



## **Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**May 8, 2020**

**Zoom meeting ID: 962 5498 7957**

**<https://zoom.us/j/96254987957>**

**12:00 p.m.**

**Mission: The CAC exists to provide citizen input into the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County, the efficient and just treatment of defendants and offenders, the protection and healing of victims, and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.**

### **1. Call to Order and Attendance**

Tom Cordingley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. and Moffie Funk read the mission statement.

Members present: Tom Cordingley (Chair), Carolyn Belling (Vice Chair), John Wilkinson, Marshall Gingery, Mike Mahoney, Moffie Funk, Teresa Charlton, and Theresa Ortega.

Members excused: Abigail J. St. Lawrence, John Lytle, Gene Prendergast, Stephanie Ballenger-Brooks, and Dennis Taylor.

Members absent: Jenifer Gursky.

Others in attendance: Tina Eblen, Brady Christensen, Drenda Niemen, Tom Rolfe, Tyrel Suzor-Hoy, Kellie McBride, Gloria Soja, Jillian DeAmicis-Danesi, Michael Kalous, and Andy Hunthausen.

### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Agenda Amendments**

The minutes April 10, 2020 meeting were approved.

### **3. Update on Detention Construction and Procedures – Sheriff Leo Dutton**

Tabled as Sheriff Dutton was not available.

### **4. Update on COVID-19 – Drenda Niemann**

Drenda Niemann gave an update on Coronavirus in Montana including sharing the COVID map which illustrates where active cases have been found. The total confirmed cases in Montana is 458. Lewis and Clark County has 16 confirmed cases with all showing as recovered, and no new cases in Lewis and Clark County for almost four weeks. Montana has 16 total deaths.

This will be closely monitored as the state moves to reopen. Nieman shared the criteria that Lewis and Clark County will be using to determine reopening schedule. These criteria can be more restrictive than the Governor's criteria. Regular updates are made to the Department of Public Health's webpage on Wednesdays.

Nieman stated that Public Health has been working closely with the detention center, law

enforcement, and the county attorney's office to reduce the detention center census. PPE is available and being used and a plan is in place for isolation and quarantine should an individual have symptoms.

**5. Update from Criminal Justice Services – Kellie McBride**

Kellie McBride stated that Criminal Justice Services department was created with the Jail levy. One of the items that the community required was Behavior Health in the detention center. McBride reported that for the first time, the detention center now has 10 hour/day, 7 days/week Behavioral Health coverage provided by two therapists and a case manager.

The Pretrial Services Program is now two years old. Pretrial Services connects defendants with service providers in the community and works to ensure that defendants make it to all their court dates. McBride shared that all the Pretrial Officers are Certified Pretrial Services Professionals, certified through the National Association of Pretrial Services Association (NAPSA) and that the Pretrial Services Program is on track to obtain accreditation in 2022.

The Medication Assisted Treatment program is under development. Jillian DeAmicis-Danesi is working on a significant grant to cover the cost of these medications.

Marshall Gingery requested a list of staff and their duties. John Wilkinson requested an update on the jail census reports and the strategic plan reports. McBride reported that the office is down one staff person and that Gloria Soja would update the jail census report as she is able. The dashboard report was becoming repetitive as most of the tasks on the strategic plan have been accomplished. CJS is requesting that the CAC work on a new strategic plan.

**6. Handle with Care – Tina Eblen**

Tina Eblen, from the ChildWise Institute, gave an overview of the Handle with Care program. The program provides a link between local law enforcement and the schools.

Moffie Funk shared that Leo Gallagher would like to see action on this program done through legislation.

**7. Review of Action Items for CJCC Meeting Agenda**

From February 2020 meeting: Adopted bylaws to be submitted for final approval.

From March 2020 meeting: Handle with Care.

**8. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items**

Carolyn Belling stated that the Hope Center had opened April 1, 2020 and currently have three residents, with up to five coming in next week. This is a year-long, faith-based treatment program. More information is available at [Hopecm.com](http://Hopecm.com).

**9. Next Meeting: June 12, 2020**

**10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Minutes approved June 12, 2020.