

Current CJCC Bylaws Article VIII: Citizens Advisory Committee

A larger group of professionals, service providers, stakeholders, and interested public will be invited by the CJCC to serve on an Advisory committee not exceeding fifteen (15) members. The purpose of the advisory committee is to provide a mechanism for outreach and exchange of information, to make recommendations, and to serve on task forces and subcommittees. Each July, the Chair shall nominate these members to serve a one year, renewable term.

Recommended change to Article VIII: Citizens Advisory Committee

Section A. Mission

The CJCC shall establish a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) composed of diverse professionals, service providers, stakeholders, and interested members of the public.

The CAC's mission will be to improve the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County and ensure the equitable and efficient treatment of defendants, offenders, and victims. The CAC will fulfill its mission by giving the citizens of Lewis and Clark County a voice in matters affecting law enforcement, criminal justice, and public safety in their community.

Section B. Membership, Removal, and Vacancy

The CAC will consist of not more than 15 members appointed by the CJCC. Members will serve two-year terms, commencing on a staggered basis (7 positions will commence their term in even-numbered years and 8 positions will commence their term in odd-numbered years), that will begin August 1 of each year.

The Chair of the CJCC and a member of the Board of County Commissioners, appointed by the Commission, will serve as non-voting *ex officio* members of the CAC. Criminal Justice Services will provide staffing support for the CAC.

Members of the CAC serve at the pleasure of the CJCC and may be removed at any time by the CJCC.

In the event the CAC has fewer than 15 members at any time due to vacancy, resignation, or removal, the CJCC may appoint members to serve the remainder of any unexpired term.

Section C. Meetings and Activities

The CAC will hold regular meetings, gather information, foster public participation, perform community outreach, debate and discuss criminal justice issues affecting the community, and make recommendations to the CJCC accordingly.

The CAC shall adopt rules and procedures, not inconsistent with these Bylaws, governing recruitment of new members, expectations of membership, election of officers, and other matters of internal structure and operations.