



**Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board  
General Membership Minutes for Monday, December 19, 2016**

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

**Membership & Infrastructure:**

There were no changes to membership or infrastructure at this time

**Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from the CJAB General Membership meeting held on September 19, 2016, were made a part of the packet. There was a motion made to accept the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Presentations:**

**Reentry Services by Ray Gulley and Sherman Roberts:**

Commissioner Dr. Garcia introduced Ray Gulley and Sherman Roberts, and gave a brief biography. Mr. Gulley discussed the history of City Wide Community Development Corporation which is a non-profit organization formed in 2001. The mission of City Wide CDC is to help neighborhoods by developing affordable housing, economic development, education, literacy and to use social programs that help families improve quality of life. The program received a grant from the Dallas City Council for reentry services and primarily serves the Oak Cliff area.

Mr. Gulley went on to describe how they work on reentry services, this included outreach in the community followed by creation of an individual plan for participants. During this stage the plan is individual for each participant to follow on two different tracks. The first is the construction track which includes on the job training for construction of highway, commercial, and housing. The program partnered with the Regional Black Contractors Association which has allowed them to negotiate with some of the business by offering to subsidize some of their salary for the first four weeks in exchange for training. By the third week the participant should know if they will be allowed to stay.

Mr. Gulley then discussed the second track which is the Logistic Track. This teaches participants how warehouses operate which includes classroom training at Cedar Valley College. At Cedar Valley College, participants will work with their

business development center in a four week continuing education course. After the course participants can go to on the job training at a warehouse. Job readiness and professional development is included here as well. Behavioral adjustment is also part of this step which helps in job readiness.

Mr. Gulley further stated that in the program there is a thirty and sixty day follow up to ensure they are working out on the job. If participants are not doing well they could receive help from the program again in the form of counseling or returning to the job readiness program. The program can also provide gas vouchers and bus passes if the participant is in need.

Mr. Gulley listed some of the partners which he is currently working. These include City Wide Community center, RC Gulley Consulting, Volunteers of America Texas, Client Driven Technical Solutions, Jones 2000 and beyond, Regional Black Contractors Association, and Cedar Valley College. All these organizations either help with job readiness or job placement.

Mr. Gulley went on to discuss the requirements for participants of the program. Participant requirements for the program include 18 years of age or older and be a US citizen. Other program requirements include must be a non-violent, ex-offender who has been or will be released from Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and return to the Dallas Area. Additionally, if released from prison, it must have been within three years.

Christina Crain of Unlocking doors asked to meet with Mr. Gulley so she could place them within the Unlocking Doors network.

Commissioner Dr. Garcia asked what would be their capacity and timeline. Mr. Gulley stated that their service goal is 50 and their time line started in August 2016 and goes to August 2017. Currently they have 13 clients but have enrolled 23; some are going through the eligibility process with the state.

#### **Caruth Smart Justice Implementation Plan by John Petrilla:**

Commissioner Dr. Garcia introduced John Petrilla, and gave a brief biography. Mr. Petrilla stated they are working on getting everything in line with their partners and it is going well. They have an agreement to be able to transfer funding to their partners and have a potential start date of January 1, 2017. Caruth is funding The Meadows Foundation up to \$7 million over three years and in year one will be funding \$3.5 million. In years two and three funding will be up to \$1.75 million for each year. Mr. Petrilla also stated that they had applied to the Arnold foundation for a grant to evaluate the Caruth Implementation plan in the amount of \$1 million.

Mr. Petrilla further stated that the program was based on the Sequential Intercept Model which is used in several communities to divert people away from the Criminal Justice System and hopefully impact recidivism. This project has two key differences; the first considers that most diversion projects nationally divert

people from the justice system into treatment, which often means emergency rooms. This program takes into account what goes on in both the justice system and emergency rooms. The second key difference emphasizes using data analytics to try and bring what health systems are doing to manage and stratify risk in their population.

Mr. Petrilla stated that there are three priority outcomes in the Caruth Implementation Plan. The first is to free up law enforcement so they can concentrate on public safety and not mental health. The second is improving jail screening and court supervision options by making these determinations faster and providing services from jail to the community. The third is to invest in community treatment and services and this in the long term could help reduce Dallas County's recidivism rates and improve the lives of those affected.

Mr. Petrilla discussed that there were several community partners which covered many areas which are helping make this program successful. This included leadership from clinical and political leaders which increases likelihood of success.

Mr. Petrilla began to give updates on how the Intercepts were progressing. He stated that BJ Wagner has been working with police and fire departments with Intercept 1 trying to get these programs set up. These included trying to divert 911 calls to the RIGHT Care team consisting of EMT, clinician, and police officer.

Regarding Intercept 2-4, Mr. Petrilla stated he is working with Tony Faebelo to accomplish these Intercepts. Primarily this would be identifying the people who enter the jail with mental illness, reduce the number of low risk individuals in custody, and reduce recidivism rates for persons with mental illness.

This part of the program hopes to integrate arrest data with clinical/treatment data. This would create a view of how people who use these services cross over into both categories. Mr. Petrilla stated that this intercept overlaps with Intercept 5 because it focuses on distinguishing people who are mentally ill and this mental illness contributes to their criminal behavior as opposed to people who have mental illness and are at risk of criminal recidivism. Mr. Petrilla stated that if at first contact they are matched appropriately with services this could bring down recidivism.

