

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Tuesday, November 29, 2022 – 2 p.m.

Justice Services Offices – 17 N. Spruce St. Colorado Springs, CO 80905

1. **Welcome / Introductions** (Chair)
 - a. Welcome
 - b. New Member Introductions

2. **Approval of August 23, 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 (PJ Higgins)

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. Introduction of the “Metrics” tab
(Dr. Alexis Harper) – (3:10p.m. – 3:20p.m.)
 - B. Review of Bylaws changes and member attendance expectations
(Dr. Alexis Harper) – (3:20p.m. – 3:30p.m.)
 - C. CJCC Vote to Approve 2023 Quarterly Meeting Dates
(Dr. Alexis Harper) – (3:30p.m. – 3:40p.m.)
 - D. Other Discussion Items – (3:40p.m. – 4:00p.m.)

6. **Next Meeting**

TBD – Suggested February 28, 2023, pending CJCC approval

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Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Item Title: CJCC Member Update
Agenda Date: November 29, 2022
Agenda Item Number: #1 – A
Presenter: Commissioner Holly Williams, CJCC Chair
Information: X **Endorsement:**

The following changes have been made to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) membership since our August 2022 meeting:

1. The CJCC welcomes Billie Ratliff as the new representative serving on the El Paso County Community Corrections Board. A great thank you goes to Kirsten Swenson for her service as the former representative for the CCB.
2. PJ Higgins, Opioid Prevention Project Manager, will serve as the official representative for Community Health Partnership.
3. Katie Blickenderfer, Chief Clinical Officer, will serve as the official representative for Diversus Health

The CJCC and Committees' rosters are updated quarterly on the CJCC webpage, and through this link: [CJCC and Committees' Membership Rosters](#)

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Location: Pikes Peak Regional Development Building

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

Michael Allen	4 th Judicial District Attorney's Office
Mark Allison	Colorado Division of Adult Parole
Terry Anderson	Springs Rescue Mission
Katie Blickenderfer	Diversus Health
Russ Bogardus	Citizen
Pete Carey	El Paso County Justice Services
Chris Garvin	El Paso County Department of Human Services
PJ Higgins	Community Health Partnership
HayDen Kane	Colorado Springs Municipal Court
Chad Miller	4th Judicial District Court
Ryan Mills	Probation, 4th Judicial District
George Reed	UCCS School of Public Affairs
Rosalie Roy	Public Defender's Office
Erica Skolasinski	Goodwill of Colorado

3. Rose Roy moved to approve the May 24, 2022 meeting minutes. Chris Garvin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. The following committee chairs or representatives provided updates on committee activities:

Strategic Planning – Rosalie Roy
Financial Resources – Dr. Alexis Harper
Legislative Affairs – Brandon Wilson
Pretrial Services – Dr. Alexis Harper
Transition to Workforce – Dr. Alexis Harper
Behavioral Health – PJ Higgins

5. As a note during the Financial Resources Committee report, Commissioner Williams and Russ Bogardus both highlighted the importance of training for writing proposals. Mr. Bogardus really recommended using graphics in proposals to improve chances of being approved for funding.
6. During the Metrics report, Dr. Harper provided a general overview of the reevaluated jail metrics, after having met with EPSO IT staff at the beginning of Q3, a more accurate method of analyzing and reporting length of stay (LOS) was determined, and this analysis has been reproduced for all quarters featured in the metrics sheet.

7. Council members provided very valuable feedback during the discussion and vote on what day/time to schedule CJCC quarterly meetings dates. Considerations from BoCC and Court leaders suggested that with enough advanced notice they could attend meetings. Dr. George Reed made a motion to approve 2023 meetings occur Tuesdays from 3-5PM. PJ Higgins seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Harper appreciated feedback on needing as much advanced notice as possible for meetings, and while sending calendar invitations multiple quarters in advance often creates attendance tracking issues, Dr. Harper will send an email with all calendar dates for 2023 CJCC quarterly meetings once approved in Q4, so members can add places holders to their own calendars to help schedule appropriately in advance of meetings. Quarterly meeting invites will be distributed for the next quarter within a week following the current quarter's meeting.
8. During Katie Blickenderfer's report on Diversus Health's services, Russ Bogardus asked what the entry points are for service at Diversus Health. Ms. Blickenderfer noted that there are walk-in services for citizens or where first responders can triage citizens to for service, routing through 911 and 988, and mobile response offers medical clearance in the field to direct them to providers rather than having to go to the Emergency Department. She highlighted the need to utilize these services to help make sure appropriate response is delivered and that citizens are accessing and receiving the services that will most specifically address their behavioral health needs.
9. During Steven Johnson's CSFD Community and Public Health Presentation, Russ Bogardus asked about how these services specifically help families. Mr. Johnson noted that very frequently they help individuals who are in crisis who do not have familial support, and will try to incorporate families, when possible, to reconnect families. Katie Blickenderfer offered that many people who seek crisis services have been unsuccessful in other forms of treatment and their behavior has unfortunately burned bridges with what was their existing network. It's important to have access to resources such as NAMI that helps people learn how to address behavioral health concerns among family members. Pete Carey also asked Mr. Johnson about the consideration of a regional CRT network. Mr. Johnson responded that they typically respond only within their jurisdiction and there might be challenges to implementing protocols across jurisdictions.
10. The Meeting Adjourned at 3:51 pm

