

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Attendance included: Commissioner Michelle Derusseau, Melinda Zilliox, Wes Lovett, Mike Patrick, Pam Weigand, Jennifer Ananda, Mark Simpson, Trent McKinley, Patrick Schmitz, Charles Branson, Shaye Downing, Chris Keary, Greg Burns, Darren Canady, Sarah Plinsky, Tamara Cash, Charles Epp, Lori Alvarado, LeTiffany Obozele (Assistant to District Attorney), Bob Tryanski and Mike Brouwer, CJ Coordinator. Also in attendance: Matt Cravens (Data Analyst CJCC), Amy Rhoads (LPD), Jack McDevitt and Janice Iwama (Guest Participants), Karrey Britt (Communications Specialist), Karen Willey (Commission Candidate).

MINUTES

The minutes from the March 10, 2020 meeting were not ready for consideration.

STOP STUDY UPDATE: Jack McDevitt/Janice Iwama

In 2018, under the leadership of the CJCC, five law enforcement agencies, which included, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Lawrence Police Department, University of Kansas Public Safety, Eudora Police Department and the Baldwin Police Department, contracted with Dr. Jack McDevitt and Dr. Janice Iwama with Northeastern University to provide a study on Douglas County Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Data Collection and Analysis in Douglas County. The three goals of the study are:

- To develop and implement a process for documenting traffic and pedestrian stops.
- To analyze the data to determine if any disproportionalities exist.
- To formulate any solutions and assist in developing any necessary procedures and processes related to disproportionate minority contact.
- The Scope of Work includes: Phase I (Planning), Phase II (Data Collection) and Phase III (Analysis).

The agencies started collecting data September 1, 2019. Several reviews have been conducted to make sure all agencies are consistently collecting data. So far, 9784 pedestrian/traffic stops have been conducted from September through April. Patterns discussed on preliminary data so far separate daytime vs. nighttime effects and a dramatic change in lifestyle because of pandemic impact. All agencies have seen a decrease in stops during the winter season and then due to the 'stay at home' policy. By March 2020, the number of stops were half. This pattern is not unique to Douglas County, but happening across the country. It was estimated that a year's worth of data would be enough information for the analysis, but because of the pandemic, additional data may be needed. Specialists will look at:

- Spatial pattern areas during certain events.
- Map out where most stops take place.
- Try to understand why stops are taking place.
- Two different analysis: 1) internal benchmarks such as level of traffic and pedestrian stop practices, calculations of stops, searches and outcome; 2) external benchmarks like reasons for stops such as traffic violations, speeding more the 10 mph above limit and equipment violations.
- Look at calls in and all point bulletins.
- Deliverables will include meeting with project constituents to discuss project results; prepare and disseminate annual pedestrian and traffic stop reports; look at data and

then dive deep to determine why things happen, i.e. certain time/certain places; and continued discussion with law enforcement agencies.

Tamara Cash asked if the analysis will include an ethnic breakdown on people given warnings. McDevitt replied they do have that information but there just are not that many cases as of yet. They will continue to analyze.

Derusseau thanked McDevitt and Iwama for coming out to our meeting during a high-risk time.

IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING FOR CJCC – Mayor Jennifer Ananda

The Racial and Ethnic Disparities Work Group, chaired by Mayor Jennifer Ananda, recommend to the CJCC that all criminal justice system partners complete an implicit bias training along with continued ongoing training. The work group believes the CJCC members should take the training first, as a whole, so that they demonstrate support and leadership for improving our work culture. The work group has selected Loretta Summers of the Summers Advisory Group. We have inquired that Jonathan Morris assist the Summers Group as a co-facilitator and aid in the development of focus groups and tailoring training to employee duties.

Brouwer suggested that the training could be done in a half-day. He will coordinate a date with the group in the near future with Doodle Poll.

Cash suggested offering a morning and afternoon session. She feels spending more time together will encourage our group to become more comfortable talking about race with one another. She feels right now we are more focused on getting through the process rather than gaining information.

Ananda said this is just the beginning of a conversation and change will not happen in one day. We will need to do continued training.

Darren Canady asked about the time for the training.

Ananda said she feels expediency is necessary, but training will depend on our schedules. She said the training could be done virtually, but there is value in completing the program in person, if we can social distance.

Sarah Plinsky, County Administrator, agreed in person training would be best, but at this time, we may not be able to get everyone together at once, though the Flory building is spacious.

A Saturday training session was suggested.

GARE RACIAL EQUITY TOOL – Charles Branson

LeTiffany Obozele, Assistant to District Attorney, stated that District Attorney Charles Branson has requested the assistance of the Racial and Ethnic Disparities work group to review programs and policies of the DA's office utilizing the Racial Equity Tool published by the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE). The work group consists of Shaye Downing, Jennifer Ananda, Tamara Cash, Chuck Epp and Anthony Sanchez. Obozele will lead this project.

Obozele and Branson are taking the GARE training session virtually. Brouwer will send out a link to anyone else on the committee who might be interested in the training.

STEPPING UP INITIATIVE WORK GROUP – Mike Brouwer

As part of the Stepping Up Initiative, Brouwer said 35 people have signed up for the SAMHSA Sequential Intercept Mapping Project training postponed to August 19-20, 2020 in response to a

travel ban. The training is designed to bring together key stakeholders in the community to develop a map that illustrates how people with mental and substance use disorders come in contact and flow through the local criminal justice system. The map identifies opportunities and resources for diverting people to treatment and indicates gaps in services.

Douglas County is one of 20 innovator counties in the United States. We have made a commitment to work toward the following goals:

- **Jail Bookings:** 10 percent reduction annually
- **Average Length of Stay (ALOS):** 5 percent reduction annually
- **Connections to Care:** 10 percent increase annually
- **Recidivism:** 5 percent reduction annually
- **Average Daily Population (ADP):** 5 percent reduction annually
- Increasing Connection of Care through MyResource Connection.

Bob Tryanski asked how we define Connections of Care. Brouwer responded Connections of Care is 'three points' of contact which would be completed for example with intake, attending a therapeutic appointment and one-step past that. Tryanski suggested using a starting point with the Behavioral Health Court or the Women's Diversion Program.

Plinsky stated the Intercept Mapping Project has been a priority. She asked what is involved with this work. Tryanski responded Intercept Zero is a way of connecting community healthcare to those at the Lawrence Community Shelter mapping what services members have been linked with to provide a better blanket of coverage.

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION - None.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

NEXT MEETING

- **Next Meeting:** June 9, 2020. Location: Zoom Meeting.

ADJOURN

Weigand adjourned the meeting.