

Justice Services Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2020

9:00 am

VIA WEBEX EVENT

I. Roll call

Rev. Phillip Duvall - present

Dr. Timothy D. McBride - present

Mr. Jeff Smith - present

Dr. Alexander Garza - present

Ms. Twyla Lee – arrived late at 10:15 am

Ms. Spring Schmidt - present

Ms. Mary Zabawa Taylor – present

Others present:

Darby Howard –Interim Director of Justice Services

Tricia Rodgers – Corrections Compliance Supervisor

Penny Martin – Office Manager

Ray Barnes – Security Electronics Administrator

Valerie Nelson – Corrections Medicine, Chief Operating Officer

Steven Capizzi – County Counselor’s Office

Dr. Paul Hintze – Public Health & Primary Care Integration

Anthony Weaver – Change Management Coordinator

Dr. Beth Huebner – Professor, MacArthur SJC Director

Miranda Gibson – MacArthur SJC Grant Manager

Rev. Duvall called for a motion to amend the order of the agenda. Rev. Duvall informed all that the Director of the Justice Services Center, Raul Banasco, resigned from his position on the evening of Wednesday, August 26, 2020. Rev. Duvall stated the change in the order of the agenda was to have a consistently flowing agenda. No items were added to the agenda. Jeff Smith seconded the motion.

II. Approval of July 2020 meeting minutes

Ms. Taylor requested that the guests in attendance of the Advisory Board meeting be reflected in the minutes. She would like for this to include the July meeting minutes and all meetings going forward.

Ms. Schmidt shared clarification for one of the pieces she recommended for a motion she made in July's meeting. Ms. Schmidt felt that it was a little too vague. Ms. Schmidt will email Mrs. Martin a revision to include in the July minutes.

Rev. Duvall requested those revisions be made and the adoption of the minutes can be held over until the next meeting.

III. New Business

Ms. Taylor asked for all in the room to be identified. Everyone introduced themselves.

Mr. Smith shared a few thoughts related to new business. Mr. Smith favors a broad review not limited to the actions of the former director. Mr. Smith would like the review to include recent disciplinary actions and status changes under the former director. Mr. Smith also felt that it would be a wise course of action for the board to recommend a moratorium on promotions or salary increases during the interim period while searching for a new director. Mr. Smith would also like the Advisory Board to have a formal role in the search for a new director.

Ms. Taylor echoes all of Mr. Smith's ideas. Ms. Taylor made a motion for an independent outside investigation of activities at the Justice Services Center. Rev. Duvall seconded the motion. The Board discussed what the scope of the investigation would look like.

All in favor.

Mr. Smith made a motion to establish a formal role for the Advisory Board in the process of selecting a new DJS director. Dr. Garza seconded.

All in favor.

Mr. Smith made a motion to recommend a temporary moratorium on status and salary changes until the start of a permanent director as well as the inclusion in any comprehensive independent review of recent significant changes to personnel status and salary. Rev. Duvall seconded the motion.

All in favor.

IV. Jail Census Status - 830 total inmates, 760 male, 70 female

V. "Overview of DJS Dash Board" presented by: Aaron Levin, DJS Statistician

Mr. Levin introduced himself as our new DJS Statistician. He presented an overview of the new DJS Dashboard.

Dr. Garza stated that he thought it was the right move for the DJS to hire someone like Mr. Levin to do this work. Dr. Garza stated that he and an Advisory Board subcommittee collaborated with DJS Corrections Medicine to help them with what was important to include in their dashboard and he offered the board's to help Mr. Levin with the DJS dashboard as well.

Mr. Levin said he working with a new format and is learning how to share this information.

- VI. MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge grant strategies: "Technical Violations of Probations" presented by: Dr. Beth Huebner, Professor, MacArthur SJC Director and Miranda Gibson, MacArthur SJC Grant Manager

- VII. Update on DJS camera installation project

DJS camera installation project – Ray Barnes provided an update on this project. Delivery of the cameras has been postponed until October due to COVID-19. He stated we are adding 40 new cameras to the 100 plus system we currently have. This will provide 360 degree views in the housing units, rec yards, kitchen area and pharmacy. The expected completion of this project is December 2020.

Dr. Garza requested a current organizational chart be provided to the Advisory Board.

- VIII. New Trinity food services provider update

Mr. Darby Howard provided an update on the Trinity food service provider that has been in place for about a week. Ms. Nelson spoke about a new design approach to a variety of meals tailored to inmate's needs. Ms. Nelson stated that she feels we are on the right path to legitimately improving the health status of inmates.

- IX. COVID-19 Overview / Corrections Medicine Dashboard

Valerie Nelson, Chief Operating Officer of Corrections Medicine stated that an additional 75 patient have been tested since the last report. Overall the County has tested over 2000 patients since March. We have had 29 patients that have tested positive. We have only seen 1 or 2 additional positive cases since July 2020.

Ms. Nelson explained the process for quarantining all new patients.

Dr. McBride requested clarification on the 29 who have tested positive. He inquired if those cases were all caught in the intake process. Ms. Nelson responded, yes. Dr. McBride applauded the Corrections Medicine efforts and protocol. Ms. Taylor echoed Dr. McBride's sentiments. Dr. Garza shared the same comments as Dr. McBride and Ms. Taylor.

Ms. Taylor reiterated that she would like to see the dashboard ahead of time. She would like time to review them before the meeting.

Ms. Nelson shared the highlights and some changes of the Corrections Medicine dashboard.

X. Hear Visitors

There were no submissions for this month's meeting.

XI. Set next Board Meeting

Rev. Duvall spoke about transparency and the need for that transparency to be extended to the community. Rev. Duvall spoke about the possibility of calling a special meeting that would take place before the regularly scheduled meeting on September 25, 2020.

Ms. Taylor requested that St. Louis County do a better job of communicating with the community. She would like to see information being publicized easily and widely.

Next Board meeting will be September 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

XII. Adjournment

Rev. Duvall motioned to adjourn. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion.

All in favor.