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

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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, Serenity 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 October 20.
2. Action Plan Updates for the Strategic Planning Committee:
 - Objective A, tasks 1 and 2 were completed during 2022. The CJCC webpage and bylaws have both been updated.
 - Many partners have provided educational presentations to the CJCC this year, helping accomplish objective 2B – thank you to CommunityWorks, Diversus Health, and CSFD.
 - Progress has been made toward accomplishing objective C1 through the new data initiative of creating a criminal justice metrics tab within the CJCC webpage (more info in item 3).
 - The committee will pursue accomplishing B1 to “Host a State of the CJCC event” during the summer of 2023, as this will be the midway point through the current Action Plan.
3. The Committee had a broad discussion around data and metrics sharing objectives and challenges. Dr. Harper relayed that concerns about the reliability and validity of data, as well as the difficulties with requesting and receiving data/metrics on a regular basis, are posing challenges to the development of a data dashboard that attempts to house all partner data in one table. A reasonable solution is to provide organized public access to yearly CJCC metrics sheets and links to partner data resource through the creation of a “Metrics” tab within the CJCC website. An introduction of the new Metrics tab will be provided during agenda item #5A.
4. Members discussed meeting days for 2023 quarterly CJCC meetings. Suggested dates will be voted on for approval during this meeting's agenda item #5C.
5. The next committee meeting will be held January 26, 2023.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Committee Members

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

Committee Highlights

1. The committee met on September 13 and November 8.
2. Committee members are available to support the goals and objectives of other CJCC Committees. Programs designed to meet desired systemic change should be developed (on paper) before seeking funding and crafting a grant application. The Financial Resources Committee members have different areas of expertise and can assist efforts in creating programming. These areas of expertise include front and back-end consulting, evaluation assistance, outcomes and outputs development, and more. When designing your programs, please consider asking a member to join your efforts.
3. Serenity Recovery Connection, formerly Springs Recovery Connection, has moved to the old Boy Scout building off Fillmore and has raised \$2.5 million in capital funding for their collaborative recovery center.
4. The 4th Judicial District Court has received several grants – congratulations!
 - a. Bureau of Justice Assistance – Adult Drug Court Award – 4yrs \$496,080 for a Problem-Solving Court Coordinator and evaluation services.
 - b. Office on Violence Against Women – CASA of the Pikes Peak Region with 4th Judicial District as a sub-grantee for its Domestic Violence Problem Solving Court. The total grant provides \$550,000 for 3-years and includes a Problem-Solving Court Coordinator and funds for assessment services.
 - c. Victims Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) grant – The 4th Judicial District Collections Team received an award of \$305,380 to provide staffing support to collection efforts that provide restitution for victims. One-year award from Jan 2023 – Dec 2023.
5. The 2022 Grant Tracking Spreadsheet is available on the CJCC Microsoft Team. Please update the spreadsheet as your agency applies for and is awarded or declined grants. The updated Grant Tracking Spreadsheet is attached. You may also click the following link: [CJCC 2022 Grant Tracking Spreadsheet](#). We are currently have \$12,103,424 in third-party funding support for criminal justice projects.
6. The committee discussed capital needs for new and upgraded court security equipment and will research funding sources.

7. Committee members elected to move to quarterly meetings to be held the last Tuesday of each month before the monthly CJCC meeting. Meetings in 2023 will be held virtually on the following dates: January 31, April 25, July 25, and October 31. The committee will call ad hoc meetings when needed.
8. 2022-2024 Action Plan Discussion: It was determined that the chair would reach out to UCCS to see if an individual in their Non-Profit Management program would be interested in supporting programming, evaluation, and grant writing efforts.
9. The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2023

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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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. El Paso County Elected Official Results

Numerous offices were up for election in El Paso County, including County Commissioner, Sheriff, Clerk & Recorder, Assessor, Coroner, Treasurer, and Surveyor.

