



**Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
General Membership Minutes for Monday, September 17, 2018**

Welcome & Introductions, Commissioner Dr. Garcia, called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. Customary introductions were made by all in attendance.

Membership & Infrastructure:

A motion was made to approve Chief Paul Stokes from Dallas Police Department to become a member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board. The motion was seconded and voted on. Motion carried out unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the CJAB General Membership meeting held on June 18, 2018, were made a part of the packet. There was a motion made to accept the minutes as printed.

Presentations:

Pretrial Services – Jeff Segura, Dallas County Pretrial Services Program Manager

Commissioner Garcia introduced Jeff Segura, Pretrial Services Program Manager

Mr. Segura began by stating that during this presentation he would be giving an overview of Pretrial Services and what they are currently working on. Mr. Segura stated that Pretrial Services mission statement is: “To enhance public safety by providing supervision for individuals released on bond to ensure court appearance and successful compliance with conditions of bond.” All four units in Pretrial have two main goals which are: To ensure court appearance, and enforce defendant compliance with conditions of bond. Mr. Segura went over the organizational chart and explained the current units and positions that Pretrial has. Mr. Segura reported that Pretrial continues to expand, and they are currently at 40 staff and looking to hire more.

Mr. Segura elaborated on the four units of Pretrial Services. The first unit is General Pretrial Release. This unit has five positions, and it was the first unit that started Pretrial in Dallas County. Mr. Segura stated this unit is responsible for identifying inmates that meet the guidelines for release for a low cost County

bond. Staff duties includes triaging an overnight report for eligible defendants, running NCIC/TCIC background checks, interviewing, administering the ORAS-PAT risk assessment, and verifying information received through references given. Defendants eligible for this type of bond are assigned to supervision level one which requires two call-ins per month to ensure court date notification, and reporting of any changes in residential status. Duty Officers prepare the overnight report, monitor call-ins, triage referrals, and respond to court notifications of court settings. This unit supervises low level offenders with Class A, and B misdemeanors and some felonies. This unit has been around since 2007.

Mr. Segura stated the next unit is the Mental Health Pretrial Release Unit (MHPR). It was further stated that MHPR funded by Caruth Smart Justice Grant and started with collaboration of the Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, and various stakeholders. This unit started off with five officers and has now expanded to ten. Mr. Segura explained that these staff members triage the JIMI/STELLA software for eligible defendants who have been identified by Adapt Community Solutions to have a mental health need, run NCIC/TCIC background checks, conduct interviews utilizing the ORAS-PAT risk assessment, verify information received, and prepare Personal Recognizance (PR) bond recommendations for court. Defendants granted these types of bond are assigned to supervision levels 1, 2, or 3 based on their risk score. This unit also monitors Mental Health (MH) Conditional Dismissals granted through the DA's Office. Mr. Segura reported that within the next couple of weeks, a text message service will be activated through their case management system in order to send court date reminders to defendants. Commissioner Daniel asked what the percentage of defendants actually have phones. Mr. Steele stated that the majority of the defendants have a cellphone.

Mr. Segura elaborated on the next unit, which is the Alcohol Monitoring Unit. This is for defendants with an alcohol related offense. Some defendants as a condition of his/her bond, and in compliance with Chapter 17, Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 17.441 (conditions requiring motor vehicle ignition interlock), the defendant is required on or before the thirtieth (30) day after release from custody to have the interlock device installed on his/her vehicle or the vehicle most regularly driven. This unit started with three technicians, and has now expanded to six. They maintain an average caseload of 200-250 cases each. Technicians are responsible for case management, and making sure defendants are not using alcohol by checking their interlock devices. Defendants report to their assigned technician on a monthly basis.

Mr. Segura stated the next unit is the Electronic Monitoring Unit (ELM). This unit has seven officers who provide high level GPS monitoring for defendants pending felony and misdemeanor offenses, which have had electronic monitoring placed on them as a condition of bond. This unit usually has high profile cases to include murder and sex related offenses. ELM Officers maintain an optimal case load of around 25-30 defendants, however their numbers have been going up recently. Defendants on GPS are placed on full schedule accountability which

means the officer must be aware of their location at all times. The court will determine if the defendants will either be on full house arrest or have work/school release. Defendants will only be allowed to work or attend school if it can be verified. If defendant chooses to not work they must remain at home.

