



MEETING MINUTES

Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

7:30am – 9:00am

In Person Location: *Executive Office Building*

(101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850)

Auditorium (Located on the Lobby Level of the Building)

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Virtual: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only): [+1 443-692-5768,,561737888#](#)

Phone conference ID: 561 737 888#

Members Present: Maxwell Uy, Marcus Jones, Kurt van der Walde, John Nesky, Ben Stevenson, Kathryn Pontzer, Rolando Santiago, Dawn Luedtke, Eric Schneider, John McCarthy, Stefan LoBuglio, Richard Madaleno, Marielsa Bernard, Debra Grandy, Rochelle Perry, Sherri Koch, *Earl Stoddard (Staff), Lindsay Bolt (Minute Taker)*
(Online)- Florence Jewell, Darryl McSwain, Tracy McDonald

Members Absent: Gail Roper, Mark Sroka, Antonio DeVaul, Victor Brito, Michael Beach, Karen Bushell, Jeff Waldstreicher, James Bonifant, Dira Treadvance

Guests: S.A. Flynn, Susan Farag, Sarah Wolf, Martha Danner, Arnecia Moody, Lisa Mandel-Trupp, Kisha Davis, Tamera Bulla, Frederick Abello, Latoya Waddell, Luis Cardona

1. General Business

Kurt van der Walde, CJCC Chair

Summary

- Review of 11/15/2023 Agenda and Minutes for approval
- Review of 2024 CJCC Meeting Schedule
- Discussion/Vote on Vice Chair for 2024

Action:

- Board voted (*17 Yes, 0 No*) to Approve 11/15/2023 Agendas and Minutes (Dawn Luedtke/2nd Judge Bernard)
- Board voted (*17 Yes, 0 No*) to Approve the 2024 CJCC Meeting Schedule (Sheriff Uy/2nd Dawn Luedtke)

- Councilmember Dawn Luedtke was nominated by Judge Koch and 2nd by Chief Jones. Board voted (17 Yes, 0 No) to Approve Councilmember Luedtke as CJCC Vice Chair for 2024

2. Agency Updates

- Department of Health and Human Services (Dr. Rolando Santiago, Chief, Behavioral Health and Crisis Services)
 - Fentanyl Crisis impacting Youth (Aspen Hill, Glenmont/Wheaton)
 - Emergency Response Procurement approved Jan 23rd, 2024
 - Opioid Abatement Funds
- Department of Health and Human Services (Luis Cardona on behalf of Dira Treadance - Chief, Children, Youth, and Family Services)
 - Victimization of Young People
 - The County has focused on Youth Safety efforts to increase opportunities for Youth to participate in Safe events
- MCPD (Chief Jones)
 - MCPD is focused on a variety of approaches to Fentanyl
 - Outreach to the Latino community for better education; use of Opioid Trailer
 - End of Year Crime Statistics should be out shortly
 - Seeing higher numbers of Juvenile victims too (assaults, stabbings, shootings); incidents are not just at school
 - Montgomery County had 97 Carjackings last year compared to 900 in DC and 700 for Prince Georges.
 - Montgomery County made arrests in 45 of these cases in which, 29 involved juveniles!
 - Auto Thefts are still on the rise, with Juvenile and Young Adults, Hyundai and Kia brands are the biggest targets
 - The Drone Program has been successful in both identifying where police are needed and when they are not needed
- State's Attorney (John McCarthy)
 - License Plate Readers (in 1 night, 4 stolen vehicles were identified)
 - Juveniles
 - 3 out of 10 are actually seen by the State's Attorney's Office
 - The SAO has found, in some cases, these Juveniles have committed 5 or 6 Auto Thefts before the SAO is even made aware (held at intake)
 - Fentanyl/Treatment Facilities
 - Of the 793 available treatments spots, there are 1,600 in need of treatment
 - Currently, there are no residential treatment programs for Juveniles

3. General Discussion around Agency Updates

- Florence Jewel (Public Member and CJCC Representative on the Human Trafficking Prevention Committee)
 - Reminded folks that January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month (Joint proclamation was presented on 1/23/24)
 - Human Trafficking is not just about Sex trafficking but also Labor trafficking
 - HTPC continues to educate via Trainings with MCPS staff; posters on awareness and prevention in the Recs and Libraries
- Councilmember Luedtke (CJCC Vice Chair)
 - Highlighted several Bills in the House and Senate related to CJCC
 - [SB141](#) – Multifamily Dwellings – Smoking Policies (Cannabis living)
 - Hearing scheduled for 1/30 at 1pm
 - [HB148](#) – Dept of Transportation – Human Trafficking Awareness, Training and Response (See Someone, Save Someone Act)
 - Hearing scheduled for 2/8 at 1pm
 - [SB471](#) – Criminal Procedure – Victim Compensation – Alterations (Victim Compensation Reform Act of 2024)
 - Altering the composition of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
 - Hearing scheduled for 2/9 at Noon
 - [Juvenile Bills](#)
- Earl noted Sen. King and Delegate Wims will cross file bills on Reckless and Aggressive Driving laws
- Chief Jones noted restrictions around past cannabis use factoring into Officer Recruitment
 - Currently there is a disagreement between MD Law and MPTSC Regulations as to whether an applicant's past use of cannabis can be used to prevent recruits from becoming an officer.