Below are the candidates that were either elected or re-elected to each position.

- County Commissioner District 1 – Holly Williams (re-elected)
- County Commissioner District 5 – Cami Bremer (re-elected)
- Sheriff – Joe Royal (elected)
- Clerk & Recorder – Steve Schleiker (elected)
- Assessor – Mark Flutcher (elected)
- Coroner – Dr. Leon Kelly (re-elected)
- Treasurer – Chuck Broerman (elected)
- Surveyor – Richard Mariotti (re-elected)

2. Local Ballot Issue Results of Note

Measures that passed:

- Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority Ballot Issue 7A – Yes (79%)
- City of Colorado Springs Ballot Question 301 – Yes (53%)
 - Implementation hinged on passage of Ballot Question (300) ***See Below***
- Town of Palmer Lake Ballot Issue 2D – Yes (55%)
 - Regulate retail marijuana
- City of Fountain Ballot Issue 2B – Yes (55%)
 - Increase the city's existing property tax by 6.1 mills to be used exclusively for public safety

Measures that failed:

- City of Colorado Springs Ballot Question 300 – No (55%)
 - Allow retail/recreational marijuana establishments

3. Federal Offices

Incumbent Senator Michael Bennet (D) defeated Republican challenger Joe O’Dea to earn a third term in the US Senate.

Congressman Doug Lamborn (R) was re-elected to the House of Representatives, in the re-drawn 5th Congressional District, which now includes just El Paso County. He defeated Democrat David Torres and two minor party candidates.

4. Statewide Offices

Statewide offices remain in Democrat control, as all four incumbent candidates prevailed over their Republican challengers.

- Jared Polis (D)
- Secretary of State Jena Griswold (D)
- State Treasurer Dave Young (D)
- Attorney General Phil Weiser (D)

5. General Assembly

Before the election, Democrats held a 21-14 advantage in the state Senate. This majority was bolstered when Sen. Kevin Priola changed his party affiliation from Republican to Democrat in August. Republicans hoped they could flip the state Senate, or at a minimum bring the Democrat majority down to only one or two seats. That outcome did not materialize on election night and Democrats expanded their majority and now have a 23-12 advantage going into the 2023 General Assembly session.

In the House, there were numerous seats deemed competitive for Republicans, including House District 18. In the end, Democrats picked up five seats and extended their veto proof majority to 46-19. During the 2022 session, Democrats held a 41-24 advantage.

2023 General Assembly Leadership –

Senate Republicans:

- Minority Leader – Sen. Paul Lundeen (EPC)
- Assistant Minority Leader – Sen. Bob Gardner (EPC)
- Caucus Chair – Sen. Jim Smallwood
- Caucus Whip – Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer
- Joint Budget Committee – Sen. Bob Rankin

Senate Democrats:

- President – Sen. Steve Fenberg
- Majority Leader – Sen. Dominick Moreno
- President Pro Tem – Sen. James Coleman
- Assistant Majority Leader – Sen. Robert Rodriguez
- Caucus Chair – Sen. Janet Buckner
- Caucus Whip – Sen. Julie Gonzales
- Joint Budget Committee – Sen. Rachel Zenzinger & Sen. Jeff Bridges

House Republicans:

- Minority Leader – Rep. Mike Lynch
- Assistant Minority Leader – Rep-elect Rose Pugliese (EPC)
- Caucus Chair – Rep. Mary Bradfield (EPC)
- Caucus Whip – Rep. Richard Holtorf
- Joint Budget Committee – Rep. Rod Bockenfeld

House Democrats:

- Speaker of the House – Rep. Julie McCluskie
- House Majority Leader – Rep. Monica Duran
- Assistant Majority Leader – Rep. Jennifer Bacon
- Caucus Chairs – Rep. Mandy Lindsay & Rep. Brianna Titone
- Caucus Whips – Rep. Iman Jodeh & Rep. Andrew Boesenecker
- Joint Budget Committee – Rep. Shannon Bird & Rep. Emily Sirota

6. El Paso County State Senate Delegation Election Results

Three seats were up for election, with Senate District 35 added to the County's delegation during the redistricting process. Below are the candidates that were either elected or re-elected to each contested seat. New members are highlighted in yellow.

