrix for continuous quality improvement | | 2022 | | Agenda item for review at Board's Q2 Meeting; Discussions around release options for those held in jail for extended periods due to behavioral health related concerns |
| Transition to Workforce Committee Actions | Tasks | Project Manager | Priority | Status | Notes |
| Technology Skills Development and Access | Provide web-based job availability for justice-involved individuals | | | | |
| | Explore ways to make employment referrals and track outcomes to improve matching applicants and employers | | | | |
| | Promote access to technology and training post-incarceration | | | | |
| Develop and Grow Partnerships with Second Chance Agencies | Prioritize opportunities around living-wage jobs | M. Motley & J. Mobley | 2022 | Upcoming 06/22 | Second Chance Hiring and Employment Resources Fair to be held June 8 at the Regional Development Building |
| | Raise awareness around employing people with behavioral health concerns | J. Mobley | 2022 | Presented Q1 2022 | CommunityWorks provided a presentation on Trauma-Informed Employment |
| Promote At-Risk Youth Services | Increase committee membership to include partners who work with at-risk youth | Committee | 2022 | Recruitment Q1 2022 | Staff from "The Place" in Co Spgs, helping homeless youth, join the Committee |
| | Explore employment readiness opportunities that assist at-risk/justice-involved youth | I. Ruiz & E. Rhone | | | Discussions about "in-reach" events/flyers for DYS facilities; Review PPWFC Young Adult program resources |
| Behavioral Health Steering Committee Actions | Tasks | Project Manager | Priority | Status | Notes |
| Expand and Enhance Diversion Resources and Programs | Collaborate to expand and enhance crisis response resources | | 2022 | Presented Q2 2022 | Diversus Health has updated partners on their crisis continuum procedures and services. Discussions continue around local opportunities to utilize Assisted Outpatient Treatment for historically non-compliant clients. |
| | ID opportunities to address the gap in community resources for crisis stabilization and treatment | | 2022 | | Committee members provide review of services so members are aware of region wide opportunities. |
| Improve Treatment Resources and Access to Care | Support BH and SUD Treatment and access to services for incarcerated populations | | | | |
| | Encourage implementation of opportunities that provide community-oriented services | | Q2 2022 | In progress | Committee is reviewing opportunities for utilizing Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT). |
| Formalize Reentry Supports | Develop innovative reentry planning and release processes to help ensure continuity of care for those leaving jail | L. Ridenour & S. Johnson | 2022 | On going | The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) as a collaborative between the jail and CSFD Community and Public Health programs is helping ID high risk/high need justice involved individuals and promote service navigation from the jail into the community. |
| Promote Community Navigation System | Foster the development of partnerships and information sharing agreements to connect incarcerated populations to local services upon discharge from jail | | 2022 | | Discussions around how reentry planning at the jail can be shared with Pretrial Services to help support defendants released on PR Bonds |
| | Enhance services navigation programs for justice-involved and at-risk populations | | | On going | TAP is an effort that contributes to jail to community navigation and support upon reentry. |
| Target Prevention Efforts | Support efforts among partners to ID and address suicide, addiction, and other trauma-related BH priorities among at-risk populations, particularly youth | | | Ongoing Q2/Q3 2022 | CJCC Intern is reviewing information related to this topic as a public safety initiative. |
| | Strengthen use of screening and assessment tools that expedite early intervention to prevent justice-involvement | | | | |
| Mobilize and Strengthen Data Analytics | ID common datasets/databases required to support health management and monitor BH outcomes | | | | |
| | Support data sharing agreements and IT connections | | | | |

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Item: Criminal Justice Metrics Report

Agenda Date: May 24, 2022

Agenda Item Number: #4 – B

Presenter: Dr. Alexis Harper, El Paso County Justice Services

Information: X **Approval:**

In the interest of providing CJCC members an overview of the status of the criminal justice system, regional criminal justice statistics and metrics are reported by quarter in the attached spreadsheet. These metrics include performance measures to gauge changes and progress in various areas of the CJCC and the committees' Action Plan items.

These metrics are updated quarterly to reflect the most current year of data available.

