



**Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
General Membership Minutes for Monday, September 14, 2020
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:

Proposed name change for Jail Population Subcommittee - Ellyce Lindberg introduced Charlene Randolph the Director of Criminal Justice Department for Dallas County. Ms. Randolph began the presentation by giving a brief background of the Criminal Justice Department in Dallas County and going over the mission statement. Ms. Randolph proceeded by showing an organizational chart of the Department and described each unit and its functions. Moving forward the Criminal Justice Department would like to review the Department's work to ensure it's meeting the current needs of our criminal justice system/ county and make recommendations for change (i.e. jail population reports/ stats, Jail Population Committee Meetings- Commissioner Price, Chair). Enlist stakeholder feedback and recommendations to ensure the needs of the Dallas County criminal justice system are identified and met (i.e. stakeholder feedback sessions) and to gain information on how Criminal Justice Dept. can play a role in helping to facilitate discussions and bring partners together on issues (i.e. disposition reporting, 16.22). Lastly, report findings, changes, and impacts to CJAB committee. Ms. Randolph stated that the Jail Population subcommittee is part of the Criminal Justice Department, and therefore would like to propose a name change in order to encompass the entire Department's work and not just one unit. This committee will report out on Criminal Justice Department and criminal justice system updates on jail diversion initiatives and jail population management. The proposed name change for the subcommittee would be "Criminal Justice Administration and Jail Population Management". A motion was made by Charlene Randolph to change the name of the Jail Population subcommittee to Criminal Justice Administration and Jail Population Management. Duane Steele seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and carried out unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the CJAB General Membership meeting held on June 15, 2020, were made a part of the packet. There was a motion made to accept the minutes as printed.

Presentations:

Power BI - Jail Population Dashboard Demonstration – Maria Ortiz, Dia Applewhite, Dang Ding and Silvia Rosales

Commissioner Garcia introduced the presenters Maria Ortiz, Dia Applewhite, Dang Ding and Silvia Rosales.

Dia Applewhite began the presentation by giving a brief history of how the Jail Population Dashboard came to be created, and a background on the business intelligence unit. Dia introduced Maria Ortiz and explained that she will be conducting a demonstration of the Jail Population Dashboard. Ms. Ortiz introduced the Power BI platform and began the demonstration. To view the training video and demonstration please contact CJAB Manager Miguel Canales.

Committee Project Updates:**Fair Defense Committee:**

Lynn Richardson gave the update. The Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) has incurred a budget cut. TIDC provides state funding to the Counties for indigent defense. Prior to the creation of TIDC funding for indigent defense fell solely on the Counties. TIDC was created in 2001 after the Fair Defense Act was passed. TIDC total budget has been reduced by 5 million dollars for fiscal year 2020. Counties will bear a modest reduction to grant funding, and no supplemental funding will be available.

Jail Population Update:

LaShonda Jefferson reported the September 11, 2020 Jail Population meeting was cancelled; however a packet was created and sent out to stakeholders. Excerpts from the packet can be found on pages 7 through 12 of the CJAB packet. Mrs. Jefferson stated that the jail population for this date is 5,823. The August average jail population is 5,555 and the yearly average is 5,346. The Dallas County Criminal Justice Department continues to work with various stakeholder in order to help reduce the jail population.

Justice of the Peace:

Judge Steve Seider gave the update. He reported some JP courts some are operational, while other are remote and practically operational. Some of the courts have had COVID cases and are taking the appropriate precautions. At this time in person hearings are not being conducted often. JP Courts are using Zoom, TEAMS and will be testing Court Call within the next 10 days. Judge Seider reported that as of right now they had 80 cases set, with a 100% participation rate on traffic hearings. In eviction hearings they are at 90% participation rate at this time. Emergency Mental Illness warrant right now are 2 to 3 times higher than they have been in the past. They working with Ron Stretcher and other stakeholders to try to accommodate some the evictions cases that are occurring. Lastly, on the court management system, there has not been any movement. It further stated the data conversation is what is slowing down progress with the court management system. Judge Seider further stated that he has some ideas on how to mitigate data conversion issues, and would like to share with IT and County Administration.

Law Enforcement/Jurisprudence:

Chief Jim Spivey was not present, and Ellyce Lindberg gave the update. There was no meeting scheduled this past quarter. Currently working on different projects as we work through the pandemic, having remote hearing and grand juries continue. Commissioner Garcia recognized Chief Spivey in Irving and Chief Scesney in Grand Prairie for their commitment to working with mental health population and training their police forces accordingly.

Pretrial:

Duane Steele gave the update. Pretrial Services is still operating with rotating staffing coming in the building and rotating with their duty scheduled. They are having two to three staff come in per unit per shift. The rest of the staff are telecommuting for the exception of the Intake Unit was they are a 24/7 operation. Mr. Jeff Segura continued the update and stated they have added additional supervisors, along with new ELM staff who are currently in training. All programs are up and running.

Reentry:

Christina Crain gave the update. The annual Unlocking DOORS Texas Reentry Symposium will be held on Tuesday September 29, 2020 virtually. Attendance will be free however registration is required. There is a great line up of speakers covering various topics. Through the pandemic Unlocking DOORS continues to operate normally, they have been able to setup a virtual platform and are continuing to service clients. The number of clients needing services has gone up, and Unlocking DOORS has been able to accommodate accordingly.

Research:

Dr. Jennifer Gonzalez was not able to attend, therefore Miguel Canales will be emailing the update to the committee.

Program Update:**Local Data Advisory Board:**

Miguel Canales gave the update. Dallas County is currently at 82% for percentage completeness with a goal of 90%. This goal needs to be reached by August 1, 2021. We are looking at re-activating the work group we had previously to try to get us to 90%.

Deflection Center Update:

Ron Stretcher gave the update. Dallas Deflects project continues to move forward. A big thank you to Dallas County Commissioners Court for supporting this project and making financial contribution in order to continue to move forward. Homeward Bound continues to be remolded to accommodate this project. There are still some details that are being worked out. For further details please refer to the presentation in the CJAB packet.

Link2Care:

Dr. Jennifer Gonzalez was not able to attend, therefore Miguel Canales will be emailing the update to the committee.

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

The next CJAB meeting will be held on December 14, 2020, at 2:30pm.

Adjournment:

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