- SD9 – Paul Lundeen (R)
- SD11 – Tony Exum (D)
- SD 35 – Rod Pelton (R)

7. El Paso County State House Delegation Election Results

All House seats were up for election, with seven new members added to the County's delegation. Below are the candidates that were either elected or re-elected to each contested seat. New members are highlighted in yellow.

- HD14 – Rose Pugliese (R)
- HD15 – Scott Bottoms (R)
- HD16 – Stephanie Vigil (D)
- HD17 – Regina English (D)
- HD18 – Marc Snyder (D)
- HD20 – Don Wilson (R)
- HD21 – Mary Bradfield (R)
- HD22 – Kenneth DeGraaf (R)
- HD56 – Rod Bockenfeld (R)

8. Statewide Ballot Issues Results

Statewide, Voter-Initiated Ballot Initiatives that passed:

- Proposition 121 – State Income Tax Reduction from 4.55% to 4.40%
 - El Paso County voted Yes/For (73%)
- Proposition 122 – Access to Natural Medicine
 - El Paso County voted No/Against (55%)
- Proposition 123 – Dedicated State Income Tax Revenue for Affordable Housing Programs

- El Paso County voted No/Against (53.65%)
- Proposition 125 – Sale of Alcohol Beverages, facilitates sale of wine at grocery and convenience stores
 - El Paso County voted Yes/For (52.8%)

State-Wide Issues Referred by the State Legislature that passed:

- Amendment D – New 23rd Judicial District
 - El Paso County voted Yes/For (64.6%)
- Amendment E – Extend Homestead Exemption to Gold Star Spouses
 - El Paso County voted Yes/For (87.14%)
- Amendment FF – Health Meals for all Public-School Students
 - El Paso County voted Yes/For (50.48%)
- Amendment GG – Amount of Tax Owed for Initiatives, initiatives that change state income tax rates include a table that show average change for taxpayers based on income
 - El Paso County voted Yes/For (71.6%)

Measures that failed:

- Proposition 124 – Concerning Liquor Licenses, increase number of liquor stores one person or business can operate from 3 to 8, 13 in 2027, 20 in 2032, remove limit in 2037
 - El Paso County voted No/Against (63.59%)
- Proposition 126 – Third-Party Delivery of Alcohol Beverages
 - El Paso County voted No/Against (52.73%)
- Amendment F – Charitable Gaming Constitutional Amendment
 - El Paso County voted No/Against (62.98%)

9. What to Expect

The First Regular Session of the Seventy-fourth Colorado General Assembly will convene on Monday, January 9, 2023. With Democrats retaining all statewide elected offices, and increasing their numbers in both chambers, expect to see a session similar to those of the last few years. It remains to be seen what will be done in the criminal justice space during session, but the County will be keeping a close eye on rulemaking associated with the passage of Proposition 122 (Access to Natural Medicine).

Agendas for both parties will begin to come into focus over the next month or so and the El Paso County Government Affairs team, in coordination with the Sheriff's Office, will be keeping tabs on what's coming down the pike and will be sure to communicate any important updates to the group.

PRETRIAL SERVICES COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

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Committee Members

William Bain, 4th Judicial District Courts (Chair)
Pete Carey, El Paso County Justice Services
Jonathan Caudill, Ph.D., Citizen
Shannon Gerhart, 4th Judicial District Courts
Katherine Livornese, 4th Judicial District Courts
Dawn Montoya, El Paso County Pretrial Services
Derek Mower, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Deborah Pearson, 4th Judicial District Courts
Andrew Prehm, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Rosalie Roy, 4th Judicial District Public Defender's Office
Terry Sample, El Paso County Attorney'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 Committee met on November 2.
2. Pretrial Assessments presented to the Advisement Court, Public Defender, and District Attorney has increased from 38% of the advisement docket in January 2022 to 84% in September 2022. This is in large part to new protocols for more efficiently collecting and reporting the most important information and increased staff capacity.
3. Data show a decrease in the appearance rate. Stakeholders and the Board will research innovative opportunities to increase defendant appearance.
4. Arnold Ventures Public Safety Series published an article, "[Pretrial Detention, Pretrial Release, and Public Safety](#)." This data-rich study reveals that holding a person in jail for any amount of time before trial may undermine public safety.
5. Pretrial CAB Action Plan Updates:
 - A1. Pretrial Supervision staff provides those defendants on a Supervised PR Bond with the condition of sobriety monitoring with information on treatment options. Information is also provided to individuals when they complete intake at the testing location and is available on the website.
 - A2. Staff is seeking input from local domestic violence agencies to obtain input on how best to provide resources for those defendants with domestic violence charges.
 - Staff plan to continue to improve their current work on enhancing resources and referrals for defendants. For 2023 staff plan to concentrate efforts on Objective B action items to clarify the pretrial process. The two tasks are:
 1. Establishing a pretrial process guide for defendants
 2. Create a pretrial personal responsibility checklist
6. The next Community Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for noon on February 1, 2023

