### **ATTENDEES:**

### Members/Alternates Present: Keithi Worthington, Kim Lahiff, Laurie Pope, Maylinn Smith, Myshell Lyday, SK Rossi, Scott Hoffman, Shantelle Gaynor, Sue Wilkins, Amy Sings In The Timber, Ann Douglas, Ann Miller, Bart Pope, Becca Goe, Cortney Callaghan, Theresa Williams, Jennifer Streano, Jenny Daniel, Julie Merritt, Judge Kathleen Jenks, Judge Leslie Halligan, Amy McGee, Robert Kennedy, Anne Hughes

### Members Not Present: D’Shane Barnett, Mayor Engen, Dale Bickell, Judge Alex Beal, Judge Landee Holloway, Kirsten Pabst, Laurie Francis, Shirley Faust, Paul Finley

### Non-Members Present: Iko’tsimiskimaki “Ekoo” Beck, Thomas Eberly, Dave Wall, Dori Brownlow, Allison Franz, Laurel Hesse, Quinn Ziegler, Kristen Jordan, Amber Lowe, Eric Halverson, Charles Bolte, Tessa Nadeau, Katie Miller, Brenda Desmond, Senator Diane Sands

## Welcome (5 minutes)

1. Roll Call: Members
2. Acknowledgement of Country

## Business (?)

1. **Intro to CJCC Department and MacArthur Grant**

* Department was created to facilitate, and support data driven criminal justice reforms.
* 2018 Missoula County received a $700,000 grant from the MacArthur Foundation to work on reforms focused on safely reducing our jail population and addressing ethnic and racial disparities.

1. **Stress Test and a** **Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM)**

* 2019 grant money was used to conduct a Stress Test and Mapping exercise to identify strategies to address key drivers of the jail population.

1. **Overview of existing MacArthur Grant Initiatives: Strategies from the Stress Test and were captured in final MacArthur strategies.**

* **Strategy One - Develop Case Processing Efficiencies** 
  + Reduce the time it takes felony cases to move through District Court. Conduct interviews with judges and clerks to create a new policy.
  + Status: Ongoing- goal to have draft policy by end of summer
  + **Initiative Two: Create a Jail Review Work Group**
  + Chief public defender, a city prosecutor, a county attorney, a representative from the jail, and Western bureau chief for probation and parole will review pretrial defendants in custody who may be appropriate for release or have cases that are lagging.
  + Status: Ongoing – currently meeting by email. There have not been many releases and there is room to improve.
  + **Initiative Three: Reduce time from preliminary hearing to arraignment**
  + Justice Court and District Court will collaborate to reduce time from preliminary hearing to arraignment, which reduces a defendant’s length of stay.
  + Status: Complete with monitoring in place – time cut from 14 days down to 10.
  + **Initiative Four: Reduce time for assignment of defense counsel**
  + Status: Complete with monitoring in place
* **Strategy Two - Implement front-end jail diversion with prosecution**
  + The county attorney's office will run CALIBRATE, a diversion program, to assists first time often non-violent offenders.
  + Participants get individualized treatments plans and upon successful completion, charges are dropped.
  + Status: Complete with ongoing monitoring – CALIBRATE has 28 current participants and 2 graduates. Data metrics and reporting will track progress.
* **Strategy Three - Increase use of Public Safety Assessment (PSA) tool**
  + Missoula County will participate in the State’s Pretrial Risk Assessment Pilot Project. The State will provide algorithmic pretrial risk assessments that judges can consider when deciding whether a defendant should be released before trial.
  + Status: Ongoing– The CJCC Department has concerns about data integrity, program oversight, the impact of using a tool that has not been locally validated, and racial bias.
* **Strategy Four - Provide outreach and education about indigenous cultures and racial disparities**
  + **Initiative One: Continue cultural programming in Missoula County Detention Facility (MCDF)**
  + Contract with All Nations Health Center to employ a Cultural Liaison who will run culturally specific support groups in the jail and work with Native American inmates while incarcerated and during transition back to the community.
  + Status – Restarting. Ivan MacDonald took another position within All Nations Health Center. Rehiring for the position with implementation starting when it is safe for this person to go back into the jail.
  + **Initiative Two:**  **Offer trauma-informed training to participating agencies AND Initiative Three:**  **Offer implicit bias training for local law enforcement**
  + Status – Both are ongoing. Progress delayed due to covid but funding is available.
* **Strategy Five - Implement Sequential Intercept Mapping Recommendations**
  + Use 2018 Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) to address issues where mental health and criminal justice intersect including: standardize metrics and data sharing across agencies, increase continuity of health care, housing strategies, behavioral health screening strategies, and improving availability of care.
  + Status- Ongoing. CJCC Department has relied on help from outside groups. Areas of direct involvement: grant for a mobile crisis team and licenses for the homeless management information system.