Ron Stretcher stated that the initial focus on the RIGHT Care teams is on the City of Dallas which is trying to target areas and shifts which are the highest. In Colorado this has resulted in a decrease to the number of transports to the hospital. Mr. Stretcher further stated that this has been piloted at the Bridge by having an EMT on site and has resulted in a huge decrease in transports to the hospital.

Mike Laughlin asked Mr. Petrilla to explain the difference between ACT and FACT. Mr. Petrilla stated that ACT or Assertive Community Treatment is about

taking an inter-disciplinary team who understands housing, outreach, and substance abuse and making them available 24 hours a day. FACT is an extension of this program that creates a criminal justice element to this program; people who are high criminal risk will go to FACT, people who are serious mental illness and use a lot of resources will go to ACT.

Commissioner Dr. Garcia thanked Dr. Petrilla for attending and stated that this is what CJAB has been doing by bringing everyone together to share solutions and problems.

### **Committee Project Updates:**

#### **Reentry:**

Dr. Crain stated that Unlocking Doors would like to work with both of the presenters. Dr. Crain stated that Unlocking Doors does a thorough assessment of the individuals entering their program and makes referrals to meet their needs. In the last few months a MOU has been written with Parkland for them to be their CBO for their programs. Unlocking Doors will be collecting the data and doing the analytics as well.

Unlocking Doors has added some new partners including GO Reentry services. This program expands by going to various states and putting up a store front that provides drug testing, ongoing services that aid probation or parole, and they complete their own assessments. They also manage several prisons throughout the state but this will be their first expansion of reentry services.

Unlocking Doors is also partnering with the Center for Employment Opportunities or CEO which is out of the state of New York for a pilot program. This program has locations in Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and California. CEO is also expanding to Texas and in the spring will work with Unlocking Doors on a transitional work program. This program partners with government entities and provides jobs in sanitation, road work, and construction. Unlocking Doors will provide the clients for this pilot which will be primarily in Dallas County.

This year's Reentry symposium is September 25, 2017.

Unlocking Doors is also working with Dallas Police Department and Caruth Police Institute. The goal of the collaboration is to reduce the number of people who use multiple resources such as hospitals, county jail, or detox.

Unlocking Doors is also working with Travis and Harris County because they are interested in the model particularly the database.

#### **Bail Bond:**

Jeff Segura gave the update which stated the Bond Forfeiture Judgment Report reflected judgment totals from January 2016 through November 2016. The total

judgments ordered by the courts for the aforementioned period was \$1,671,444.49 for 2170 cases. The Account 62 reports reflected total bond forfeiture collected by the felony court in November 2016 was \$94,685.00. For the same reporting period, the misdemeanor courts collected \$24,464.00.

**Fair Defense Committee:**

Lynn Richardson could not attend but Paul Blocker reported that Mrs. Richardson will be on Judge Faith Johnson's transition team.

**Jail Population Update:**

Etho Pugh reported on the Jail Population meeting held on September 16, 2016. Excerpts from that meeting can be found on pages 38 through 44 of the packet. Mr. Pugh stated that the jail population for this date is 5,197.

**Justice of the Peace:**

Judge Steve Seider reported that court management system is not up and running but "Mr. Victrum" from IT stated it should be running by August 2017. Judge Seider stated that they have been working with ADAPT, the Vet Center and the Department of Criminal Justice to try and get his program started to address mental health needs on the Justice of the Peace Court level. Some video equipment has made it out to his court and by next meeting there should be more to report. Judge Seider stated he is meeting with people in the Greater Dallas Apartment Association to help identify people before they get into the eviction process.

**Juvenile Justice:**

Dr. Terry Smith could not attend the meeting however Rudy Acosta spoke on her behalf. Mr. Acosta stated that Dr. Smith has been meeting with local law enforcement agency chiefs and school superintendents for data sharing elements. Dr. Smith also wanted to meet with them to see if they had first offender programs and could provide assistance with that as well. Mr. Acosta stated they are 18 months into their youthful offender court and have served 36 youths. At this time not one of these youths has come back to the system.

On the legislative side they have been in support of legislation to move the minimum age higher and provide service through community providers to the 10-11 year olds.

**Law Enforcement/Jurisprudence:**

Chief Spivey reported they are still working on how to deal with their digital evidence in particular now that larger jurisdictions have got their body cameras; this has greatly increased the need for storage. Ellyce Lindberg stated that the DAs have been talking to vendors and law enforcement agencies to set up a meeting to make sure everyone understands what each agency needs. This has set up potential problems of private entities who would be vendors for digital storage having access to evidence and how would the DAs or police retrieve evidence if they changed vendors or had to renegotiate their contracts.

**Research:**

Dr. John Maskaly stated that he had nothing new to report however he said he has been working with various academics and as grant season comes around he is aware that some agencies may apply. Dr. Maskaly offered to be a grant evaluator if an agency needed one.

**Public Policy:**

Council Member Medrano could not attend however Commissioner Dr. Garcia reported that both the City of Dallas and Dallas County have already approved their legislative agendas. Dallas County's emphasizes on their agenda funding for jail programs, mental health, and opposing revenue caps. Commissioner Garcia also stated this was last call for anyone on the CJAB board to present anything they wanted Dallas County CJAB board to follow.

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

Laura Edmonds could not attend however Jeff Segura gave an update; the yearly goal for SAMSHA is 36 and they have 13 referrals in the first three months.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

Ellyce Lindberg stated that Judge Faith Johnson will be sworn in at 11:00am January 2, 2017, and attorneys will be sworn in after that and all were invited.

The next CJAB meeting will be March 20, 2017.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and approved at 4:00PM.