4. Briefing: Problem Solving Courts (DUI Court) Update

Hon. Sherri Koch, Judge
District Court

See PowerPoint Presentation enclosed preceding the Minutes

- Best practice is to have Law Enforcement apart of this process so participants see the positive side of Law Enforcement and that LE is invested in helping them recover
- While the Court Program has the potential for 50 individuals; **the Court needs more staff – specifically more Case Managers and a Coordinator**
- Anyone can refer individuals; Goal is to refer them from the streets vs further down the judicial process

5. Briefing: Cannabis Legislation Update

Marcus Jones, Chief
Montgomery County

Police Department

- Chief Jones discussed cannabis use and its impact on Driving - [MCPD Green Lab](#)
 - Officers get training on their field sobriety skills and Marijuana users see how much their use impairs driving
- The illicit drug market still exists -homicide in Kensington related
- Illegal gun seizures are down due to the current Marijuana laws; there was a shoot out in Silver Spring due to an illegal gun transaction gone bad

6. Subcommittee Discussion

Summary

- CJCC Staff circulated a google form between the Sept and Nov CJCC meeting to gauge member interest in what Subcommittees (Standing (year round) and Special (as needed)) should be reviewed
 - 17 members responded and the #1 Standing Subcommittee topic of interest to them was Legislative
 - This Subcommittee would look at developing an understanding of prior legislative changes at the State and Local level in conjunction with understanding of relevant Supreme Court decisions impacting the following areas, and track ongoing legislative changes at the County, State and Federal level:
 - Juvenile Justice
 - Behavioral Health, Substance Use Disorder & Sequential Intercept Model
 - Victims Services
 - Domestic Violence
 - Judiciary
 - Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry
 - 17 members responded that the #1 Special Subcommittee topic of interest to them was Juvenile Justice Trends
 - This Subcommittee would:
 - Establish a schedule for convening meetings
 - Rely upon input from MCPS, MCPD, Sheriff and municipal police departments, SAO, and data sources to analyze trends in juvenile crime from the 2018-2019 school year to the present
 - Gather appropriate data to determine what may be shown, what may be a gap in data collection/information, and make recommendations
 - Produce a summary report of the work of the CJCC for review and approval on or before Dec 1, 2024 before submitting to the Council and County

Executive within thirty (30) days of the public body's approval

- Staff agreed to send out the list of which CJCC members were on which Subcommittee with the hope that a meeting from each subcommittee could happen prior to the next Full CJCC mtg on 3/27

7. Wrap-Up and Adjourn

Kurt van der Walde, CJCC Chair

- CJCC Members expressed interest in having MCPS representative present on the [MCPS presentation](#) regarding Attendance and Truancy Data, Policies and Prevention that was presented to the joint [Public Safety/Education and Culture Committee worksession on Nov 13, 2023](#)
- CJCC Members also expressed interest in having the DJS representative present on the Juvenile Justice Facilities ([Alfred D. Noyes Children's Detention Center](#))
- Motion to close the meeting; adjourned at 9:00am

*Next Full Commission Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2024
7:30am-9am*

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Montgomery County DUI Court

What is a DUI Court?

DUI courts constitute a Judiciary-led, coordinated system that demands accountability of staff and court participants and provides immediate, intensive, and comprehensive drug treatment, supervision, and support services using a variety of incentives and sanctions to encourage participant compliance. DUI courts represent the coordinated efforts of criminal justice, behavioral health, and social service agencies, along with treatment communities that actively intervene in, and break the cycle of substance abuse, addiction, and crime. As an alternative to less effective interventions, such as incarceration or general probation, DUI courts quickly identify substance-abusing offenders and place them under strict court monitoring and community supervision coupled with effective, individually assessed treatment, and ancillary services.

Stakeholders

- Judiciary
- State's Attorney
- Public Defender
- Parole and Probation
- Health and Human Services
- Law Enforcement/MCPD

DUI Court will be a post-conviction problem solving court that will provide wraparound services including case management, substance abuse treatment, as well as employment and educational assistance in a structured environment for individuals charged with a driving impaired offense.