TRANSITION TO WORKFORCE COMMITTEE

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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)
Becky Boerjan, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Damon DiFabio, Colorado Homebuilding Academy
Liz Herod, Serenity Recovery Connection
Nikki Holliday, Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)
Cliff Hunter, Project Diakonia
Lee Jones, Springs Rescue Mission
Erica Skolasinski, Goodwill of Colorado
Juaquin Mobley, CommunityWorks
Kassidy Norvill, Pikes Peak Workforce Center
Eric Rhone, Colorado Springs Municipal Probation
Ivett Ruiz, Division of Youth Services
Jason Spurgeon, Colorado Department of Corrections, Division of Adult Parole
Tamara Valdez, 4th Judicial District Probation Office

Committee Highlights

1. The Committee met on October 24.
2. The Committee introduces Jason Spurgeon, who will act as the new committee co-chair and representative from the Colorado Department of Corrections, Division of Adult Parole. He is transitioning in as the new co-chair to take over for Christine Richard as she prepares for retirement from DOC in 2023.
3. As the committee continues to work toward achieving Action Plan objective C. "Promote at-risk youth services", the workgroup focusing on assisting young adults has shifted focus from juveniles specifically, to young adults ranging from 16-25 years old, as gaps in services particularly pertain to this age group. Project Diakonia will be a major resource for young adults in the foster care or juvenile justice systems, helping with transitioning into adulthood by providing various forms of support, including job training and housing assistance. <https://projectdiakonia.org/>
A list of agencies focusing on providing services to this population is being developed, please contact Eric Rhone with any suggestions for partner agencies - eric.rhone@coloradosprings.gov
4. In an effort to further progress on Action Plan objective B. "Develop and grow partnerships with second chance agencies" the committee will work to expand membership in 2023 and review opportunities around the Colorado Fair Chance Hiring Initiative.
5. The next committee meeting is December 5th.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE

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Committee Members

PJ Higgins, Community Health Partnership (Co-Chair)
Laura Ridenour, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (Co-Chair)
Michael J. Allen, 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office
William Bain, Recovery Court 4th Judicial District
Katie Blickenderfer, Diversus Health
Carey Boelter, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Jack Briggs, Springs Rescue Mission
Eric Stein Bronsky, M.D., Colorado Springs Fire Department; Centura Health
Pete Carey, El Paso County Justice Services
Ryan Cole, Psy.D., Achieve Whole Recovery
Cari Davis, Colorado Springs Health Foundation
Bill Elder, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Todd Evans, City of Fountain
Teri Frank, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Stephanie Gangemi, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Department of Social Work
Heather Graves, El Paso County Public Health
Lari Hanenberg, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Alexis Harper, Ph.D., El Paso County Justice Services
Trudy Hodges, Serenity Recovery Connection
Steven Johnson, Colorado Springs Fire Department, CARES
Andrea Kedley, Colorado Community Health Alliance
Deb Mahan, Gazette Charities, Anschutz Foundation
Mark Mayes, UC Health; Memorial North Hospital
Chad Miller, 4th Judicial Criminal Courts
Doug Muir, Centura Health, Penrose Hospital
Rob Nartker, Peak Vista Community Health Centers
Jay Norton, El Paso County Public Health
Steve Posey, City of Colorado Springs Community Outreach
Joe Roybal, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Adrian Vasquez, Colorado Springs Police Department
Mark Wester, Comcor

Committee Highlights

1. The Behavioral Health Steering Committee met September 13, October 11, and November 8.
2. El Paso County Sheriff's Office Behavioral Health Connect (BHCON) team updates:
 - BCN4 Unit started with Fountain PD in July making 4 total units for BHCON. An FPD & EPSO units cover 7 days a week. Number of calls the team responded to, follow ups attempted and number of cover cars released went up with the addition of the 4th unit in Fountain. Further, we see average time to call reduced because Fountain's jurisdiction is smaller allowing for the units to get to calls quicker.