Criminal Justice Metrics Report – May 24, 2022

| CJCC Metrics | 2021 Q2 | 2021 Q3 | 2021 Q4 | 2022 Q1 |
|--|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Jail | | | | |
| Total Population | 5016 | 5379 | 4888 | 5125 |
| Average Daily Population at the CJC / % Pretrial | 1281/78% | 1357/79% | 1321/81% | 1341/80.4% |
| Felony Pretrial Detainees Released Average Length of Stay (Days) | 47 | 36 | 42 | 40 |
| Misdemeanor Pretrial Detainees Released Average Length of Stay (Days) | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Felony Sentenced Inmates Released Average Length of Stay (Days) | 83 | 97 | 85 | 85 |
| Misdemeanor Sentenced Inmates Released Average Length of Stay (Days) | 32 | 42 | 43 | 35 |
| Behavioral Health Connect (BHCON)* | | | | |
| 911 Calls/Referrals | 228/106 | 357/90 | 364/120 | 372/97 |
| Follow-Up Attempts/Successful Follow-Up Rate | 255/71% | 331/75% | 307/70% | 328/63% |
| % Calls Related to Check The Welfare & Suicide | 60% | 69% | 66% | 68% |
| % Treat in Place/Arrest (includes 911 Calls & Referrals) | 51%/1% | 55%/1% | 60%/<1% | 54%/<1% |
| Average Time to Arrive on Scene | 12 min | 14 min | 17 min | 14 min |
| Patrol Cars Released Back to Service | 176 | 237 | 207 | 256 |
| CSFD-CRT* | | | | |
| Total Incidents/Total Patients Treated | 648/270 | 755/258 | 827/234 | 674/182 |
| % Calls Related to Check The Welfare & Suicide | 74% | 83% | 85% | 92% |
| % Treat in Place | 58% | 71% | 72% | 60% |
| CSPD/CSFD Units Released Back to Service | 290 | 420 | 480 | 460 |
| Pretrial Services | | | | |
| PR Bonds Granted (at advisement and through other court action) | 2631 | 3179 | 2957 | 2061 |
| Bonds Recommended (from advisement docket) | 145 | 147 | 205 | 833 |
| Average Daily Supervised PR Bond Population | 1281 | 1191 | 1307 | 1346 |
| Non-Compliance Rate Public Safety/Appearance (Supervised) | 7% | 8% | 8% | 9.6% |
| FTA Rate (Supervised) | 6% | 7% | 7% | 8% |
| New Charges Rate (Supervised) | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1.6% |
| Cases Interviewed Involving Domestic Violence | 79% | 87% | 64% | 41% |
| Community Corrections | | | | |
| Successful Completions/Rate (Residential) | 52/30% | 45/43% | 61/52% | 68/48.6% |
| Board Screened Referrals/Acceptance Rate into Programs | 252/56% | 282/46% | 253/49% | 256/44.1% |
| Average Length of Time Clients Serve in Residential Programs (Days) | 138 | 164 | 184 | 158.5 |
| Full-Time Employment Rate upon Release | 43% | 46% | 43% | 52.1% |
| Entered Community Corrections with Full-Time Employment | 0.08% | 0.07% | 0.07% | 0.12% |
| Increase in Full-Time Employment Since Intake | 42.92% | 45.93% | 42.93% | 52.01% |

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Item: CJCC Bylaws Redraft Approval

Agenda Date: May 24, 2022

Agenda Item Number: #5 – A (15 minutes)

Presenters: Dr. Alexis Harper, El Paso County Justice Services

Information: **Endorsement:** X

The Strategic Planning Committee have worked to redraft the CJCC Bylaws to clarify various CJCC operations as they pertain to Council and Committee membership, appointment, and participation.

The redrafted Bylaws have been reviewed by the County Attorney's Office, were distributed to CJCC members in meeting materials in advance of this meeting, and are attached below with suggested changes tracked in red. These amendments should be considered by the Council, and further amended/approved by a majority vote to be submitted to the El Paso County Board of Commissioners for approval by a majority vote, per the current Bylaws Article VII on Amendments.

Recommended Motion:

Move to endorse the amendments to the CJCC Bylaws be submitted to the BoCC for majority vote for approval.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE PIKES PEAK REGION

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1 Name

This Council shall be known as the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of the Pikes Peak Region (CJCC or Council).

Section 2 Authorization

The CJCC of the Pikes Peak Region (Council) is created by authorization of the El Paso Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) pursuant to Resolution No. 83-372, Gen. 81, adopted December 12, 1983. The Council shall have all of the rights, duties, obligations and protections afforded by operation under the authority of El Paso County. The Council shall follow the directives and policies of El Paso County.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1 Purpose

The purpose of the Council shall be to review criminal justice matters in the Pikes Peak region and to make recommendations to the El Paso County Board of Commissioners and criminal justice agencies concerning criminal justice system issues.