Mr. Segura reported that the last and newest unit is the Intake Assessment Unit. This unit currently has six technicians that are responsible for conducting intake assessment interviews for completion of a financial affidavit for indigent screening, and a pretrial risk assessment (used to provide an objective analysis of whether an arrested person is likely to appear in court and not get rearrested if released before trial). This information will be provided to the Magistrate to determine appropriate bond and conditions for release. This Unit will be expanding to 24/7 in the near future. This unit is currently operating at the following shifts: Tues-Sat: 7am-3:30pm Mon-Fri: 3pm-11:30pm. This unit has been approved to expand and will be hiring an additional nine staff members.

During the question and answer session Commissioner Garcia asked if Pretrial has the correct number of officers in place at this time. Mr. Segura stated that with bail reform, he anticipates further growth in the Pretrial Units and will hire accordingly. Commissioner Daniel asked what tools Pretrial using at this time. Mr. Segura stated that they currently using the financial affidavit and the ORAS-PAT.

Committee Project Updates:

Bail Bond:

Miguel Canales gave the update. The Bond Forfeiture Judgment Report reflected judgment totals from January – August 2018 of \$992,750.62 for 1,629 cases. The Account 62 reports reflected total bond forfeitures collected by the felony courts in August 2018 was \$15,000.00. For the same reporting period, the misdemeanor courts collected \$23,710.00.

Fair Defense Committee:

Lynn Richardson gave the update. In August the House Committee on County Affairs held a meeting at Commissioners Court and she had the opportunity to testify. The testimony regarded Interim Charge No. 3, a study that helps counties identify defendant's and inmate's behavior health needs and referral opportunities for rehabilitation and transition. There was also testimony provided by two judges who elaborated on indigent defense funding and the current issues associated with it. The Public Defender's office met with the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) on Senate Bill 292 and the new Jail Based Competency Restoration program. They were able to discuss a pilot program that they will be starting on September 24. This program will focus on getting defendants in jail the services they need in order to help them regain competency in order to help them avoid going to the state hospital, reducing their time in jail. Lastly it was reported that the Public Defender's Office has submitted a staffing

proposal for the 24-hour magistration process. They are scheduled to meet with Judge McVea in order to discuss staffing and procedure for this new process.

Jail Population Update:

Etho Pugh reported on the Jail Population meeting was held on September 14, 2018. Excerpts from that meeting can be found on pages 28 through 33 of the packet. Mr. Pugh stated that the jail population for this date is 5,174. It was further reported the total number of book-ins for August was 6,079 and of those the Dallas Police Department brought in 2,614, and of those 122 were for criminal trespass. Mr. Pugh further elaborated that it appears DPD is booking in the same people over and over for the same charge, and he would like to work with DPD in order to find a resolution to this problem. Chief Stokes of DPD responded and stated that the suspects that keep coming back to the same places, even after they are told to leave the establishment. This results in the criminal trespassers that are being booked in. It was further stated that DPD needs to look out for the safety of the city and is taking a proactive approach to removing criminal trespassers. It was further stated that because these criminal trespassers have been warned, the criminal trespass is no longer regarded as a Class C misdemeanor, but a Class B which requires them to be transported to the county jail. The city jail will only hold Class C misdemeanors. Lynn Richardson stated that lately they have been seeing that a lot of these individuals are coming in with mental health needs, and was inquiring as to why they are not being taken to the hospital. Chief Stokes stated that they can only transport to the hospital if they are exhibiting signs at the moment of contact, and at that point they are to be classified as an APOWW. Mr. Gordon Hikel stated that he was under the impression that DPD was responding with Parkland social work staff and utilizing the Smart Justice Intercept 1 diversion team. Chief Stokes stated that they are using the Intercept 1 team as long as the call is coded as a person that is having a mental issue, but not sending out the team to criminal trespass calls. Mr. Hikel stated that he is concerned with fact that of these criminal trespasses a number of them had mental health issues, and wanted to find a way to process them out of jail quicker.