- Fountain PD and EPSO amended their MOU to include that Fountain BCN units will respond county wide when available to further regionalize the team.
 - Case manager has resigned and the position will be open at the end of Oct. UHealth will post this position to find a replacement.
3. The BHSC provided an in-depth review of the function and scope of medication assisted treatment (MAT) for members in September from Achieve Whole Recovery. Statewide legislative changes are expected to significantly increase the prevalence of MAT, especially in CJ settings. The group received information about when MAT is used and its effectiveness, and the group discussed how to determine the total population of MAT patients locally.
 4. Following a careful review of existing programming, the BHSC has determined that the community needs to build more local infrastructure prior to moving towards a full-fledged AOT model. Given the level of cross-institution coordination required to manage a successful AOT model, the hope is to begin building more formalized cooperation between community partners and criminal justice system to establish the relationships that are key to successful implementation.
 5. BHSC committee members are in the process of establishing their priorities for the next year of work. In October, members participated in a facilitated conversation to review the BHSC's strategic priorities, identify the 2-3 priorities that were most important to them and their organization, and then narrowing the group's focus to commonly held priorities. The priorities that emerged for the group going into next year are:
 - a. Access to care
 - i. Defining what access means
 - ii. Improving workforce strength and quality
 - iii. Closing gap between eligibility and actual access
 - iv. Identify low-hanging fruit like Medicaid enrollment on release
 - b. Data sharing and standardization
 - i. Creation of standardized definitions
 - ii. Building towards comparability of data
 - iii. Potential to establish data work group
 - c. Streamlining screening and assessment tools
 - i. Improve transfers between system node by increasing understanding of assessments used, areas of overlap, identify gaps
 - ii. Which orgs share assessments, which do not
 6. Group members are beginning the process of planning to take action on these priorities by sharing organizational input on specific activities and potential outcomes for each of these three priorities.
 7. The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2022.

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Agenda Item Summary

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

Agenda Date: November 29, 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.

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Criminal Justice Coordinating Council 2022-2024 Action Plan					
Strategic Planning Committee Actions	Tasks	Project Manager	Priority	Status	Notes
CJCC Materials Updates	Update bylaws	A. Harper	2022	Complete Q3 2022	Redrafted bylaws approved by CJCC at Q2 meeting; Approved by BoCC August 2, 2022.
	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 Acion Plan; Creation of "Metrics" tab
Inform and Train CJCC Partners	Host a "State of the CJCC" event		2023		To be hosted Summer 2023
	CJCC members/experts inform and train partners	Committee	2022	Ongoing	Presentations planned at least twice a year by partners - 2022 Q1 CommunityWorks Trauma Informed Training for Employers and Staff Presentation; Q3 2022 Diversus Health and CSFH Community and Public Health Services Presentations
New Data Initiatives	Develop a CJ metrics data dashboard	A. Harper	2022	Complete Q4 2022	Power BI training in Q3 2022 - Review of partner data availability & creation of "Metrics" tab on CJCC webpage in Q4 2022
	Create a data dictionary standardizing definitions for partners		2023		Will work in conjunction with BHSC data related efforts
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		Ongoing	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	Committee	2022	Ongoing	Grant writing training opportunities: Grantwriting USA, Grantsmanship center, grantcentral.com, Udemey
	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	Ongoing	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	A. Harper, J. Huffor, B. Wilson		Ongoing	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	A. Harper, J. Huffor, B. Wilson		2022 Complete	2022 Legislative Session Concluded May 11 - 2022 Legislative Wrap-Up call hosted July 14
Pretrial Services Community Advisory Board Actions	Tasks	Project Manager	Priority	Status	Notes
Enhance Resources and Referrals for Defendants	Develop referral options for defendants on sobriety monitoring	Pretrial Services staff	2022	Complete in Q3	Changing Course journals to be utilized until supplies run out; Reentry planning through the jail could provide service referral information that Pretrial Services could utilize for defendants. Pretrial Supervision staff provides defendants on a Supervised PR Bond conditioned by sobriety monitoring with information on treatment options, which is also provided during testing intake and on the website.
	Develop referral options for defendants with domestic violence charges	CJCC Intern	2022	Complete in Q3	CJCC Intern completed review of best-practices in Q3 for treatment options for defendants based on their needs and charges. Staff is seeking input from local DV agencies on best resources to provide defendants with DV charges.
Help Clarify the Pretrial Process	Establish a pretrial process guide for defendants		2023		
	Create a Pretrial Personal Responsibility Checklist for defendants		2023		
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	2022		A. Harper presented on bond type distributions at ACJS 2022 and Judicial Decision Making relating to bond recommendations at ASC 2022 National Conferences 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	Ongoing	Second Chance Hiring and Employment Resources Fair 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; Outreach to local agencies serving young adults
	Explore employment readiness opportunities that assist at-risk/justice-involved youth	C. Hunter, E. Rhone, & I. Ruiz			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	Committee	2022	Presented Q2/Q3 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; Collaboration with other Colorado Counties in Q3
	ID opportunities to address the gap in community resources for crisis stabilization and treatment	Committee	2022	Presented Q3 2022	Committee members provide review of services so members are aware of region wide opportunities (presentations by Diversus Health and CSFD Community and Public Health Division).
Improve Treatment Resources and Access to Care	Support BH and SUD Treatment and access to services for incarcerated populations	PJ Higgins	2023	BHAN Stand-up Q3/Q4 2022	BHSC to serve as Justice-Involved workgroup for Behavioral Health Action Network
	Encourage implementation of opportunities that provide community-oriented services	Committee	Q2/Q3 2022	In progress	Committee is reviewing opportunities for utilizing Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT). Developing list of MAT providers locally to assist with referral opportunities.
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	Ongoing	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		2023	Ongoing	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	CJCC Intern completed a review of this topic as a public safety initiative - Q3 2022.
	Strengthen use of screening and assessment tools that expedite early intervention to prevent justice-involvement	A. Harper	2022/2023	Ongoing Q4 2022	Beginning review of the use of screening and assessment tools to determine what is used across partners, what kind of info this provides. Non-standard between partners, agencies prefer the tools of their choice, which varies.
Mobilize and Strengthen Data Analytics	ID common datasets/databases required to support health management and monitor BH outcomes		2023		Committee to begin reviewing data collected and available across partners and definitions - Q4 2022
	Support data sharing agreements and IT connections		2023		