Section 2 Objectives

- A. Provide a forum for interagency coordination on criminal justice matters.
- B. Research, analyze, evaluate, and develop innovative planning recommendations regarding criminal justice matters.
- C. Oversee the collection of criminal justice data for use by the Council, agencies, and departments.
- D. Analyze past and current El Paso County Criminal Justice Center {OC} populations and develop recommendations to address capacity issues at the OC.
- E. Identify gaps and deficiencies in the criminal justice system and make recommendations to address service gaps.
- F. Make recommendations that will help control the costs of managing offenders.
- G. Evaluate and recommend crime prevention and early intervention programs that will help reduce recidivism.
- H. Increase community understanding and support for the criminal justice system.
- I. Seek grants that will support the enhancement of the criminal justice system.
- J. Support a holistic community approach to criminal justice by involving law enforcement, judicial services, behavior health, housing, employment, and other social services to address criminal justice needs.
- K. Make recommendations on proposed legislation that will impact the criminal justice system in our region.

* Judicial Officers will withdraw from participation on individual issues/projects as appropriate under the Colorado Code of Judicial Conduct.

ARTICLE III — COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 **Members**

The CJCC will consist of the following council members or their designees:

Board of County Commissioners / Liaison Commissioner
Teller County Board of Commissioners Representative
Chief Judge, 4th Judicial District
District Attorney, 4th Judicial District
Deputy State Public Defender, 4th Judicial District
Chief Probation Officer, 4th Judicial District
County Administrator, El Paso County
~~County Attorney, El Paso County~~
Sheriff, El Paso County
Executive Director, El Paso County Department of Human Services
Executive Director, El Paso County Community Justice Services Department
Executive Director, El Paso County Public Health Department
Chair, El Paso County Community Corrections Board
Chair, El Paso County Pretrial Services Committee
Mayor, City of Colorado Springs
Chief Municipal Judge, City of Colorado Springs
Parole Manager, Colorado Springs
Chief of Police, Colorado Springs Police Department
Chief of Police, City/Town Representative
Chief Executive Officer, Community Health Partnership
President and Chief Executive Officer, Discover Goodwill
President and Chief Executive Officer, ~~AspenPointe~~ Diversus Health
Executive Director, Pikes Peak Workforce Center
President and Chief Executive Officer, Springs Rescue Mission
Dean, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Citizen At Large

Section 2 **Appointment and Selection of Council Members**

Council members shall be appointed by the El Paso Board of County Commissioners for a three-year term and are eligible for reappointment. No citizen member shall serve more than two successive full terms on the CJCC.

Section 3 Council Member Attendance Expectations

Council members are encouraged to attend all regularly scheduled CJCC meetings each year and shall attend at least two of the four quarterly meetings held annually and will provide a representative from their organization or agency to attend all meetings they are unable to attend themselves.

3.1 Council members shall notify, in writing, the CJCC Chairperson and the Justice Services supporting staff, when they are unable to attend any regularly scheduled CJCC meetings, request to be excused prior to the meeting, providing the name and email of the representative that will attend in their stead.

3.2 A Council member's failure to notify as provided for above shall constitute and unexcused absence.

3.3 The CJCC Chairperson has the discretion and authority to petition the Council for removal of the member and new appointment if warranted due to excessive unexcused absences or lack of effective participation.

Section 4 Vacancies

If a seat on the Council becomes vacant for any reason, the vacancy may be filled by the individual replacing the former member's community role/position. Alternatively, Council members can vote to endorse the approval of a new community member to the board or to fill a vacancy of a non-participating member, which then must be approved by the El Paso County Board of Commissioners as outlined under Article III Section 2.

ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

Section 1 Designation and Structure

Committees shall be established and dissolved by the Council as needed. Members of a committee do not need to be a member of the Council.

Section 2 Appointment and Selection of Committee Members

Committee members can be appointed by Council members or CJCC partners by providing a written request to the Committee Chairperson(s) outlining how the new Committee member will contribute to Committee objectives. Existing Committee members will then vote to approve the new member.

Section 3 Committee Member Attendance Expectations

Committee members are encouraged to attend all regularly scheduled Committee meetings each year and shall attend at least 50% of Committee meetings annually and will provide a representative from their organization or agency to attend all meetings they are unable to attend themselves.

