



Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting

August 21st, 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. read the mission.

2. Introductions - All

- a. *CAC members present:* Tom Cordingley, Karen English, Teresa Charlton, Mike Cotter, Ashley Fischer, Moffie Funk, Shani Henry, John Lytle, Joanne Romasko, Mike Sanders, Judge Abbott, Andy Hunthausen
- b. *CAC members absent and excused:* Jen Gursky, Mark Nay, and John Looney (Proxy J Lytle)
- c. *CAC members absent and not excused:* Mike Mahoney
- d. *CJS staff present:* Bob Bussey, Kellie McBride, Jillian Danesi, Lindsey Weisner
- e. *Public present:* Brent Colbert, Aimee Wickman

3. Action Items - Consent Agenda - Tom Cordingley

- a. John Lytle motioned to approve the July minutes, seconded by Theresa Charlton, and was unanimously approved.
- b. John Lytle made a motion to request the CJCC to add Clair Swain to the CAC, seconded by Moffie Funk, and was unanimously approved.

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

- a. Jessica Ireland reviewed the work that the CAC has already accomplished, including their system map and defining three prioritized areas to address. Best practices to move forward with are to make recommendations to the CJCC and define policies that could be improved.
- b. Jessica asks for volunteers to meet biweekly to discuss policy and be able to deliver policy change recommendations by November 24th. Volunteers included

Mike Sanders, Mike Cotter, Joanne Romasko Tom Cordingley, Shani Henry, and Kellie McBride.

- c. Spike is working on the story in the field and is expected to have a finished article in October.

5. CJS Update – Kellie McBride

- a. The CJS Department and Tom Cordingley will be attending the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies Annual Conference which starts August 30th. Karen English made a point to share the importance of the NAPSA conference and thanks CJS for attending.
- b. CJCC has begun their strategic planning with the Justice Management Institute and is currently putting together several focus groups.
- c. Bob reported that the misdemeanor probation program will be going live the week we return from the NAPSA conference. Bob is currently working on fine tuning standards for this program as well.

6. Public Comment

- a. There was no public comment.

7. Upcoming Dates

- a. NAPSA 2026 Annual Conference, August 30 – September 2, 2026, Reno, NV
- b. CAC: September 18, 12:00pm, Law & Justice Atrium
- c. CJCC: September 24, 4:15pm, Law & Justice Atrium
- d. CAC: October 15, 12:00pm, Law & Justice Atrium

8. Adjourn

TOP POLICY AREAS

BASED ON VOTES



TOP VOTED SPECIFIC POLICY AREAS

	1 COMPLIANCE / NON-COMPLIANCE	10 VOTES
	2 REVIEWING THE BOND BOOK	8 VOTES
	3 EVALUATING THE USE OF MONEY	7 VOTES
4	 CITATIONS / CONSISTENT USE	2 VOTES
5	 TIME FROM ARREST TO IA	2 VOTES
6	 HOLD COORDINATION	2 VOTES
7	 EARLY REVIEW	1 VOTES