Justice of the Peace:

Judge Steve Seider could not attend the meeting but sent an update to Miguel Canales. The Office of Court Administration (OCA) has granted Dallas County a final exception to their reporting requirements for Justice of the Peace Courts, due to an inability of our current Court Management System (CMS) to extract data. The exception is conditioned upon Dallas County providing a monthly update to OCA on the CMS development. The Court Management System (CMS) development has not progressed in accordance with any time deadlines. Lastly, the Court Management System (CMS) capabilities/goals are being changed—it appears that the system will provide less than what was promised.

Juvenile Justice:

Mr. Griffiths could not attend the meeting and did not send an update.

Law Enforcement/Jurisprudence:

Ellyce Lindberg gave the update. There was no subcommittee meeting held this quarter. Mrs. Lindberg introduced Felicia Requena who talked about the changes with the Personal Recognizance Bond form that the Dallas County Sheriff's Department has adopted. A copy of the new form was distributed to CJAB members. Commissioner Daniel requested for a digital copy to be emailed and distributed to the CJAB membership. Commissioner Garcia asked Mr. Canales to scan and distribute a digital copy to the CJAB membership.

Public Policy:

Commissioner Garcia stated the 2019 Legislative Session is upon us, and wanted to include CJAB's 3 points that Dallas County can help pass through our legislative representative. Mr. Canales stated that on page 34 of the packet, you can find a blank legislative proposal. It was further said that an electronic copy will be made available to all committee members. It was asked to have the proposal filled out and return to Mr. Canales by October 1, 2018. Commissioner Garcia stated to also please include a financial impact to the proposal as well.

Pretrial:

Jeff Segura gave the update, and did not have much more to discuss as it was all covered during the presentation at the beginning of the meeting. It was stated that the subcommittee met twice in order to help put together a proposal for additional staff.

Reentry:

Christina Crain could not attend the meeting and sent an update to Miguel Canales. Unlocking DOORS Annual Texas Reentry Symposium will be held Friday, October 19th at the Belo Mansion. Commissioner Garcia stated that if anyone wants to attend and does not have the financial means, to please contact Dr. Crain.

Program Update:**SAMSHA Drug Court Expansion:**

Laura Edmonds gave an update; It was stated that the SAMSHA grant will be ending this month. SAMSHA was able to serve 122 women. They have been able to move clients from referral to out of jail and into treatment within an average of seven days. Dallas County applied for another SAMSHA grant which will start in December and this time it will be serving both males and females.

Caruth Smart Justice:

Mike Laughlin gave an update; he stated to refer to pages 39-45 for a quarterly summary of Caruth MHPR Bond. Since April 2017 they have a total of 743

approved cases, and a total of 455 discharged. They have had 172 complete the program successfully, 277 unsuccessfully and six with a neutral outcome. As of July 2018 they have a total of 288 active cases. Mr. Laughlin further stated that they have created a work group with various stakeholders in order to address homelessness in Dallas County. Mr. Laughlin briefly went over Intercepts 1-5, and asked to refer to packet for detailed explanation on progress made.

Link 2 Care Program:

Dr. Jennifer Gonzalez gave the update. Dr. Gonzalez started by reminding the committee that the Link 2 Care Program work to provide homeless individuals with a smart phone in order to help better connect them to treatment in order to reduce recidivism. It was reported that since they launched in April 2018, they have served 53 participants, with 28 of them assigned to receive a cellphone. They have only lost a total of eight cellphones to date.

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

Commissioner Garcia introduced Dr. Michael Noyes from University of North Texas in Dallas. Dr. Noyes stated that the Criminal Justice Department will be having a career expo on November 2, 2018 from 9:30AM – 1:30PM. Flyers of the event were provided by Dr. Noyes.

Mr. Michael Laughlin reminded the committee of the Pretrial Summit coming up in Austin, Texas. This Summit is put together by Office of Court Administration (OCA) on October 15th and 16th.

The next CJAB meeting will be held on December 17, 2018, at 2:30pm.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and approved at 3:35PM.