



**Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
General Membership Minutes for Monday, June 14, 2021
Via Microsoft TEAMS**

Welcome & Introductions, Commissioner Dr. Garcia, called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. All in attendance recorded via Microsoft TEAMS.

Membership & Infrastructure:

Introduction of Dallas Police Chief Eddie Garcia to CJAB & Vision for DPD – Ms. Lindberg introduced Chief Garcia and read his bio. Chief Garcia introduced himself to the CJAB Board, and gave his vision for the Dallas Police Department. Details of Chief Garcia’s vision can be found on the Dallas Police website.

Selection of Law Enforcement Subcommittee Chair Chief Bryan Sylvester – Ms. Lindberg introduced Chief Sylvester and read his bio. There was a motion and a second to elect Chief Sylvester as the CJAB LEA subcommittee chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the CJAB General Membership meeting held on March 15, 2021, were made a part of the packet. There was a motion made to accept the minutes as printed.

Presentations:

New Directions for Public Safety and Positive Community Change – Dr. Timothy Bray

Commissioner Garcia introduced the presenter Dr. Timothy Bray and read a short bio.

Dr. Bray began the presentation by giving a brief background on his work with Dallas County Administration in Criminal Justice reform. Dr. Bray stated policing now a day has become more complicated. Police officers are expected are now expected to be peacemakers, first responders, protectors, negotiators, fast thinkers and counselors. The research that they are do and the questions they are trying to answer are what can we do differently. How can we eliminate time-

draining activities? How can we get the right resources to the right tasks? How can we improve safety?

Dr. Bray stated that their role in the process is going to be to collect data and assess current call volumes and patterns. Evaluate planning for the deflection program, and evaluate of pilot program impacts and effects of the program that Dallas County has funded through grants. The goal is here is not to simply say did this initiative work, but to take the bigger picture and say how are these investments changing the quality of life in Dallas County, not just for our citizen, but for our police officers who are working.

Dr. Bray mentioned that so far, there are six agencies who participated in the initial phase of the project. The data collected from the agencies are as follows: Incident data for community interactions, details regarding the incident data, rank the top 5 quality of life calls, identify other data sources for police/community interaction and what calls could be handled differently. Some of the common quality of life calls that police officers responded were noise complaints, parking violations, mental health evaluation/wellness checks, criminal trespass, motor vehicle assistance and request for information. They will need help from Dallas County law enforcement agencies in two areas. First, how do we share data to increase officer and citizen safety and lastly how do we expand our analysis to include more agencies.

Dr. Bray stated that they would like to create some database in which LEAs are able to share data, and be able to see medical/mental health information of their arrestees. Ms. Lindberg mentioned that Judge Creuzot is interested in this sort of database, and asked Dr. Bray to look into DCIM database.

Dr. Bray stated that he would like more LEA participation in their current initiative. He will be sending an email to Mr. Canales with his contact information to send to all Dallas County LEAs with and explanation to the current initiative.

Committee Project Updates:

Criminal Justice Administration & Jail Population Management Update:

LaShonda Jefferson gave the update. The Jail Population committee meeting was held on Friday, June 11th. Excerpts from that packet can be found on pages 17 through 22 of the CJAB packet. The jail population for today is 5,521. The May 2021 average jail population was 5,400 and the yearly average is 5,580.

Fair Defense Committee:

Lynn Richardson gave the update. The courts are now beginning to open up for jury trials and hearings. There is concern about the backlog of cases, Ms. Richardson is working with Public Defenders across the Country to determine how to effectively deal with this backlog of cases.

Justice of the Peace:

Judge Steve Seider gave the update. The legislative session H.B. 3774 would amend the code of criminal procedure, and this would required all pleas in JP courts to be done in person with the judge making a specific finds that would verify the mental health status of defendant. Judge Seider reported jury trials are starting up and they are preparing for them. His JP court is currently under construction. The only other issue, is concern with cyber security. They receive many exhibits that are emailed to them, and Judge Seider has concerns that those exhibits could be compromised.

Law Enforcement/Jurisprudence:

Ellyce Lindberg gave the update. There was no meeting scheduled this past quarter. The last subcommittee meeting we held on Monday, March 16th. The minutes of the meeting are part of the packet. This meeting was held to inform LEAs of electronic disposition reporting (EDR) requirements and solicit help from Dallas County LEAs.

Pretrial:

Jeff Segura gave the update. Pretrial Services continues to do well. The ELM and Alcohol numbers are up. They have had to allocate other officers to ELM to help with reducing officer caseloads. Right now, they are exploring a structural change in ELM cause of this new reality with high caseloads. Pretrial Services has asked for two new technicians from the Budget Department. The yearly Pretrial report will be completed within the next two weeks, and will be made available.

Reentry:

Christina Crain gave the update. Ms. Crain reported they are gearing up for 2021 Texas Re-entry Symposium. The Symposium will be September 14th and will be virtual. Flyers will be sent out to CJAB committee once available containing enrollment information. Unlocking DOORS is currently creating employment council, which will allow employers who are background friendly to work hand in hand with Unlocking DOORS and its clients.

Research:

Dr. Jennifer Gonzalez gave the update. The results from AIM study are now available. They expect to have that for the group within the next few weeks. The results will be sent to the DA's office. Dr. Gonzalez will share the results during the next committee meeting.

Program Update:

Local Data Advisory Board:

LaFayne McCall gave the update. We are close to closing the gap to get to 90%. The deadline is 8/1/21 to reach compliance, and we are very close. Looking towards next year compliance metric deadline of 8/1/22, we are currently at 79%. In order to reach this metric we would need to close out 30,000 cases.

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

The next CJAB meeting will be held on September 13, 2021, at 2:30pm.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and approved at 3:30PM.