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Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Item: Criminal Justice Metrics Report
Agenda Date: November 29, 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.

This information, and access to other shared data points from various CJCC partners, is available through the [Metrics Tab](#) on the CJCC website.

Criminal Justice Metrics Report – November 29, 2022

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Metrics	2021 Q4	2022 Q1	2022 Q2	2022 Q3
El Paso County Jail				
Total Population	4884	5120	5270	5848
Average Daily Population at the CJC / % Pretrial	1319/78%	1337/76.4%	1278/74.9%	1357/76.1%
Felony Pretrial Detainees Released Average Length of Stay (Days)	73	62	47	35
Misdemeanor Pretrial Detainees Released Average Length of Stay (Days)	10	9	7	5
Felony Sentenced Inmates Released Average Length of Stay (Days)	117	104	59	91
Misdemeanor Sentenced Inmates Released Average Length of Stay (Days)	48	44	38	33
Behavioral Health Connect (BHCON) Units*				
911 Calls/Referrals	364/120	372/97	309/126	439/111
Follow-Up Attempts/Successful Follow-Up Rate	307/70%	328/63%	252/68%	352/67%
% Calls Related to Check The Welfare & Suicide	66%	68%	72%	69%
% Treat in Place/Arrest (includes 911 Calls & Referrals)	60%/<1%	54%/<1%	48%/0%	54%/1%
Average Time to Arrive on Scene	17 min	14 min	16 min	13 min
Patrol Cars Released Back to Service	207	256	173	238
Colorado Springs Fire Department - Crisis Response Team				
Total Incidents/Total Patients Treated	827/234	674/182	629/138	851/266
% Calls Related to Check The Welfare & Suicide	85%	92%	74%	80%
% Treat in Place	72%	60%	50%	63%
CSPD/CSFD Units Released Back to Service	480	460	404	335
El Paso County Pretrial Services				
PR Bonds Granted (at advisement and through other court action)	2957	3190	2479	2254
Bonds Recommended (from advisement docket)	205	833	934	1238
Average Daily Supervised PR Bond Population	1307	1346	1202	1274
Overall Compliance Rate Public Safety/Appearance (Supervised PR Bonds)	92%	90.4%	89%	88.5%
Court Appearance Rate (Supervised)	93%	92%	90%	89.2%
Public Safety Rate (Supervised)	99%	98.4%	99.1%	99.2%
Cases Involving Domestic Violence w/ Bail Report	64%	41%	46%	36%
El Paso County Community Corrections				
Successful Completions/Rate (Residential)	61/52%	68/48.6%	78/39.4%	111/52.9%
Board Screened Referrals/Acceptance Rate into Programs	253/49%	256/44.1%	280/48.9%	220/50.5%
Average Length of Time Clients Serve in Residential Programs (Days)	184	158.5	151	
Full-Time Employment Rate upon Release	43%	52.1%	58.9%	
Entered Community Corrections with Full-Time Employment	0.07%	0.12%	0.12%	
Increase in Full-Time Employment Since Intake	42.93%	52.01%	58.78%	

