



Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting

April 17th, 2026 – 12:00p.m.

Law & Justice Center Atrium

Mission: The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Citizen's Advisory Committee, and the Department of Criminal Justice Services exist to improve the safety of the citizens of Lewis & Clark County and ensure the equitable and efficient treatment of defendants, offenders, and victims.

1. Call to order and reading of the mission-Tom Cordingley

a. John L read the mission

2. Introductions-All

- a. *CAC members present:* Tom Cordingley, Teresa Charlton, Mike Cotter, Ashley Fischer, Moffie Funk, Jenifer Gursky, Shani Henry, John Looney, John Lytle, Mark Nay, Joanne Romasko, Mike Sanders, Judge Abbott, Andy Hunthausen
- b. *CAC members absent and excused:* Mike Mahoney (proxy TC), Karen English (proxy TC)
- c. *CAC members absent and not excused:* Ara Babcock
- d. *CJS staff present:* Emily Buehler, Bob Bussey, Kellie McBride, Alyssa Spies
- e. *Public present:* Clair Swain, Brent Colbert

3. Action Items-Approval of February 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes-Tom Cordingley

- a. Tom noted that the CAC was approving the March 19, 2026 meeting minutes instead of the February minutes.
- b. Joanne motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by John Lytle and unanimously approved.

4. APPR Pathways to Pretrial Advancement Technical Assistance-Jessica Ireland

- a. Jessica Ireland from APPR gave a presentation about next steps in APPR and system mapping.
 - i. Jessica introduced herself, gave a presentation overview and talked about project activities and timeline
 - ii. Jessica discussed team foundations for the CAC, discussing how the CAC already acts as a team, so they don't need to spend a lot of time in that

area. With the typical team foundation process, they discuss mission and values, but because the CAC has a mission, Jessica asked members to think about what values would be reflected if the pretrial system was operating at its best. Members identified:

1. Fairness x 4
 2. Respect x 2
 3. Transparency
 4. Honesty
 5. Equitable x 3
 6. Dignity
 7. Data-driven
 8. Accountability
 9. Balance
- iii.** Following the establishment of team foundations, Jessica moved into discussing project expectations for APPR’s Pathways to Pretrial Advancement. She emphasized how the workload will be heavier for CAC members towards the beginning of the project and the importance of “doing your homework” and showing up to meetings. Jessica also mentioned how some meetings may need to be extended to two hours but noted that she would bring snacks.
- iv.** Jessica then described system mapping, describing it as a process that would help identify policy and practice changes. Alyssa gave a brief overview of what a system map is, highlighting the example system map in packets, before Jessica presented the five decision points in the system and asked if anyone wanted to add any additional points.
1. Jessica then proceeded to outline how CAC members will develop system maps, walking through team membership, staff support, and the optional office hour that will be held in May. Jessica encouraged people to fully engage and have experiences (like a ride along, jail tour, etc.)
 2. Questions raised by members include:
 - a. Where post-release activities should be placed along the decision points
 - i. Courts/all parts of the system.
 3. Jessica walked through each group, their assigned decision point, and their role, highlighting that the worksheet had types of decisions and data to think about, but that they weren’t all-inclusive.
 - a. Questions raised by members include:
 - i. Whether groups were expected to be system experts

