

Arapahoe County Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting  
 Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

<b>Committee Members and Visitors Present:</b>	
Jeff Baker	Commissioner, Arapahoe County
Ron Carl	County Attorney
Laurie Halaba	Captain, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Nancy Jackson	Commissioner, Arapahoe County
Amanda Johnson	Sr. Administrative Assistant, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Todd Spanier	Criminal Justice Planning Coordinator
Patrick Duran	Probation Supervisor
David Stevens	Judge, 18 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District
Matt Maillaro	Assistant District Attorney, 18 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District
Mark Nicastle	Undersheriff, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Shaun Clark	Court Administrator, 18 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District
Ron Rakowsky	Mayor, Greenwood Village
Shannon Carter	Director, Open Spaces
David Stevens	Judge, 18 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District
Tyler Brown	Sheriff, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Don Klemme	Director, Community Resources
Carl Anderson	Administrative Manager, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
James Karbach	Public Defender's Office
Cheryl Ternes	Director, Human Services
Michelle Halstead	Director of Communications & Administrative Services
Craig Wagner	Arapahoe County Bar Association

No public comment

**Strategic Planning:**

***Governance and Communications, Ron Carl:***

- No Update

***Behavioral Health, Commissioner Jackson:***

- BH Subcommittee met today and, due to robust conversation, did not cover the full agenda.
- Beaux Simone Consulting & Second Chance Center spoke about technical expertise and guidance they give. Second Chance is currently building a 50-bed facility in Aurora. A small group is working with Open Spaces, Tri-County Health, to look at supportive housing people being released from jail.
- Meeting with Colorado Access to speak about Telehealth and its use in the justice system, and whether Tele-Behavioral Health might be useful in the jail/programs.

***Crime Prevention, Sheriff Brown:***

- We have been working with the PIO Team to utilize social media as a platform to share important information; larger impact with a greater audience. Currently working on school safety video, motor vehicle theft/puffer video, and drone safety.

***Efficiency of the Justice System, Don Klemme:***

- Kally should be returning from maternity leave on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- In honor of Mayor Ron Rakowsky's participation in and dedication to the ACJCC, Commissioner Baker presents him with a plaque.

***"In honor of his 15 years of service and commitment to the Arapahoe County Justice Coordinating Committee, and his contributions to the ACJCC's mission of making our justice system more collaborative and efficient for all stakeholders."***

**Operational Updates:**

***18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Judge David Stevens:***

- Personnel changes coming up, as usual.
- Douglas County courthouse is at maximum capacity. The question in the upcoming future will be not just who will get a new judicial officer, but where will they be able to go physically.
- Shaun adds that discussion is ongoing about construction in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Courthouse II; one courtroom for now (room for 3 total) to allow for the new magistrate that is slated to be added in summer 2020.

***Probation, Patrick Duran:***

- Working on getting Narcan in the office.
- Down two officers at this time, working on getting fully staffed.

***District Attorney's Office, Matt Maillaro:***

- Four temporary lawyers passed the bar examination.
- Navigator program is an ongoing discussion between the PD's Office, the DA's Office and several other participants. Some lack of continuity in previous discussions, but working to ensure that the Navigator program is up and running and we are not wasting this resource.

***Undersheriff Nicastle:***

- Captain Halaba recently sat on a panel of women in law enforcement that spoke with high school and college students looking at careers in this field. A wonderful job was done by all who participated. A total of 74 women attended.
- Recently had an open-house event for Communications; focused on hiring new dispatch technicians. Total of 17 attended. People who weren't qualified, or found that position wasn't a good fit, for dispatch were referred to other open positions in the Sheriff's Office. Currently we are at 10 vacant positions in dispatch.

***Sheriff's Office, Tyler Brown:***

- Still filling vacancies: 17 deputies at the HRLETF and 7 at the Flat Rock Academy; graduating December 5<sup>th</sup>. New academy classes in January will (hopefully) contain an additional 24 people. This additionally strains staff in Detentions as NCDS deputies get POST certified; some will return to the jail and some will go to the patrol transition academy.
- NCDS academy currently has 8 cadets that will go straight to Detentions upon graduation. Graduation for 10 NCDS deputies last week, all are currently in training in the jail.

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- Patrol transition recently graduated 15 deputies, and the new class began last week with 4 deputies. Lateral hires are coming more frequently; we offer more job opportunities and oftentimes better pay/benefits.
- Jail-based behavioral health programming coming out of OBH: Sheriff Brown is on the steering committee along with Summit County Sheriff Fitzsimmons; pushing to move the funding out of the jail to possibly have better continuity of care and keep people engaged outside of the facility. Some of the funding cannot move due to verbiage requiring it to be jail-based so work is being done to see if that can be rewritten.

***Carl Anderson:***

- Significant work has been ongoing for several years regarding a statewide formulary for folks that are incarcerated who transfer between detention facilities. Some facilities have a formulary and some do not; this may result in the individual being decompensated upon relocating. There is now a set formulary and work is being done to implement it across the state of Colorado, with the hope for full implementation within the next year.
- Another ongoing effort (Arapahoe County identified by the state as a pilot program) for a Health Information Exchange. That entails an incoming inmate being taken through a web-based program that holds current medication information and significant medical/psychiatric care that has taken place in the last months/years. The information will be available in almost real-time. The database is housed with the state of Colorado.

***Arapahoe Bar Association, Craig Wagner:***

- Upcoming monthly meeting emphasizing professionalism in the practice
- Craig is on the board of the Aurora YMCA; shared the good news that after 20 years of working on a plan for a new building, the loan was closed for new building construction to begin in the Wheatlands subdivision; groundbreaking on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

***Criminal Justice Planning Coordinators, Todd Spanier:***

- Helping the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial to figure out weekend court if the need arises.
- Assisting Commissioner Jackson on several homelessness projects; one is emergency response focused and the other is strictly about housing for those who are justice-involved.
- Arapahoe County has a pre-trial risk assessment tool; last year the legislature was deep into risk assessment, as is expected this year. The controversy centers around the risk assessment tools work for different races, whether the scoring is racially disparate. Todd has been researching our data extensively to see if that is the case, or how much of an impact it does have, in order to prepare for any upcoming discussions at the capital. The state has a risk assessment tool that is currently being revamped by UNC.

***Commissioner Jackson:***

- Still sits on the CCJJ; they will be making recommendations, including discussion about the assessment tool. The next session will discuss the community law enforcement act reporting (CLEAR Act); Kim English came to ACJCC about a year ago and reported on Arapahoe County's statistics. We can have her back to discuss the data the state has been collecting. There will also be a task force presentation on delinquency, Drug offense task force presentation, the opioid investigation subcommittee will do a report, and a pre-trial release task force presentation. The

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CCJJ is just beginning their work in deciding what recommendations will be made; they will then go to the state for a decision on what action should be taken. All these meetings are open to the public and available online.

- Colorado Workforce Development Council had their quarterly meeting in Durango. Talked about the shortage of jobs in a number of occupations, to include law enforcement jobs. They assist in determining the skills needed and providing training, etc., to get people into those positions.

- State behavioral health task force has been meeting monthly; stakeholder committee meets twice per month. Both groups are working on issues with mental health and substance use disorder to try and get a system in place. Criminal-justice involved people always percolate to the top, even though there is a second competency group that studies that exclusively.

**Next Regular Meeting – 11/01/2019**