

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.

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
- ❖ Commissioners Court – The Honorable Dr. Theresa Daniel, Dallas County Commissioner, District 1
- ❖ City of Dallas – The Honorable Adam Medrano, Council Member, District 2
- ❖ Dallas County R & B 1 – Chief Jim Spivey, Richardson Police Department
- ❖ Dallas County R & B 2 – Chief Sidney Fuller, Farmers Branch Department
- ❖ Dallas County R & B 3 – Chief Ed Morris, Balch Springs Police Department
- ❖ Dallas County R & B 4 – Chief Larry Boyd, Irving Police Department

CJAB MEMBERSHIP

- ❖ Dallas County Sheriff - The Honorable Lupe Valdez,
- ❖ Dallas County District Attorney - The Honorable Craig Watkins,
- ❖ Criminal District Court - Rick Magnis, Presiding Judge 283rd Judicial District Court
- ❖ County Criminal Court - Tina Yoo, Presiding Judge of County Criminal Court #8
- ❖ 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 - Jay Dewald,
- ❖ Dallas County Chief Public Defender - Lynn Richardson,

MILESTONE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Jail Population Challenges

- ❑ Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) unit closures.
- ❑ SB 1611 - Michael Morton Act.
- ❑ Increase in U.S. Marshall inmates.
- ❑ Courts in transition as a result of elections.

FAIR DEFENSE COMMITTEE

LYNN RICHARDSON, CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER

Maintaining Compliance with SB7

- ❑ Ensure adherence to SB7 requirement throughout Dallas County.
- ❑ June 2013 Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) conducts third follow-up site visit.
- ❑ Dallas County successfully addressing two out of three of the recommendations from the visit in 2011.
- ❑ Continued training for current and new Court Coordinators to gain a better understanding of Title I §174.28(c)(5)(C) of the Texas Administrative Code (local compliance with the requirements of the Fair Defense Act).
- ❑ Working with Local Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA's) to get all 23 agencies connected for video arraignment.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

ELLYCE LINDBERG, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Working to Improve the Frank Crowley Courts Building (FCCB) Experience

- ❑ Installation of a Photocopier for the Defense Bar in the defense attorney work area on the 1st Floor of FCCB.
- ❑ Creation of Standardized Forms between the District Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office for Michael Morton Act (SB1611) compliance.
- ❑ Introduction of a pilot program of a Morning Docket Call in certain Misdemeanor Courts, called "Transition Courts".
- ❑ Confirmation of systematic protocol to ensure CJIS compliance for the Waiver of Bookin and Arraignment Process.

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- ❑ Coordination with CJAB LEA Committee to formulate agreements regarding fee cost sharing for foreign language translations and forensic testing.
- ❑ Increased communication between multiple criminal court stakeholders within the County.
- ❑ **Future planned projects include:** Plea Paper standardization, an ACMS Defense Attorney Portal infrastructure, and increased Magistrate Court efficiency.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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

JP Activities

- ❑ **NTTA Fee Requirements** – The NTTA granted a 90 day grace period until September 13, 2013 to allow violators an opportunity to pay outstanding toll tickets. There were approximately 90,000 habitual Tollway offenders identified in the north Texas area.
- ❑ **DART Community Court** - began on July 21, 2012 at the Stewpot. A number of daylong community courts have been held to accommodate the homeless population with outstanding tickets. As many as 50 defendants have appeared and once adjudicated receive community service hours to immediately discharge their sentences.
- ❑ **Future planned projects include:** Implementation of a Case Management System for JP Courts.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

DR. TERRY SNOW SMITH, DIRECTOR, JUVENILE DEPT.

"Youth First"

- ❑ **Video Arraignment of Certified Youth** – Develop a procedure to utilize video technology to remotely book-in youth that have been certified as an adult. On January 30, 2013 a procedure was implemented to use video equipment to conduct the arraignment hearing of youth under 17 years of age who have been certified to stand trial as an adult. This procedure eliminated the need to transport a juvenile to the County jail, avoiding jail standards violations.
- ❑ **Interdepartmental Collaboration** – Sheriff and Juvenile Department continue to collaborate on procedures affecting youth.
 - Individuals 18 years or older arrested on juvenile warrants will no longer be taken to the Juvenile Department for processing. They will be taken to the County jail and video arraigned by the Juvenile District Judge.

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 - A certified youth under the age of 17, convicted on the charge in which he/she was certified, will be taken to the County jail and placed in the “Youthful Offenders Unit” if rearrested or revoked on the original certified offense. This procedure prevents a “convicted adult” from being housed in the juvenile detention facility.
 - **Note:** If a certified youth under the age of 17 is convicted on the charge in which he/she was certified, and is arrested on a new offense, he/she will be taken to the Juvenile Department.
- **Future projects include:**
 - Reduce incarceration rates of youth of color.
 - Open up Letot Residential Treatment Center for Girls.
 - Address specialty populations i.e.; mental health, victims of trafficking

LAW ENFORCEMENT

CHIEF JIMMY SPIVEY, RICHARDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Collaboration Between Agencies

- ❑ Dallas County Sheriff's Department / Law Enforcement Agencies
- ❑ **Future Plans Include:**
 - Electronic Filing & Electronic Bookin via Dallas County Instant Module (DCIM)
 - Revising of Transportation MOU
 - Inmate Video Visitation utilizing City facilities within Dallas County
 - All 23 LEAs participating in Video Arraignment

PRE-TRIAL/DIVERSION

RON STRETCHER, DIRECTOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPT.

