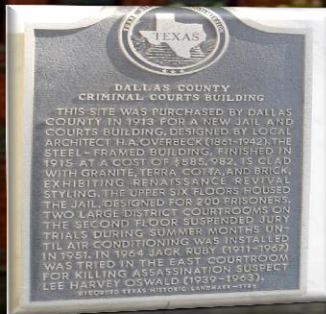


Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board



VISION STATEMENT



The Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) is the forum for community, business & professional collaboration leading to an effective and just criminal justice system that ensures Dallas County is safe, secure and prepared.

The **principle mission** of CJAB is to identify opportunities for improvement in the criminal justice system of Dallas County using the following core strategies:

- ✓ Synergize public safety programs and services across Dallas County.
- ✓ Coordinate programs and systems to reduce crime.
- ✓ Integrate the criminal justice system in a county-wide emergency response plan.
- ✓ Maximize effectiveness of criminal justice resources throughout Dallas County.

HISTORY/LEADERSHIP



- CJAB is committed to serve as the planning body for the criminal justice system throughout Dallas County, Texas.
- CJAB was authorized by Dallas County Commissioners Court on March 24, 2009 (Court Order No. 2009-0564),
- CJAB received a Dallas City Council Resolution on December 10, 2008. (Resolution No 08-3435)

HISTORY/LEADERSHIP



- The **Honorable Commissioner Mike Cantrell** was CJAB's 1st CJAB Chair.
- **Dr. Elba Garcia**, Dallas County Commissioner, Dist. 4, is currently the CJAB Chair for term 2010-2012.
- **Dr. Michael Noyes**, Director of Dallas County Community Supervision and Corrections Department is the Vice Chair.
- Daily operations of CJAB are managed by the CJAB Coordinator, **Duane Steele**, Dallas County Criminal Justice Department.

CJAB MEMBERSHIP

- ❖ **CJAB Chair** – The Honorable Elba Garcia, Dallas County Commissioner, District 4
- ❖ **CJAB Co-Chair** – Dr. Michael Noyes, Director, Dallas County CSCD
- ❖ **Juvenile Justice Committee** - Dr. Terry Snow Smith, Director, Juvenile Services
- ❖ **Commissioners Court** – The Honorable Clay Jenkins, Dallas County Judge
- ❖ **City of Dallas** – The Honorable Mike Rawlings, Mayor
- ❖ **Dallas County R & B 1** – Chief Jim Spivey, Richardson Police Department
- ❖ **Dallas County R & B 2** – Chief Mitch Bates, Garland Police Department.
- ❖ **Dallas County R & B 3** – Chief Ed Morris, Balch Springs Police Department
- ❖ **Dallas County R & B 4** – Chief Robert Brown, Duncanville Police Department

CJAB MEMBERSHIP

- ❖ **Dallas County Sheriff** - The Honorable Lupe Valdez,
- ❖ **Dallas County District Attorney** - The Honorable Craig Watkins,
- ❖ **Criminal District Court** - The Honorable Don Adams, Presiding Judge CDC#2
- ❖ **County Criminal Court** - The Honorable Roberto Cañas Jr., Presiding Judge CCC#10
- ❖ **District Clerk** - The Honorable Gary Fitzsimmons,
- ❖ **County Clerk** - The Honorable John F. Warren,
- ❖ **Dallas Police Department** - Chief David Brown,
- ❖ **Texas Department of Criminal Justice** - Jacqueline Dickerson, Regional Director,
- ❖ **Assistant U.S. Attorney** - James “JIM” Jacks,
- ❖ **Dallas County Chief Public Defender** - Lynn Richardson,

CJAB STANDING COMMITTEES

- 1) **Corrections (Jail Population)** John Wiley Price, Dallas County Commissioner, Dist. 3, & the Honorable Lupe Valdez, Dallas County Sheriff
- 2) **Law Enforcement** Chief Jimmy Spivey, Richardson Police Department
- 3) **Pre-Trial/Diversion** Ron Stretcher, Director, Criminal Justice Dept.
- 4) **Jurisprudence** David Alex, Dallas County District Attorney's Office
- 5) **Courts** Hon. Robert Burns, Criminal District Court No. 1
- 6) **Re-Entry** Christina Melton Crain, DOORS
- 7) **Public Policy** Hon. Delia Jasso, Dallas City Council District 1
- 8) **Justice of the Peace** Hon. Steve Seider, JP Precinct.3 -Place 2
- 9) **Juvenile Justice** Dr. Terry Snow Smith, Director, Juvenile Dept.
- 10) **Bail Bond Task Force** Dr. Elba Garcia, Dallas County Commissioner, Dist. 4
- 11) **Fair Defense** Dr. Michael Noyes, Director, CSCD
- 12) **Serial Inebriate Program (SIP)** Ron Stretcher, Director, Criminal Justice Dept.

