



Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting February 21, 2025 – 12:00pm

Law & Justice Center

Criminal Justice Services

1. Call to Order & Reading of the Mission

John Lytle called the meeting to order. Mark Nay read the Mission Statement.

2. Introductions

Members present: Karen English, Moffie Funk, Jen Gursky, John Lytle, Mike Mahoney, Mark Nay, Clair Swain

Members absent: Tom Cordingley, Teresa Charlton, Joanne Romasko

Staff present: Kellie McBride, Jillian Danesi, Bob Bussey, Mohanish Pradeep, Jess McDonald

Others present: Judge Abbott, Tom Rolfe, Jaymie Hazel, Brent Colbert, John Looney, Rachel Baret

3. Action Items – Karen English

The Committee approved the January 17, 2025, meeting minutes.

4. Discussion “Family Members Behind Bars’ booklet

John Lytle has taken the lead on the booklet with his many connections within the community. He has been working with DPHHS, Probation and Parole, CPS and Head Start. He has also been working on updating websites in the booklet. The group discussed having the booklet available to the public via PDF or QR code.

5. Communications – Kellie McBride

Criminal Justice Services has contracted with MadAve Communications. MadAve Communications, based in Helena, Montana, is a full-service marketing and advertising agency. They specialize in providing creative solutions to help businesses grow their brand, reach their target audiences, and achieve their marketing goals. The agency offers a range of services, including digital marketing,

social media strategy, content creation, web development, public relations, and traditional advertising methods.

6. CJCC Jail Population Task Force – Kellie McBride for Joanne Romasko

The group has focused on: Diversion, Meaningful First Appearances, Cash Bond Reduction Hearings, Department of Corrections, Pretrial Services and Measurable Goals. Judge Piskolich has been tasked with writing a draft recommendation for the CJCC. He will present this draft at the next Jail Population Task Force Meeting on February 27, 2025.

7. AmeriCorps VISTAs – Kellie McBride

Two AmeriCorps Vistas have been hired to implement an Early Childhood Intervention Program and a Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program. Start date April 7, 2025.

8. Public Comment

John Looney with Bad Boy Bail Bonds offered to give a presentation on cash bonds.

9. Upcoming Dates

- Next CAC Meeting: March 21, 2025, 12:00 pm, Law and Justice Center
- Next CJCC Meeting: March 25, 2025, 4:15 pm, Law and Justice Center

10. Adjourn