

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Meeting: September 24, 2021 from 10:30 am-12 pm
Virtual Meeting-Zoom

1. Welcome

a. [Acknowledgment of County](#)

Judge Leslie Halligan: "I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional homelands of the Salish and Pend d'Oreille and to acknowledge those Tribes' contributions to the area both historically and currently."

b. [Roll Call](#)

Members/Alternatives present at the meeting:

District Court Judge Leslie Halligan, Missoula City Council Representative Julie Merritt, Missoula County Detention Center Lieutenant Alex Hall, Keithi Worthington-City Attorney, Kim Lehiff-P&P, Shantelle Gaynor-Director CJD, Jenny Daniel-Justice Initiatives Manager CJD, Montana James-Community Development Division Deputy Director, Amy Sings In The Timber-Montana Innocence Project, Keegan Medron, Partnership Health Center Director Laurie Francis, Missoula Police Chief Jaeson White, Sue Wilkins-Missoula Correctional Services, Amy McGhee for Missoula County Clerk of District Court Shirley Faust, Justice Court Judge Landee Holloway, Youth Court Chief Probation Officer Christine Kowalski

Additional Participants: Amanda Schrantz-CJD, Jana Staton-Partners for Reintegration, Gretchen Neal-Inner Roads, Jess Mayrer, Jessie Buresh-Justice Court, Jim Morton-Human Resource Council, Jon Cammack-Municipal Court, JP Frank-The Bail Project, Kimberly Dudik-Montana House of Representatives, Mary Pat-First Step, Melissa Matassa-Stone, Melissa Vawter-PHC, Moses Okeyo-Public Defender, Misty, Nancie Wittmeier, Shannon Sproull-Missoula United Way, Suzin Kratina-WORD, Stephen Thompson-Public Defender, Tina Reinicke-Municipal Court, Becca Goe-The Rural Institute, Ray Reiser-Jail Diversion Coordinator, Caiti Carpenter-Montana Innocence Project

c. [Approval of July 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)

No corrections, unanimous approval

2. Business: None

3. Information Sharing

a. [Jenny Daniel, Justice Initiatives Manager-CJCC Coordination Updates](#)

- Hunt the good, we focus on the negative, but look for the good instead
- We are linking together, large need for data, sharing ideas and working together. We are in this together. This is slow work-look at the progress in the last 15 years
- Communication and getting everyone to the table and listening to challenges we should be able to iron some of them out
- Other communities are also facing many of the same issues
- Data can be better measured and collected
- Eliminate supervision fees is way down the road- need to address other issues before we can get to this

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- Meetings every 2 months-no Meeting day after Thanksgiving (Black Friday)
- Sue Wilkins-A number of issues in the report are in need of further clarification. A lot of this takes time and some of the recommendations have already been started. Some things based on how they are working now will take time and changes not with just MCS, but others as well, good communication.
- SJC Coordinator-frustrated with the slowness of hiring, but very excited with the candidates
- Next big step-working on the executive board

b. [Shantelle Gaynor, CJD Director-Community Justice Department Overview](#)

Erin Shreder promoted to Just Response Coordinator

4. Partner Updates

a. [Partners for Reintegration-Jana Staton](#)

- Meet every other month opposite the CJCC Meetings
- About 30 active members on the list
- Lost a lot of steam in 2020 due to COVID
- Giving people the role of leadership and helping restructure the agenda
- Current focus-having a community forum at the library on reentry as how it is and how we think it should be once we feel people will come out again
- Excited about the Montana heart waiver-Medicaid---Needs approved by the feds
- Tracking policies and changes at the DOJ which affect our community
- No staff, not funded, not an agency. Rely on Community Justice Department for Data

b. [Shannon Sproull- Substance Use Disorder Connect, United Way \(Reference: Powerpoint & SUDC Needs Assessment\)](#)

- Had a stakeholder retreat September 22, 2021-Discussed a needs assessment to find out where the gaps are
- Open Aid Alliance has a needle exchange program-talk about having a needle disposal bin at the Johnson winter housing location.

c. [Calibrate Program highlight—Ray Reiser](#)

- Pretrial diversion is an opportunity for some defendants to address the root causes of what brought them to the attention of the system.
- Work with both charged and uncharged participants.
- Voluntary.
- Prosecution program.
- Meet with potential participants and do an assessment then put together a treatment program. Then they enroll in the diversion program for a set period of time. If the program is completed correctly the charges are dismissed or they are never charged.
- Started taking cases since November of 2019 since then had just over 200 referrals.

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- Had 69 participants enrolled. Currently have 30 enrollees. 34 successful completions. 5 did not successfully complete and had their charges refiled in court.
- Target is low risk cases, will take some moderate risk cases. Collected \$39,000 in restitution which goes directly to the victim in the cases.
- Voluntary and a few individuals had no interest in the program-they proceed with their case in court
- Many participants are required to do community service through MCS-just about 220 hours of service completed in the community.
- Once recent participant was a general contractor and had experience. Was placed at Habitat for Humanity site for volunteer work. Was required to do 20 hours but did an extra 4. Positive response from him in being able to give back to the community. Habitat also had positive feedback and were thankful to have him.

5. Other

- a. Discussed some of the municipal court folks to present. City Club will be having a forum who invites all municipal candidates on October 18 11:30-1:00, via Zoom. Advanced Registration is required at Cityclubmissoula.com
- b. Moses Okeyo-Exciting things coming down the pipeline. Working with Community Connect and want to hold off presenting till it is final.
- c. Jess Mayrer-Produced 10-hour Trauma informed care training curriculum and had national experts come in to contribute.
- d. Theresa Williams-CIT Program Manager
 - Recruiting for a Crisis Intervention Team Program Data Analyst:
<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/1726/CivicHR-Jobs-Page>
- e. Jim Morton-Department of commerce Rent assistance program is available and allows rent to be paid back 12 months. Also working with collection agencies when rent was turned over for nonpayment of rent. Helping residence clean up their housing resumes. Also go back for utilities. Have funds need to utilize them.

6. Public Comment: None

7. Closing

No Meeting November 26th (day after Thanksgiving)

Adorned at 11:44 next meeting January 14th, 2021 10:30-12