MILESTONE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE (JAIL POPULATION) COMMISSIONER JOHN WILEY PRICE, ROAD & BRIDGE DISTRICT 3 & THE HONORABLE LUPE VALDEZ, DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Jail Standards

- ❑ Jails passed state inspection in 2010; (first time since 2003).
- ❑ 7th largest Jail certified by TX Comm. on Jail Standards.
- ❑ Mar. 2012, the Jail passed State Inspection for third year in a row.



CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE (JAIL POPULATION)

COMMISSIONER JOHN WILEY PRICE, ROAD & BRIDGE DISTRICT 3

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Jail Population Daily Monitoring

- ❑ Average daily jail pop declined within past two years, down approximately 700.
- ❑ June 2010 (6,891) - June 2012 (6,192) – Average daily pop.
- ❑ County is saving approximately \$39,144 per day in jail bed days during this period.

CSCD & Parole Partnerships

- ❑ Monitoring Court Activity
- ❑ Parole Board Hearing Schedules
- ❑ Wait Time for Placement

LAW ENFORCEMENT

CHIEF JIMMY SPIVEY, RICHARDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Transportation MOU Between Agencies

- Dallas County Sheriff's Department / Law Enforcement Agencies
- 21 agencies signed MOU to have inmates transported
- Cost savings to local Law Enforcement Agencies

Fair Defense Act

- Compliance with Senate Bill 7 of 2001
- Fourteen (14) agencies have video equipment
- "Video Arraignments" ensure timely appointment of counsel
- Video units average around \$1500

PRE-TRIAL/DIVERSION

RON STRETCHER, DIRECTOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPT.

Bond Supervision Unit (BSU) / Alternative Supervision Program (ASP)

- ❑ Established in 2007.
- ❑ Increased Community Safety.
- ❑ Increasing responsiveness of Courts to violations of Alcohol Related Bond Conditions.
- ❑ \$2.2 million in estimated cost savings to County.

PRE-TRIAL/DIVERSION

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Mental Health & Outpatient Competency Coordination Unit

- Identifies appropriate candidates for outpatient services.
- Provides coordination for Court, Attorneys, Family, & Service Providers.
- Assist in making referrals for services.
- Provides support for approximately 50 participants monthly.
- Decrease jail population.
- \$267 per day estimated savings in jail bed days.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

DAVID ALEX, FELONY BUREAU CHIEF, D.A. OFFICE

State Jail Felony Unit (SFU)

- ❑ SFU launched May 10, 2011 or 14 months ago
- ❑ Over 13,000 cases have been disposed.
- ❑ **Waiver** (A defendant waiving his/her right to have the Grand Jury hear the facts of a case prior to pleading).
- ❑ Approximately 1500 pre-indictment waivers completed.
- ❑ One (1) waiver saves an average of 10 jail bed days.
- ❑ Average length of stay in jail for a SFU inmate declined from 81 days to 59 days since inception of unit.
- ❑ SFU: 5 Assistant District Attorneys & 2 Investigators.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

DAVID ALEX, FELONY BUREAU CHIEF, D.A. OFFICE

Indigent Defense Screening Pilot

- ❑ Governing cost of expenditures for court-appointed counsel.
- ❑ June 4, 2012, pilot implemented by County Clerk's Office.
- ❑ In compliance with Article 26.04 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (Defendants requesting appointed counsel are screened to determine eligibility).
- ❑ Pilot Courts: CCC # 4 (Tolle), CCC# 5 (Mullin), CCC# 8 (Yoo), CDC#2 (Adams), CDC#3 (Lewis), or CDC#4 (Creuzot).
- ❑ 808 defendants have been screened at arraignment.
- ❑ 656 were appointed counsel & 18% denied (145).
- ❑ 246 bonded cases were screened.
- ❑ 207 were appointed counsel & 16% denied (39).