1. **Topics and Ideas for the MacArthur Renewal Grant Missoula**

* Missoula County invited to reapply for the MacArthur grant, likely be another $700,000. Stakeholder feedback will direct how and where money from renewal is spent.
* Judge Halligan Next Up: open discussion and opportunity to share systemic issues you encounter, and system changes you want to see addressed. Example, Process Evaluation:
  + Large population of people in jail for probation violations. System is struggling to process cases in reasonable and fair fashion.
  + Goal: Collect data and evaluate timeframe of cases to identify ways to streamline the process and handle cases more effectively.

1. **Group Discussion on new initiatives for the MacArthur Renewal Grant**

* **MLP Medical Legal Partnership** 
  + Rebecca Goe: Partnership Health Center (PHC) implementing a Medical Legal Partnership model (MLP), which brings a lawyer into patient’s care team to address social factors that impact health.
  + PHC received small grant Montana Health Care Foundation. Additional funding needed to implement a robust program.
* **Native American Diversion Program** 
  + Judge Halligan: Maylinn Smith, can you speak to the holistic medical -legal model being used?
  + Maylinn Smith: CSKT’s Tribal Public Defender's Office uses holistic, client-centered model to address underlying issues that get people into the justice system. The model has been expanded into prosecutorial work as well.
  + Discussion:
    - Judge Hallagin: Are you finding some success in lower levels of recidivism and reentry into the system?
    - Maylinn Smith: Covid has skewed data but a difference can be seen in the community-based policing approach already in the tribal system.
    - SK Rossi: Where are we on the agenda?
    - Judge Halligan: Jumped ahead but next we will discuss the Native American Diversion Program.
* **Return to Discussion on MLP Medical Legal Partnership**
  + Shantell Gaynor: Does Partnership foresee the MLP intersecting with family law and issues concerning abuse?
  + Rebecca Goe: Not at that stage of planning yet but will rely heavily on experts in the community.
* **Return to Native American Diversion Program** 
  + Kristen Jordan: Missoula’s jail population is between 15 and 20 percent Native American, though, Native Americans only make up 3% of community’s population.
  + Goal: Create a Native American Diversion Program within All Nations Health Center to offer culturally relevant medical and legal assistance.
  + The Native American Liaison would conduct outreach and a Case Manager could assist with treatment plans, court dates, and other support.
  + Discussion:
    - Diane Sands: program would support similar work being done at the state level. Happy to offer State-level support and investigate the possibility of state funding to help implement.
* **Process Evaluation** 
  + Judge Halligan: Case processing is one of the current MacArthur strategies. Progress has been made but other systemic problems have gone unaddressed.
  + Goal: Have a third- party assess case processing and timelines and provide guidance on ways to improve.
  + Discussion:
    - Myshell Layday: outside perspective on process evaluation would be helpful. A complete evaluation might not be worth the expense. Covid will make it difficult to analyze.
    - Judge Halligan: Sue Wilkins and Maria McLean, do you have thoughts on process evaluation and the services?
    - Sue Wilkins: Missoula Correction Services connects clients with case management and referral sources. Longer cases allow more time to address needs – not necessarily court ordered, i.e. housing etc.
* **Restorative Justice & Diversion**
  + Jenn Malloy: Is our community interested in restorative justice or different forms of community accountability?
  + Discussion:
    - Judge Halligan: We recognize that law enforcement is key when considering how people enter the criminal justice System. Training, education, and strengthening diversion services will help.
* **Return to Discussion on MLP Medical Legal Partnership** 
  + Theresa Williams: How does PHC’s MLP Program coexist with the one established at St. Patrick’s Hospital which partners with the Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA)?
  + Rebecca Goe: PHC is in communication with St. Patrick’s Hospital and hope to have MLSA as a close partner. Hope to also have an attorney in-house or MLP Coordinator. Model will focus on expanding beyond the health center, into the community.
