



Criminal Justice Community Council

Wednesday, September 30, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Held Virtually Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Name	Organization
Sheriff John D. Idleburg	LCSO
Donna Jo Maki	County Administration Office
Holly Kerr	Coalition to Reduce Recidivism
Anthony Vega	LCSO
Chris Covelli	Lake County Sheriff's Office
Bruce Johnson	NICASA
Mike Ori	Lake County State's Attorney Office
Todd Shroeder	Lake County 19 th Judicial Circuit Court
Sam Johnson Maurello	Lake County Health Department
Julio Guzman	LCSO
Arthur Noparstak	Lake County United
Chief Laz Perez	North Chicago Police Dept
Kevin Kuehmeier	Justice System Partners
Jamie Oliphant	Adult Probation
Steve Fabbri	Adult Probation
Celeste Flores	Faith in Place
Dulce Ortiz	Mano-a-Mano
Julio Guzman	Lake County Sheriff's Office
David Olson	Loyola University, Center for Criminal Justice Research, Policy and Practice
Jordan Kane	Community Member
Pat Carey	Community Member

Mary Pike	Community Member
Sarah Knizhnik	Newton Action Alliance / Community Member

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	Action Items
Welcome & Introductions (Sheriff John D. Idleburg)	Sheriff Idleburg started the meeting with opening remarks thanking CJCC members for joining after COVID-19 didn't allow for in person meeting.	N/A
Approve Dec CJCC Minutes	Motion passed. Minutes are approved.	Motion by PD Joy Gossman 2 nd by Chief Perez of North Chicago Motion Passes
Approve CJCC Bylaws w/ Proposed Changes	<p>Proposed Changes:</p> <p>Word change from the "Citizen" to "Community"</p> <p>Change: No more than 30 voting members</p> <p>Proposed Change: 19th Judicial Circuit Designee instead of Chief Judge or Presiding Judge from criminal division</p> <p>Discussion: Question from Holly Kerr – Point of clarification, unsure about how members were added, and number of members to be a quorum. COS explained that is still an item that the CJCC still has to finalize.</p>	<p>Motion by Holly Kerr 2nd by Chief Perez</p> <p>Action Item: -Finalize CJCC Membership Application Process for adoption at next full Council Meeting</p> <p>Motion Passes.</p>
Coroner's COVID Update / Trends (Dr. Cooper)	Coroner Cooper provided an update on their response and overall trends during the pandemic. Update included: coroner's trailer, pandemic plan, COVID-19 testing plan, overdose trends (rise in OD compared to 2019), suicides higher than 2019, overall death numbers are up over 700.	N/A
COVID-19 Jail Update / Response (COS Vega)	Overview of our current jail status. During the whole of pandemic, 7 inmates, approx.. 15 staff, and 1 contractor testing positive. Most positive cases were asymptomatic which was a challenge. Working with CDC guidelines, medical providers to	

	<p>mitigate. Response including reducing external sources of possible COVID-19 transmission. Inmates issued 2 cloth face masks. Employee's issued PPE. Update also included jail reduction, challenge with state prison system and partnering with Lake County Health Department on cyclical testing for staff and inmates. Also updated that the jail dashboard will be updated in October and will be done so on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>Questions/Discussion from Council Members –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was exact number of jail reduction? Reduced jail pop by 27% (e.g. from 550 to 434). 2. Public Defender – Comment. Worked well with LCSO to ensure access by public defenders to the inmates while providing alternate options to meet with clients. Approx two-thirds of inmates are represented by Public Defender 	
<p>Domestic Violence / Overdose Trends (ASA Mike Ori)</p>	<p>ASA Mike Ori gave an overview of how SA's office has been dealing with COVID. Ori also oversees specialty courts in Lake County.</p> <p>Ori gave an overview about mental illness, and substance abuse challenges during the pandemic which include treatment providers closing their doors. Challenges still exist connecting clients with treatment providers especially while trying to comply with mitigation efforts.</p> <p>A Way Out remained operational during pandemic and is slowly gearing up to 100% operation. Domestic violence is on the rise. A Safe Place, an SAO partner, has seen a 600% increase to their crisis line.</p>	

	<p>Questions/ Discussion: None.</p>	
<p>Sheriff's Focus Group Overview and Next Steps (as part of the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge) (J. Guzman)</p>	<p>Equity Team: Education and Training on Racial and Ethnic Disparities</p> <p>Presentation Attached.</p> <p>COS also gave a quick overview re: Crisis Center (initiative led by Chair Hart, LCOI, and others), COAST (led by Sheriff and LCHD), PSA Risk Assessment (overview presented by Adult Probation Steve Fabbri)</p> <p>Question: Who is the Equity Team? Composed of 14 justice stakeholders and community members</p> <p>Who were the co-facilitators? Nikkeia Lee from the Possibility Project and a local consultant Courtney Combs.</p>	<p>Sara Knizhnik would like to be part of the Equity Team</p> <p>Chief Perez would also like to be part of Equity Team</p>
<p>Discussion on Reform, Mental Health, Suggestions by Council</p>	<p>Reform Council Members discussed making pretrial reform a priority.</p> <p>Mental Health Only discussion was on whether psychiatric services was still being provided? Yes, routine medical care is ongoing. County Board voted to approve a new contract with a new vendor that also increased psychiatric hours.</p> <p>Mental Health issues also include challenges with DHS and not resuming intake of inmates with mental illness. Issue: shortage of beds with DHS for incarcerated people as a result of prior state administrations that cut funding.</p> <p>Data</p>	<p>Motion to Convene Reform Committee –</p> <p>Motion by Sarah K 2nd By Holly Kerr</p> <p>Motion Passes.</p> <p>Members interested in Reform Committee: Pat Carey, Sarah K., Holly Kerr, Chief Perez and Celeste Flores.</p>

<p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>Data Committee to work with Loyola on making our dashboard more robust.</p>	<p>Motion to Convene Data Committee by Holly Kerr</p> <p>2nd by Todd Schroder</p> <p>Motion Passes</p> <p>Data Members Donna Jo Maki Sarah K Jordan Kane Celeste Flores Todd Schroeder Holly Kerr Dave Olson</p>
<p>Closing Remarks (Sheriff John D. Idleburg)</p>	<p>Closing remarks</p>	<p>Motion to Adjourn: Joy Gossman</p> <p>2nd – Andrea Usry</p> <p>Adjourned: Approx. 7:30 pm</p>