COURTS COMMITTEE

HON. ROBERT BURNS, CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT 1

- Committee serves as a liaison between the Criminal Courts and the Criminal Justice System.

Specialty Courts

- Courts geared towards addressing defendant's issues surrounding Mental and/or Behavioral Health needs. The following lists Specialty Courts
 - DWI Courts (FELONY-DWI, MISDEMEANOR-DWI)
 - Drug Courts (DIVERT)
 - Re-Entry Drug Courts (4C & STAC)
 - Mental Health Courts (DDCA & Atlas & MMH)
 - Female Offender & Prostitution Diversion (STAR, PRIDE)
 - Veteran's Court (VA)
 - Progressive Intervention/Sanctions Courts (IIP)

RE-ENTRY COMMITTEE

CHRISTINA MELTON-CRAIN, DOORS

Collaboration of Reentry Organizations

- ❑ City of Dallas Offender Reentry Division
 - **iMOM**- focuses on women reentering the community who are pregnant or have children ages 5 years of age and younger, and have substance abuse issues.
 - **Finding North**- is geared toward engaging inmates approaching release from the Wilmer drug rehab facility.
- ❑ TDCJ Parole
 - **Job Fair**- Engaging employers to hire ex-offenders.
- ❑ The Way Back House
 - **InterComm Service Center**- Provides resources and opportunities for released offenders.

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

HON. DELIA JASSO, DALLAS CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

Developing Legislative Agendas **in the Interest of Dallas County Criminal Justice**

- **82nd Legislative Session-** items sensitive to Dallas Co. Criminal Justice that passed:
 - 1) **SB887 – ATM Thefts**
 - 2) **SB694 – Metal Thefts**
 - 3) **HB2735 – Blue Warrants**

- **Current preparation underway for the 83rd Legislative Session and dynamic collaborative meetings occurring at the leadership of Councilwoman Jasso.**

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

HON. STEVE SEIDER, JP PCT.3-PL 2

JP Activities

- SB469 NTTA fee requirements – requires court of local jurisdiction to collect unpaid tolls, admin fees, and third-party collection service fees, prior to collecting court cost and fines.
- Obtaining OCA exemption to requirements pending CMS rollout.
- Implemented DART Community Court - began on July 21, 2012 at the Stew Pot.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

DR. TERRY SNOW SMITH, DIRECTOR, JUVENILE DEPT.

"Youth First"

- **Development of Diversion Programs**
 - (a) Mental Health Court
 - (b) ESTEEM Court
 - (c) Disproportionate Minority Contacts (DMC) Court

- **DPS Reporting** - Develop approach to address DPS reporting completeness before August 31, 2013. The implementation of this approach has moved the department from 56% to 99% in just six (6) months with a solid procedure in place for complete and accurate DPS reporting.

BAIL BOND TASK FORCE

COMMISSIONER ELBA GARCIA, ROAD & BRIDGE DIST. 4

Task Force Report

Bail Bond Task Force released a 57-page report, recommending changes to the bond forfeiture system that could bring in millions in untapped revenue and prevent fugitives from going unpunished.

Bail Bond Task Force recommendations include:

- Created a D.A. Bond Forfeiture Unit with 2 attorneys & 2 clerks.
- Standardized multiple processes across all of the courts & depts.
- Using a new database to produce regular bond activity reports.
- Most recommendations are implemented
- Positive change has occurred.

FAIR DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DR. MICHAEL NOYES, DIRECTOR, CSCD

Maintaining Compliance with SB7

- Deployed video equipment purchased with the funds awarded through the Fair Defense Act Grant.
- Ensure adherence to SB7 requirement throughout Dallas County.

SERIAL INEBRIATE PROGRAM (SIP)

RON STRETCHER, DIRECTOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPT.

Serial Inebriate Pilot for Dallas County

Dr. Melanie Lippmann developed a Pathway to initiate a pilot program pooling the resources of Dallas Co., City Of Dallas, CDC, The Bridge, CitySquare, Homeward Bound, and Turtle Creek Recovery Center, to name a few, to begin to address the "Top 100 Serial Inebriates" utilizing the system.

DALLAS COUNTY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD



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