- Minimum of 14 months
- Estimated projected program capacity: 50
- Participants:
 - Adult Males
 - Adult Females
 - Repeat Offenders
 - Probation Violators
 - Offenders Diagnosed with a Substance Use Disorder

Eligibility Criteria

- Residents of Montgomery County or Ties to Montgomery County
- High Risk/ High Need Offender
- 18 years or older
- Pending Driving While Impaired by Alcohol or Drugs
- One Prior Driving While Impaired
- Determination occurs on a case-by-case basis

Who can refer individuals?

- Judges/Court personnel
- Commissioners
- Office of the Public Defender
- Private defense attorneys
- Office of the State's Attorney
- Pre-Trial Services personnel
- Maryland Division of Parole and Probation
- Montgomery County law enforcement agencies/personnel
- Defendant
- Family/Friend of defendant

What happens after referral

- Screening
- Assessment
- Presentation
- Approval
- Entry

Structure of Program

- Five Phases
- 1 Two months
- 2 Three months
- 3 Three months
- 4 Three months
- 5 Three months

Phase 1: ACUTE STABILIZATION

- Requirements:
 - Minimum of two months in duration
 - Weekly court appearances
 - Weekly face-to-face contact with case manager
 - Weekly phone contact with case manager
 - Recovery meeting attendance as required by the treatment plan
 - Case plan will be developed using the Impaired Driving Assessment and will address employment, housing, transportation, medical, and other participant-specific needs. Goals will be short-term and attainable by the completion of Phase 2.
 - Home check will be completed at least once per month
 - Random drug and alcohol testing will occur two to three times per week
 - Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) will be utilized for the duration of Phase 1 or for 90 days
 - Curfew of 10:00 pm that will be monitored by SCRAM or GPS

Eligibility criteria to advance to the next phase:

- Engaged in full-time employment, volunteer work, or educational course work
- Engaged in substance abuse treatment
- No pending sanctions
- No positive drug or alcohol tests in the 14 days prior to phase advancement

PHASE 2: CLINICAL STABILIZATION

- Requirements:
 - Minimum of three months in duration
 - Court appearances every two weeks
 - Weekly phone contact with case manager
 - Recovery meeting attendance as required by the treatment plan
 - Face-to-face contact with case manager every two weeks
 - Case plan will be revised to include recovery meetings
 - Home check will be completed at least once per month
 - Random drug and alcohol testing will occur two to three times per week
 - Curfew of 10:00 pm that will be monitored by SCRAM or GPS

Eligibility criteria to advance to the next phase:

- · Maintain engagement in full-time employment, volunteer work, or educational course work
- · Maintain engagement is substance abuse treatment
- · Successful completion of all case plan goals
- · No pending sanctions
- · No positive drug or alcohol tests in the 30 days prior to phase advancement

PHASE 3: PRO-SOCIAL HABILITATION

- Requirements:
 - Minimum of three months in duration
 - Court appearances every three weeks
 - Face-to-face contact with case manager every three weeks
 - Weekly phone contact with case manager
 - Recovery meeting attendance as required by the treatment plan
 - Case plan will be updated based on the individual needs of the participant. The goals will be short-term and attainable by the completion of Phase 3.
 - Moral Reconciliation Therapy will be initiated
 - Home check will be completed at least once per month
 - Random drug and alcohol testing will occur two to three times per week

Eligibility criteria to advance to the next phase:

- • Maintain engagement in full-time employment, volunteer work, or educational course work
- • Maintain engagement is substance abuse treatment and Moral Reconciliation Therapy
- • Maintain engagement in recovery meetings
- • Successful completion of all case plan goals
- • No pending sanctions
- • No positive drug or alcohol tests in the 45 days prior to phase advancement

PHASE 4 ADAPTIVE HABILITATION

- Requirements:
 - Minimum of three months in duration
 - Court appearances every four weeks
 - Face-to-face contact with case manager every four weeks
 - Weekly phone contact with case manager
 - Recovery meeting attendance as required by the treatment plan
 - Case plan will be updated based on the individual needs of the participant. The goals will be short-term and attainable by the completion of Phase 4.
 - Continuing care plan will be developed
 - Home check will be completed at least once per month
 - Random drug and alcohol testing will occur two to three times per week

Eligibility criteria to advance to the next phase:

- • Maintain engagement in full-time employment, volunteer work, or educational course work
- • Maintain engagement in substance abuse treatment
- • Complete Moral Reconciliation Therapy
- • Maintain engagement in recovery meetings
- • Successful completion of all case plan goals
- • No pending infractions
- • No positive drug or alcohol tests in the 60 days prior to phase advancement

Currently

- Started Court in October
- Have 10 participants
- Referrals are coming in fast