3.1 Committee members shall notify, in writing, the Committee Chairperson and the Justice Services supporting staff, when they are unable to attend any regularly scheduled Committee meetings, request to be excused prior to the meeting, providing the name and email of the representative that will attend in their stead.

3.2 A Committee member's failure to notify as provided for above shall constitute and unexcused absence.

3.3 The Committee Chairperson has the discretion and authority to petition the Committee for removal of the member and new appointment if warranted due to excessive unexcused absences or lack of effective participation.

Section 4 Committee Chairperson(s) Vacancies

If a Chairperson position for a Committee becomes vacant, Committee members may volunteer to fill the position with approval from a majority of the remaining Committee members and then through a vote by the Council to approve the new Committee Chairperson(s).

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1 Election

The Officers shall consist of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Second Vice-Chair Person. The Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons shall be elected by a vote of the Council members at the first meeting of each year of the Council.

Section 2 Duties

The Chairperson shall conduct the meetings in accordance with the normal duties of a Chairperson and shall exercise the normal functions of a Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall conduct meetings in the absence of the Chairperson and shall exercise the normal functions of the Chairperson. In the absence of the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, the second Vice-Chairperson shall perform the above function.

Section 3 Committee Officers

The Council shall vote to approve Chair and Co-Chairpersons for each of the CJCC Committees as outlined in Article IV Section 4. Chairpersons can serve throughout the Action Plan during which they are approved, with opportunities to be reapproved for additional terms during future Action Plans if they are invested in future Action Plan objectives for their respective committee.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1 Council Meetings

Meetings of the Council shall be conducted quarterly (four times per year). The place, time, and agenda shall be set by the Chairperson. A quorum will be at least ~~thirteen~~ a simple majority of the active voting members at a respective meeting, to allow for quorum to be met when membership is reduced due to vacant seats. Members may participate telephonically at meetings. All Council meetings are subject to, and shall comply with, the Colorado OpenMeetings laws.

Section 2 Committee Meetings

Each Committee shall determine and schedule the number of meetings it will hold each year. Meetings of Committees will be called by their respective chairs or their appointed representative(s). Committees shall record meeting notes and committee proceedings and report to the Council during each quarterly meeting.

Section ~~32~~ Special Meetings

The Chairperson or a majority of the Council members may call a special meeting outside the Council's regular meeting schedule provided that five days' notice is provided to all Council members. All special meetings are subject to, and shall comply with, the Colorado Open Meeting laws.

Section ~~34~~ Agendas

The Chairperson will coordinate the development of meeting agenda and associated materials. The meeting packet will be distributed to members at least three (3) days prior to the respective meeting.

Section ~~45~~ Staff Support

Staff support shall be provided by the El Paso County Community Justice Services Department and will include preparing and distributing the agenda packets, preparing meeting minutes, and preparing requested reports for the Council. Council materials shall be kept by Justice Services Staff.

Section 56 Voting

Parliamentary procedures will not be required as a normal practice of decision making. Respectful dialogue and consensus decision-making are the preferred method for conducting Council business. In the event a decision cannot be achieved through consensus or when a recommendation is being made to the Board of County Commissioners, the Chairperson will bring the matter to a vote. If applicable, the appointed committee member or his/ her designee may vote for the respective agency.

Section 7 Legal

The El Paso County Attorney or County Attorney's Office representative will act as counsel to the extent that they will review any CJCC documents for conflict of interest and other legal concerns before the documents are submitted for any official approval or public consumption.

~~ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES~~

~~Committees shall be appointed by the Chairperson as needed. Members of a committee do not need to be a member of the Council. The following committees have been established:~~

- ~~1. Pretrial Services Community Advisory Board~~
- ~~2. Strategic Planning Committee~~
- ~~3. Behavioral Health Committee~~
- ~~4. Financial Resources Committee~~
- ~~5. Transition to Workforce Committee~~

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Amendments

The CJCC bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

Adopted: 1983

Amended: September 1987; May 1989; June 1993; December 1996; December 1997; February 1998; February 2000; July 2000; March 2006; June, 2017; January, 2019; 1

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Item: Behavioral Health Steering Committee Co-Chair Confirmation

Agenda Date: May 24, 2022

Agenda Item Number: #5 – B (5 minutes)

Presenters: Dr. Alexis Harper, El Paso County Justice Services

Information: **Endorsement: X**

With the restructuring of the CJCC's Behavioral Health Committee into the Behavioral Health Steering Committee in 2021 as a result of recommendations from the 2020 Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Gaps and Needs Analysis to address specific priority areas, new leadership has grown from these changes.