* **The need to include input from the BIPOC community** 
  + SK Rossi: Requirement of the grant is a focus on racial justice initiatives. Most of the people on this council are white and these conversations should not happen without input of black folks, indigenous folks, and people of color- not by forming a committee but involvement in every conversation.
  + Should identify redundancies in representation and replace members with people most directly impacted.
  + Discussion:
    - Judge Halligan: The council has some representation, but the struggle has been finding people of color who are interested. Could expand the number of ad hoc representative or substitute to help diversify the core group.
    - SK Rossi: Will work on a list of BIPOC folks who are interested in serving.
    - Iko’tsimiskimaki “Ekoo” Beck: I'm with Montana Woman vote and there has been an interest and multiple natives reaching out to your group, asking to join the council. But no one has followed up with us. We have talked to Laurel and Kristen to try to get us connected, but aren’t made aware of meeting and have been excluded.
    - Judge Halligan: Please send us email addresses and we will be sure to reach out.
    - Kristen Jordan: Some CJCC members are working with the city on the LEARN Initiative, which will research ethnic and racial disparities.
    - Council structured to have members who could make decisions on behalf of their agencies. Will review bylaws next year but want include members of the BIPOC community.
* **Frequent Faces of the Criminal Justice System – Assessment and Evaluation**
  + Kristen Jordan: Examine data looking at who are frequent users of the criminal justice system to try and get to the root cause of why folks keep entering our system and whether we can provide services.
* **Peer support specialists- Laurie Pope**
  + Goal: Create a program that connects peer support specialists, especially those not associated with an agency, with people exiting treatment court, pre-release, etc.
  + Discussion
    - Kristen Jordan: Data shows that the biggest deterrents to recidivism is housing support and peer support specialists
    - Kim Lahiff: More concerned about people already on supervision. We need to create different interventions for the people, who realistically are going to continue using drugs but are not a danger to the community.
    - Maria Mclean: Pretrial Services used to do case management with clients. Lately, there is a movement to stifle pretrial and how much we can get involved in clients’ needs.
* **Return to Discussion on Native American Diversion Program** 
  + Ann Miller: There is a connection between MLP and our holistic defense program. Basic tenants: seamless access to services, interdisciplinary communication among staff, robust understanding and connection to the community served.
  + Recidivism linked to underlying issues that bring clients into the criminal justice system- substance use and co-occurring disorders and cannot stabilize without homes. Office tries to address addressing life outcomes. Should treat substance use disorders as a public health issue, not a criminal justice issue.

## Public Comment

* David: The jail population has decreased to avoid the spread of covid. Has there been an effect on the crime rate? Do we feel like our community has been less safe? We also need to talk about reducing crime.
  + Are there communities across the country who have been successful at this? Could we use them as a model?
  + Judge Halligan: Research is ongoing. More time and resources will be needed to assess the impact.
  + Kristen Jordan: Jail Review Team reviews cases. There are statistics posted on the Missoula County website.
* Laurel Hesse: Important for the council to consider what authentic involvement looks like when engaging public, especially BIPOC. Should trust that impacted folks and communities have the solutions and value their voices.

## Questions from the Media

* Charles Bolte: Is the county’s resolution blocking misdemeanor non-violent misdemeanor offenders and failures to appear from entering the detention facility still in place?
* Kristen Jordan: Believes resolution is still in place with very slight modifications to allow jail as a sanction for treatment court.
* Charles Bolte: what is the current inmate for today and how long the population dip lasted in Missoula?
* Quinn Zeigler: The lowest daily population of inmates under the jurisdiction of the county was 97 people April 10th compared to approximately 180 pre-covid.