



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

There were no changes to membership or infrastructure at this time.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the CJAB General Membership meeting held on September 14, 2020, were made a part of the packet. There was a motion made to accept the minutes as printed.

Presentations:

City of Dallas - Overview of R.E.A.L. Change Programs and Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions – DPD Chief David Pughes

Commissioner Garcia introduced the presenter Dallas Police Deputy Chief David Pughes.

Chief Pughes began by giving an overview of his new role in the Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions and the projects he will be responsible for working on. In June 2020, the City Manager released One Dallas: R.E.A.L. Change Initiatives. These initiatives included immediate, short-term, and long-term strategies that are responsible, equitable, accountable, and legitimate (R.E.A.L.). R.E.A.L. change provides public safety solutions through nontraditional law enforcement intervention. These programs deal with community safety issues holistically and are designed to address systemic societal problems at the root cause. They redirect resources to long-term alternative solutions that will: proactively address issues to increase safety, reduce demand for police service, and build a foundation of trust between historically marginalized communities and law enforcement.

For the year 2021, the following programs have been funded: Expansion of RIGHT Care, Behavioral Health Services, Mobile Crisis Response, Recovery Services Center, Re-entry Programs, Violence Interruption, and Environmental Improvements for Crime Reduction. Chief Pughes then went into detail on what each program entails. For further details, please refer to PowerPoint presentation in the packet.

Chief Pughes further stated that on April 29, 2020 the City of Dallas opened the Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions as part of a sustainable and holistic approach to crime reduction. The office utilizes Risk Terrain Modeling (RTM) to identify and map high-risk areas in the city. RTM uses Geographic Information Systems (GIS) techniques to explore the relationship between crime and the spatial features that influence and encourage criminal activity. The RTM Team tracks statistical information in this high-risk area through an automated dashboard that was created by the Intelligence Led Policing Division. For examples of this dashboard and details on RTM please see Power Point presentation in CJAB packet.

The coordination and hard work of multiple city departments in this high-risk focus area are yielding positive results so far. They have received positive recognition from Revitalize South Dallas Coalition. The Malcolm X/Marburg focus area is experiencing a 3% reduction in crime vs 2019. Calls for police are down 6% and there has only been one criminal offense (Burglary of Motor Vehicle) since September 25, 2020. Some of the next steps for success are to continue community engagement, add more interventions to include Blight remediation, and lighting enhancements. Also, crosswalk design and painting, and creation of a monthly dashboard.

Committee Project Updates:

Criminal Justice Administration & Jail Population Management Update:

Miguel Canales gave the update. The Jail Population survey has closed and, CJD is still in the process of analyzing the data received and will start scheduling Stakeholder meetings soon to discuss all feedback. Additionally, the CJD sent out a survey regarding Dallas County Specialty Courts and will provide feedback to the committee after the New Year. The December 11th Jail Population meeting was cancelled, however a packet was created for stakeholders. Excerpts from that packet can be found on pages 37 through 42 of the CJAB packet. The jail population for today is 5,533. The November average jail population was 5,415 and the yearly average is 5,411.

Fair Defense Committee:

Lynn Richardson gave the update. The Adult and Juvenile Criminal Courts continue to operate on a limited basis. Virtual hearing are being held, however no jury trials at this time.

Information Technology Committee:

Melissa Kraft introduced herself as the new Chief Information Officer of Dallas County, and gave a brief background of her experience.

Justice of the Peace:

Judge Steve Seider gave the update. Judge Seider reported that right they are having a lot of success conducting remote hearings at about a 90% participation, however the follow through has not been what they hoped. The follow through is between 5%-10%. They are planning on going back to face to face hearing with smaller dockets. It was reported that there has been an increase in filing of emergency mental illness warrant right now are 3 times higher than they have been in the past. They are expecting an increase in evictions filings if the evictions moratorium expires on January 1st 2021. Lastly, once the new court management system is up and running, it will greatly help managing these cases.

Law Enforcement/Jurisprudence:

Chief Jim Spivey was not present, and Ellyce Lindberg gave the update. There was no meeting scheduled this past quarter. The DA's Office put out information related to requiring Law Enforcement Agencies to provide lab report before taking THC gummies cases, due to a new law passed last year. The DA's Office is also gearing up to pick their Grand Jury for January 2021.

Pretrial:

Jeff Segura gave the update. Pretrial Services continues to do well. The intake unit has had staff out on leave due to medical reasons, and therefore having to bring up extra staff to cover those shifts. The other units are doing well. The ELM unit has been hit hard. Now ELM officers are currently taking on 70-80 cases each, while the ideal number of cases they should have is 30-40 each. Currently around 800 defendants in the jail have an ELM hold at this time. These defendants will only be released for ELM supervision once their bonds have been posted. Pretrial Services is conducting a cost benefit analysis and see if they can add more staff to ELM. Once this information is completed, it will be presented to Commissioners Court to review.

Reentry:

Christina Crain was not able to attend, therefore Miguel Canales will be emailing the update to the committee.

Research:

Dr. Jennifer Gonzalez gave the update. Working with Julie Turnbull from the DA's Office on providing a cost benefit analysis for AIM Court. Expect to have results by late spring early summer of 2021. Will be presenting results to committee. A

couple of new projects they are working on. Will be conducting a cost benefit analysis for the Dallas Deflection Center. This will be a multiyear project funded by Bureau of Justice Assistance. Also working with a similar project that will expand medical assistance treatment to help reduce opioid overdose and substance abuse. Lastly, an article was recently published by Dr. Gonzalez's team, and will be sent to Mr. Canales to send to CJAB committee.

Program Update:

Local Data Advisory Board:

Miguel Canales gave the update. Dallas County is currently at 84% 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 Local Data Advisory Board on January 2021.

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

The next CJAB meeting will be held on March 15, 2021, at 2:30pm.

Adjournment:

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