Pre-Trial Unit

Bond Supervision Unit (BSU)

Alternative Supervision Program (ASP)

- ❑ ASP Established in 2009 with 4 staff seeing 20 clients.
- ❑ ASP now: 130 active clients with 9 staff members.
- ❑ May 2013 through April 2014 the Pretrial Unit wrote an average of 227 bonds per month and collected on average \$5,948 a month in fees.
- ❑ October 2011, BSU staff supervised a total of 916 clients through “Alcohol Monitoring” (interlock) and collected \$6,675.50 in fees.

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- ❑ April 2014, BSU staff supervised a total of 1205 clients and collected \$11,085 in fees.
- ❑ Dallas County's ASP/ELM program is the vendor's benchmark program as a result of a 97% success rate, and 1% re-arrest rate.
- ❑ **Jail bed days avoided and cost savings** – Since inception ASP/ELM has saved the County 98,345 bed days and saved \$5,544,504.03.

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

HON. ADAM MEDRANO, DALLAS CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

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

- ❑ **83rd Legislative Session-** items sensitive to Dallas Co. Criminal Justice that passed:
 - 1) SB275 – Enhancing Penalties for Leaving Accident Scene
 - 2) SB 1611 - Michael Morton Act
 - 3) HB8 – Human Trafficking
 - 4) HB 3793 – Health Advisory Panel

- ❑ **Current preparation underway for the 84th Legislative Session and dynamic collaborative meetings occurring at the leadership of Councilmember Medrano.**

RE-ENTRY COMMITTEE

CHRISTINA MELTON CRAIN, DOORS

Collaboration of Reentry Organizations

□ DOORS

- Diversion Court Partnership - In 2013, began working with clients from the various Diversion Courts in Dallas County, Texas.
- Expansion of Services - Expanded services to Tarrant County, Texas, in October 2014.
- Partners Meeting – On March 12, 2014 DOORS held its first partners meeting to discuss next steps to collaborating on reentry efforts. DOORS currently has 46 established community partners, with the list growing weekly. A partners directory is being compiled for use in collaborating reentry resources and services for all involved.

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- Pre-release Pilot Program with TDCJ/State Prison System - In 2013, began the first-ever pre-release pilot program with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ-Texas State prison system) to create a smoother transition from incarceration to reentry to the free world.
- Texas Senate District 23 Workforce Development Advisory Committee - Sits on this Task Force as a collaborator of all reentry resources and services for workforce solutions.

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- ❑ TDCJ Parole
 - **Job Fair**- Engaging employers to hire ex-offenders.
- ❑ The Way Back House
 - **InterComm Service Center**- Provides resources and opportunities for released offenders.
 - **Boot Camp**- May 19, 2014, InterComm convened its 57th employment preparation Boot Camp.
- ❑ **Future projects include:**
 - Continue partnership with the various Diversion Courts in Dallas County, Texas.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

DR. ROBERT G. MORRIS, UTD

Establishment of a Research Committee

- ❑ Established and approved by CJAB - September 2013.
- ❑ MOU between Dallas County and UTD (Pretrial Release Mechanisms Study). Court Ordered on May 13, 2014.
- ❑ Ongoing Justice-Related research.
 - *OFFICER STRESS*
 - *SUICIDE IDEATION*
 - *FAMILY VIOLENCE OFFENDING*
 - *TASER USE*
 - *COURT APPEARANCE*
 - *CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY*
 - *JAIL POPULATION*
 - *BOND FORFEITURE AND CLIENT SUCCESS*

DALLAS COUNTY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD

Ongoing Projects

- ❑ **Bail Bond Committee** - Continue to monitor compliance of the Bail Bond Task Force recommendations established Sept. 2012.
- ❑ **Courts Committee** – Continue to serve as a liaison between the Criminal Courts and the Criminal Justice System.
- ❑ **Serial Inebriate Program** - Resources from the 1115 Medicaid Waiver Initiative, Crisis Services Project, will be used to fund 2 case manager positions and telehealth services at the City Detention Center.

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Immediate Projects

- ❑ **Transportation MOU** - Revise MOU for inmate transportation from the local jails to the County Jail.
- ❑ **Video Arraignment Pilot** – Conduct a Pilot to incorporate a large city (Richardson) into the video arraignment process which will help ensure compliance with SB7 Fair Defense Act of 2001.
- ❑ **JP Case Management System** - Implementing a Case Management System for JP Courts that will allow them to be Office of Court Administration (OCA) compliant.

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