PJ Higgins, Opioid Prevention Project Manager, Pikes Peak Community Health Partnership and Laura Ridenour, Detentions Behavioral Health Manager, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, have volunteered to co-chair the BHSC. This partnership will be very beneficial to the Committee as it brings together leadership from a local criminal justice agency within the jail as well as a local service provider, to really promote systems wide recognition of needs for citizens.

Recommended Motion:

Move to approve the suggested CJCC Behavioral Health Steering Committee members as the appointed co-chairpersons of the respective committee.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Item: CPAR Updates

Agenda Date: May 24, 2022

Agenda Item Number: #5 – C (20 minutes)

Presenters: PJ Higgins, Pikes Peak Community Health Partnership

Information: X **Endorsement:**

PJ Higgins is the Opioid Prevention Project Manager for the Community Health Partnership. PJ organizes the Coalition for Prevention, Addiction Education, and Recovery (CPAR). CPAR was established in 2016 as a network of stakeholders whose mission is to build a sustainable community of partnerships committed to preventing and reducing substance misuse by promoting a culture of wellness through education, prevention, treatment, and recovery support.

For more than a year, CPAR has been tracking the progress of the Colorado Attorney General's participation in a lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and thinking about how dollars related to the settlement of that lawsuit could be used to improve the community's response to SUD. PJ will provide an overview of where the settlement process currently stands, CPAR's work to identify gaps and needs that settlement dollars could address, and outline wider community efforts to build SUD response capacity. The presentation is attached.



PJ Higgins, *Opioid Prevention Project Manager, Coalition for Prevention, Addiction Education, and Recovery (CPAR)*

CJCC May Meeting

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Who is CPAR?

CPAR was established in 2016 as a network of stakeholders whose mission is to build a collective impact infrastructure in order to improve the community's response to substance use disorder (SUD) by building capacity for our partner organizations and the community as a whole.

CPAR has nearly sixty members representing more than 30 community organizations representing the full continuum of care:

- Judicial System Stakeholders
- Harm Reduction Organizations
- Treatment Providers
- Recovery Service Organizations
- Wrap-Around Service Organizations



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Establishing Community Priorities

CPAR's Co-Occurring Disorders Work Group

- Goal of de-siloing mental health and SUD treatment
 - Needed to establish current landscape
 - Commissioned systems mapping study
 - Identified set of recommendations

Alignment with Settlement Funding

- Compiled recommendations from previous community work, including CJC/HMA report
- Sorted recommendations into approved use categories
- Working to communicate recommendations to community, especially decision makers

Longer Term Community Organizing

- Establishment of community-wide behavioral health backbone organization
 - Develop community infrastructure for strategic decision making
 - Beginning process to build membership and define scope of work



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Opioid Settlement Funding in Colorado

• **Colorado set to receive \$385M over 18 years**

- State divided into 19 regions:
- El Paso paired with Teller in region 16

• **Funds divided along four pathways:**

- 60% going to regions
- 20% going to local governments
- 10% to state government
- 10% infrastructure

• **Proposed Regional Governance Council Structure**

• **Voting Group:**

- El Paso County Commissioners (two); Sheriff; Coroner;
- Teller County Commissioner (one); Sheriff;
- Fourth Judicial District Attorney;
- Colorado Springs Mayoral Appointees (two); Council Appointees (two);
- Two EPC small municipality representatives serving rotating two-year terms;
- One Teller County small municipality representative serving rotating two-year terms.

• **Advisory Group:**

- Both Counties' Public Health and DHS Directors;
- Any municipality without a representative on the voting group at the time;
- Voting Group appointees, including: Behavioral health providers;
- Treatment experts;
- Community representatives (preferably with lived experience);
- Harm reduction experts.



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Current Settlement Specifics and Timeline

Amount

- Amount is still tentative; specifics should be provided within the next few weeks;
- Duration is 18 years, beginning mid-to-late 2022;
- Funding will be front-loaded with larger amounts toward the beginning with the last 10 years being much less

Near term logistics

- Specific funding amounts will be provided with 20% of that funding going directly to participating cities and counties;
- Cities and Counties will be given the opportunity to opt-out, meaning the 20% is redirected to the region;
- For those opting out, there will be an option to opt back in
- Largest obstacle to moving forward at this time is outlying communities signing on to proposed structure



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Thank you!

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