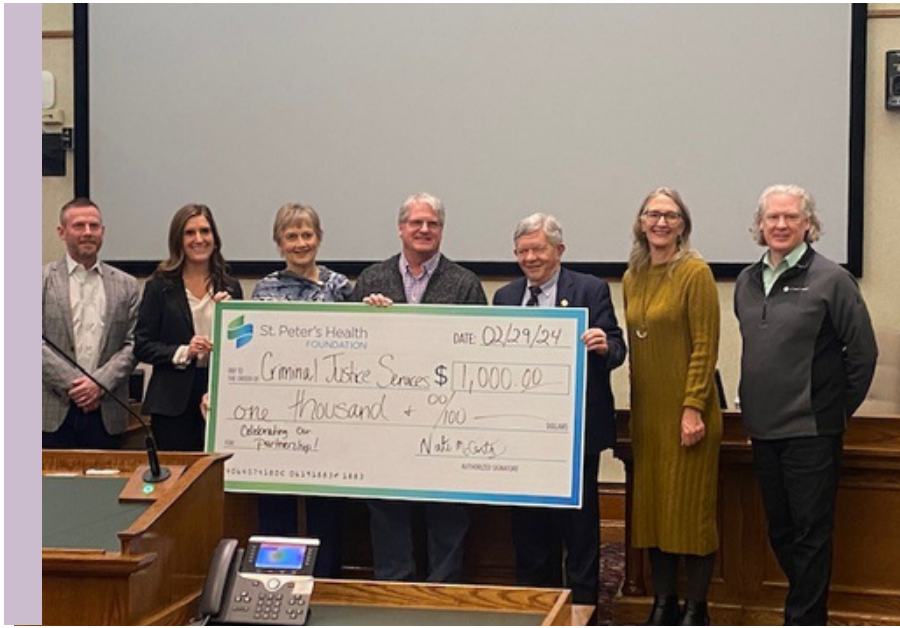


Criminal Justice Services

Quarterly Update, April 2024



St. Peter's Health Foundation Donates \$1,000 to the Department of Criminal Justice Services

On February 29th, the County graciously accepted a donation from St. Peter's Health Foundation to the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Executive Vice President of St. Peter's Health Foundation, Steven Mason, spoke on the partnership between Criminal Justice Services and St. Peter's Frequent Users Systems Engagement (FUSE) program team: "The Criminal Justice Services team plays a vital role in fostering positive change within the community. As an active member of the FUSE leadership team, the CJS team engages in bimonthly meetings to drive impactful changes related to the intersections between housing, homelessness, healthcare, and the justice system. As a member of the FUSE leadership team, CJS actively contributes to and supports the annual *Housing Is Healthcare* summit. CJS Pretrial Service Officers work in tandem with St Peter's Health Community Health Workers to support shared clients. The team refers clients to our FUSE program. Additionally, Dr. Moore in his St. Peter's Health Addiction Medicine role and St. Peter's Health Population member Kayla Morris work with the CJS Education and Transition Coordinator to volunteer at the Lewis and Clark Detention Center, conducting group sessions addressing topics such as drugs, addiction, and life after overcoming substance abuse. This comprehensive approach exemplifies a holistic commitment to community wellbeing, effectively addressing housing and healthcare needs in tandem with criminal justice services."

The funds will be used for client services, including grocery cards, gas cards, bus passes, and other needs-based supplies. Thank you to our partners at St. Peter's Health!

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update

Mission Statement: *The CJCC exists to improve the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County and ensure the equitable and efficient treatment of defendants, offenders, and victims.*

At the CJCC's March meeting, members welcomed the new CJCC Chair, the Honorable Judge Abbott of Lewis and Clark County's First Judicial District Court, replacing the Honorable Judge Mike Menahan, who served as the CJCC Chair since its inception in 2012.

"Working with Judge Menahan has been an honor and a learning experience! He has been a champion for improving our CJCC through the adoption of best practices, has kept the membership focused on their strategic plan, and provided a consistent and fair voice to every discussion. While I'm a little sad to see him step down as Chair, I'm equally excited for the new leadership Judge Abbott will bring. We are quite fortunate in Lewis and Clark County to have such engaged judicial leaders," says Department Director Kellie McBride.



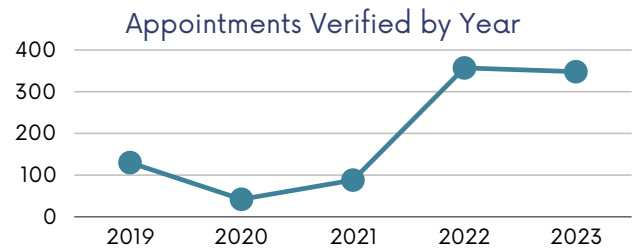
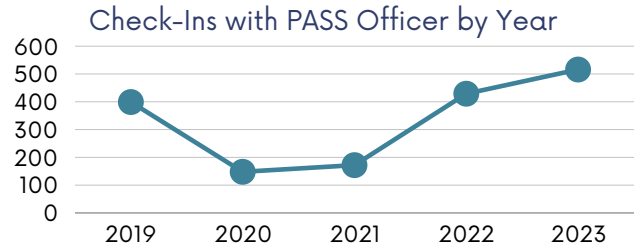
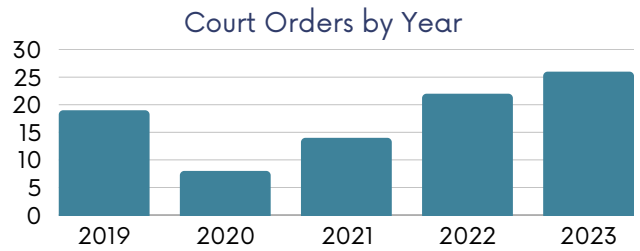
CJCC Chair, Judge Abbott

Program Insights: Post-Adjudication Supervision Services (PASS)

The Honorable Judge Peterson with Helena Municipal Court introduced the PASS program in 2019 to provide supportive supervision for individuals with behavioral health disorders who are found guilty of their misdemeanor charge(s). Through assignment to PASS, the Court allows individuals the opportunity for completed check-ins with behavioral health services to apply credit towards their fines and fees. The Court determines the allowable amount to be deducted, but credit typically ranges from \$5 to \$20 for every hour engaged in behavioral health services.

Once approved by the Court, CJS PASS Officer Jenn Norris meets with the participant, assesses needs, and works to connect them with community resources. Officer Norris verifies the offender's participation in behavioral health services and communicates completed check-ins to the Court.

Through 2023, 89 court orders were submitted for PASS participants, 1,609 check-ins with Officer Norris were completed, and 965 appointments with community providers were verified, leading to a reduction in fines and fees of an estimated \$10,700 dollars across five years. To view the full infographic, visit us online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page.



CJS in the Community



Bottom: CJS Director Kellie McBride presented to Hometown Helena in January on the Department's successes and challenges in the five years since the Department has been established.

Left: In March, Pretrial & Misdemeanor Probation Officer Tiffany Mowery shared restorative justice practices with students at the East Helena High School Career Fair.



Seeking Volunteers for Detention Center Programs

Do you love what you do and enjoy sharing that passion with others? The Lewis and Clark County Detention Center is always looking for volunteers to come and share their interests, hobbies, and services with the incarcerated members of our community! Research shows that when offenders feel connected to their community, they are less likely to re-offend after they are released, which helps make our community safer and saves tax-payer dollars. If you are interested in applying, or would like to learn more, please check out the Education and Transition section of our website by scanning the QR code to the right or contact the Education and Transition Coordinator at 406-594-5713.