* BHCON4 Unit started with Fountain PD in July 2022, which increases the number of units responding to calls and could be a factor contributing to changes in metrics for Q2 and Q3 of 2022.

- Community Corrections data missing for Q3 2022 could not be provided due to inability to access the State reporting database (CCIB)

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Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Item:	Introduction to “Metrics” tab
Agenda Date:	November 29, 2022
Agenda Item Number:	#5 – A (10 minutes)
Presenters:	Alexis Harper, Ph.D., Criminal Justice Planner, El Paso County Justice Services Department
Information: X	Endorsement:

CJCC partners have had numerous discussions around data and metrics sharing objectives and challenges, especially relating to concerns about the reliability and validity of data, as well as the difficulties with requesting and receiving data/metrics on a regular basis. These concerns have posed challenges to the development of a data dashboard that attempts to house all partner data in one table.

A reasonable solution is to provide organized public access to yearly CJCC metrics sheets through the creation of a “Metrics” tab within the CJCC website. This new tab also features links to data related resources provided by CJCC partners so information can be accessed through the proprietor of the data and information and any updates and changes are reflected within those individual agency websites.

By providing information in this way, it allows for agencies to update their information within their own time and abilities and resolves many concerns about the CJCC reporting information and data owned by different agencies and maintain an information source that requires such frequent updating from so many different partners.

Current data sources beyond the CJCC Metrics Sheet from the last three years featured in the Metrics tab on the CJCC website include:

- Colorado’s 4th Judicial District Attorney’s Office – Data Dashboards
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment – Colorado Drug Overdose Dashboard
- Colorado Division of Criminal Justice – Jail Data Dashboard
- Colorado Judicial Branch – Research and Data
- Colorado Judicial Branch – Probation Services: Reports and Publications
- Colorado Springs Police Department – CSPD Data Hub

Please contact Dr. Alexis Harper if you have an additional data source you would to be linked in the Metrics tab.

The Metrics tab can be accessed on the CJCC website or through this link: [CJCC Metrics and Partner Data Sources](#)

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Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Item:	Review of Bylaws changes and member attendance expectations
Agenda Date:	November 29, 2022
Agenda Item Number:	#5 – B (10 minutes)
Presenters:	Alexis Harper, Ph.D., Criminal Justice Planner, El Paso County Justice Services Department
Information: X	Endorsement:

The CJCC Bylaws were amended in August of 2022 and feature new sections relating to Council and Committee membership and attendance expectations.

Please see the newly updated bylaws within the CJCC Bylaws tab on the website, or through this link: [CJCC Bylaws](#)

Language concerning member attendance expectations can be found in Article 3 Section 3:

Article III – Council Membership

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, and will request to be excused prior to the meeting, providing the name and email of the representative that will attend in their absence.

3.2 A Council member's failure to notify as provided for above shall constitute an unexcused absence. Three consecutive unexcused absences shall be considered "inactive" member status.

3.3 The CJCC Chairperson has the discretion and authority to request that the El Paso County Board of Commissioners remove an inactive member and appoint a new member, if warranted due to excessive unexcused absences or lack of effective participation.

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Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Item: CJCC Vote to Approve Meeting Dates
Agenda Date: November 29, 2022
Agenda Item Number: #5 – C (10 minutes)
Presenters: Alexis Harper, Ph.D., Criminal Justice Planner,
El Paso County Justice Services Department

Information: **Approval: X**

The CJCC traditionally meets once each quarter, on a Tuesday afternoon. These meetings will be held from 3-5PM. (Note: The CJCC voted during Q3 to move meetings from 2-4PM to 3-5PM) Location may vary.

Proposed dates:

- February 28
- May 23
- August 22
- November 28

Dates and holidays to keep in mind to avoid scheduling conflict:

- February 21 – President's Day
- May 30 – Memorial Day
- November 21 – Thanksgiving

Recommended Motion:

Move to approve the agreed upon meeting dates for 2023 quarterly meetings.