



Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting

June 19th, 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. Mike Cotter read the mission.

2. Introductions - All

- a. *CAC members present:* Tom Cordingley, Teresa Charlton, Mike Cotter, Ashley Fischer, Moffie Funk, Shani Henry, Mark Nay, Mike Sanders, Karen English, John Lytle, Jenifer Gursky, and Judge Abbott
- b. *CAC members absent and excused:* Joanne Romasko, Mike Mahoney (Proxy TC), Andy Hunthausen, John Looney (Proxy J. Lytle)
- c. *CAC members absent and not excused:* None
- d. *CJS staff present:* Emily Buehler, Bob Bussey, Kellie McBride, Alyssa Spies, Jillian Danesi
- e. *Public present:* Anneka Smith, Bradly Bragg

3. Action Items - Consent Agenda - Tom Cordingley

- a. John Lytle motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Jen, and unanimously approved.

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

- a. CAC members are encouraged to set up a meeting with Spike to share backgrounds. Jessica resumed her presentation on the 11 roadmap targets to the pathways project. She explained how Lewis and Clark County is ahead on many fronts, especially in utilizing the PSAs and the county's pretrial services program. Jessica emphasized that money does not guarantee safety and that it should be used as a last resort when it comes to bonds. Abbott inquired about how many of those are assigned PTS as a part of their conditions if they bond out. Emily

confirmed that she will pull that data. Ashley asked about how the systems work together to make sure individuals don't fall through the cracks. Kellie explained that all our programs work better together better than ever, but there is always room for improvement.

- b. Next steps for CAC members are to review the PowerPoints and information in the APPR learning going forward while also reflecting on system mapping processes.
- c. Site visit will be July 8th-10th, CAC meeting will be July 9th from 12-2. Please direct any questions to Tom.

5. Reach Higher – Tom Cordingley

- a. A brochure was made to show renters what their rights are. Tom talked to someone at reach higher working with foster kids and they suggested dispersing that brochure to individuals who are turning 18 and leaving. Mike Cotter adds that Legal Services has a brochure as well, but Moffie clarifies that this brochure is more understandable for citizens.

6. CJS Update – Kellie Goodwin McBride

- a. CJCC's strategic plan with JMI was approved last Thursday, and strategic planning will start on July 1st.
- b. We were awarded funding for a misdemeanor probation program specifically targeting PFMA charges.
- c. Alyssa will continue to volunteer with us through July 19th.
- d. We have offered the case manager position and are waiting for their background check. The therapist position has been difficult to fill. Jen offered to send individuals to CJS to apply.
- e. Journey Home still has not opened to be 24/7. Next week they will be open Monday to Sunday, but hours are scattered due to staffing conflicts.

7. Public Comment

- a. Theresa clarified that the age for Camp bright horizons has expanded to 10-15 and kids need to register by the end of June.

8. Upcoming Dates

- a. CAC: July 17th, 12:00, Law & Justice Atrium
- b. CJCC: July 28, 4:15pm, Law & Justice Atrium
- c. NAPS 2026 Annual Conference, August 30 – September 2, 2026, Reno, NV

9. Adjourn