



**Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
General Membership Minutes for Monday, December 18, 2017**

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 18, 2017, 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:

Center for Employment Opportunities—Maggie Ongele and Bill Heiser

Commissioner Dr. Garcia introduced Maggie Ongele and Bill Heiser and gave a brief biography.

Maggie Ongele began the presentation by discussing the past history and focus of Center For Employment opportunities or CEO. CEO has been working on getting ready for a spring 2018 Launch. CEO's focus is to provide people who have been previously incarcerated a path to work and other comprehensive services. The program started in the 1970s as a research initiative and in the 1990s began to put its research to work in New York and established a physical location during this time. Currently CEO is in 18 locations and is now looking to expand to Texas.

The program has several phases. The first phase is the one week life skills orientation, this takes place after being referred by community supervision. During this time they go out with a site supervisor to provide services to their work partners (CEO's customers). Also, each participant takes one day a week to work with a job coach to refine their life and work skills.

The second phase is job placement with a permanent employer in the private sector. This is followed up by helping the client with maintaining employment by both helping the employee navigate difficult situations and working with the

employer to help the individual as well. CEO has received support from Google and partnered with IDEO.org to create a CEO app which is used for the CEO clients to receive both a daily paycheck and daily feedback on their performance from their site supervisor.

Reviewing the data over a three year period for clients showed a decrease in arrests, new crime convictions, incarcerations, and all types of recidivism. Ms. Ongele stated that they were working on getting partners which have so far included meetings with Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Dallas County, Adult Probation, and Unlocking Doors.

Ms. Ongele stated that the goal currently was to continue working on partnerships within the area and by year four to have served over a thousand people in Texas.

During the questions and answer session Ms. Ongele was asked how do people obtain services? Ms. Ongele stated that their services are given through Community Supervision (Adult Probation) and they take most clients except sexual offenders.

Bill Heiser was asked how long the program is and he stated generally clients are there two to three months.

ReCAST (Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma)—Shay Cathey

Commissioner Garcia introduced the next speaker Shay Cathey Senior Policy Advisor for Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

Ms. Cathey stated that ReCast is a SAMSHA Grant which they applied for in May 2017 and were recently awarded. The ReCast Program is currently operating in Oakland, Chicago, Baltimore, Flint, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Bexar County, Milwaukee, and Baton Rouge. All of these communities have in common is that they are experiencing some type of Civil Unrest. Dallas became eligible after the July sniper attack on the Dallas Police, a community college shooting, the death of Jordan Edwards, and the attack on Dallas-Fire Rescue Paramedic.

These events impacted our communities, students, first responders, and health systems.

Dallas County's version is codenamed "ReJuvEnATE" which stands for Revitalize Juveniles Through Acknowledgement, Training and Empowerment. This is a two year grant project in partnership with local communities. The concentration will be in the zip codes 75224, 75232, and 75237, which are located in the Red Bird area. The main community partner will be the Dallas Independent School district DISD and they will train 100 children per year in each school resulting in 600

children being trained by the end. They will also train some students in the Dallas County Juvenile Department.

The idea is to train these students about how to approach authority figures, how to interact with them and train them on mental health first aid. The grant will also help provide mental health training to first responders which will be county wide training. The Caruth Police institute will put on the training.

Currently they are partnered with UT Southwestern, UNT Law School, Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program, The City of Dallas, some local churches, and local law enforcement.

Ms. Cathey stated that part of the program was creating a strategic plan; they are in the process of getting community health needs assessment complete which will be submitted in January. They have already submitted the disparity impact statement. Ms. Cathey stated that part of the mental health first aid training for law enforcement, Juvenile department, and first responders is to give them awareness of the signs of trauma and what steps to take next.

Ms. Cathey finished her presentation by stating that if you fall into law enforcement, Juvenile Department, or first responders to contact her or Jeff Segura to get enrolled.

Committee Project Updates:

Bail Bond:

Jeff Segura gave the update. The Bond Forfeiture Judgment Report reflected judgment totals from January 2017 through November 2017 of \$2,219,739.01 for 2390 cases. The Account 62 reports reflected total bond forfeiture collected by the felony courts in November 2017 was \$53,055.00. For the same reporting period, the misdemeanor courts collected \$21,621.00.

Fair Defense Committee:

Lynn Richardson could not attend the meeting but will give an update in the March 2018 CJAB.

Jail Population Update:

Etho Pugh reported on the Jail Population meeting held on December 15, 2017. Excerpts from that meeting can be found on pages 39 through 44 of the packet. Mr. Segura stated that the jail population for this date is 5,044.

Justice of the Peace:

Judge Steve Seider stated that on November 11, 2017, he held court at the Stu Pot which helps people discharge fines and court costs by giving community service hours. Hundreds of cases were disposed during this process. Judge

Seider also stated that mental health issues are often presented to his court during evictions. They have opened a dialogue with the Apartment Association of Greater Dallas to work on these problems. Judge Seider further stated that he would like to continue working on the video node that was set up in his court through the Criminal Justice Department and ADAPT to help address these mental health issues. Charlene Randolph stated she would get in touch with Judge after the holidays to restart the process.

Juvenile Justice:

Mr. Acosta stated that in January 2018 the new Executive Director for TJJD will be Camille Pain.

Law Enforcement/Jurisprudence:

Ellyce Lindberg stated that no meetings were held during this time period. However she stated that the Dallas Police Department informed them that the week of February 12-16, of 2018, they will be changing their system for reporting and case management. During this time frame they have asked for assistance in getting a little bit of leeway to file cases because their process will slow down and will only affect this time frame. Ms. Lindberg stated she is waiting to hear exactly how much time will be needed and she will inform the judges as well.

Research:

Dr. Jon Maskaly could not attend the meeting but will give an update in the March 2018 CJAB.

Reentry:

Dr. Crain could not attend the meeting, but will give an update during the March 2018 meeting.

Program Update:

SAMSHA Drug Court Expansion:

Leah Gamble gave an update; the yearly goal for SAMSHA is 36 and they have had 44 referrals to finish their second of three years. Currently they have referred 6 in the New Year.

Caruth Smart Justice:

Mike Laughlin stated that they continue to work with the Meadows foundation and have worked with three work groups within the county. The program is going well and over 5000 have been identified as having a mental health issue. Over 1000 of those moved forward with the assessment process and over 200 have been released with mental health PR Bonds with connections to treatment.

Local Data Advisory Board:

Jeff Segura stated that he had spoken to Vicki Buchanan of Dallas County IT and the Dallas County Adult Courts have begun their work for the next year.

Currently the adult courts are at 87% completeness for disposed cases. The Juvenile Department has currently surpassed their goal and is at 88%.

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

Jeff Segura will be stepping down as the CJAB Program Manager and will be moving to Pretrial Department.

The next CJAB meeting will be held on March 26, 2018, at 2:30pm

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and approved at 3:45PM.