

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
Meeting: March 26, 2021 from 10:30 am-12 pm  
Virtual Meeting-Microsoft Teams

**1. Welcome**

**a. Roll Call of Members, Voting and Non-voting**

**Members/Alternatives present at the meeting:**

District Court Judge Leslie Halligan; Missoula County Commission Alternate Anne Hughes; Missoula County Sheriff Detective Dave Conway; Missoula Police Chief Jaeson White; Justice of the Peace Judges Landee Holloway and Alex Beal; Office of the Public Defender Koan Mercer and Myshell Lyday ; Missoula City Council Representative Julie Merritt; Missoula County Detention Center Lieutenant Alex Hall; Missoula County Attorney Kirsten Pabst; Municipal Court Judge Kathleen Jenks & Ethan Lerman; Salish and Kootenai Tribe Maylinn Smith; Community Justice Department Manager Shantelle Gaynor; Partnership Health Center Director Laurie Francis; Pretrial Supervision Sue Wilkins; Missoula County Clerk of District Court Shirley Faust and Court Alternate Amy McGhee; Montana Innocence Project Amy Sings in the Timber; Youth Court Chief Probation Officer Glen Welch

**Additional Participants:** Reintegration Representatives Jana Staton; Partnership Health Center's Medical Legal Partnership Coordinator Melissa Vawter and Medical legal Partnership Attorney Moses Okeyo; Community Justice Department Amanda Schrantz and Morgan Haynie, County Commissioner Juanita Vero, Justice Court Jessie Buresch; Strategic Planning Consultant Keegan Flaherty; Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Quinn Ziegler & Natalie Parisi; Suzin Kratina; Terry Kendrick; Ryan Aikin; Benny Jake Coolidge; Erin Kautz; Carrie Gibadlo; Jon Cammack; Tom Luscombe; Jeremie Marrow; Rebecca Goe; Shannan Sproull; Brian Smith; Tanya Sharbono; Stephen Thompson

No one in place for Peer Support Specialist Laurie Pope-Laurie left state.

**b. Acknowledgement of Country**

Judge Leslie Halligan: "I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional homelands of the Salish and Pend d'Oreille and to acknowledge those Tribes' contributions to area both historically and currently."

**c. Approval of January 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Laurie Francis made a Motion to Approve the January 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes as submitted; Julie Merrit seconded a motion; Suzin Kratina requested the correction of integration to Reintegration under participants. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

**2. Business**

**a. MacArthur Grant-Funding was continued for a second round.**

- Goals:
  1. To reduce the rates of defendants failing to appear at required court proceedings
  2. To reduce probation violations, pretrial violations

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3. Reduce the pretrial length of stay in jail for defendants who have not been convicted of a crime
  4. Evaluate and reduce the racial and ethnic disparities within or legal justice system
    - Will be a news release once it has been formally announced.
    - Meet to facilitate to reach goals and move forward to address the issues of racial disparity, use detention appropriately and utilize other alternatives to improve people lives and to get them in and out of the criminal justice system and functioning.
      1. *See information sheet under the CJCC Meeting Agendas and papers located here <https://www.missoulacounty.us/government/cjcc>*
- b. *Kristen Jordan has moved on from the County and Shantelle Gaynor has stepped in temporarily*
- c. *With both the staff transition and the funding transition the Community Justice Department will be hiring new positions soon and we will keep you posted.*
- If you have interest in upcoming positions, please be in contact with Shantelle Gaynor

**3. Information Sharing and Presentation**

- a. *Shannan Sproull, Project Director United Way Missoula: Missoula Substance Use Disorder Connect*
  - *See Missoula SUD Connect Presentation under the CJCC Meeting Agendas and papers located here: <https://www.missoulacounty.us/government/cjcc>*
  - First needs assessment should be available in a report the end of this month
  - There are multiple agencies addressing the need, but everyone has their own plans and goals. The hope is to bring all the groups to the table and have everyone work and collaborate looking at the bigger and master plan.
  - Yellowstone has invented the work so we do not need to recreate the wheel
  - Working group 40-100 people that will be broken down
  - As we move forward will have one on one meetings and working on a state holder retreat
  - If you have a project that would be important to integrate under this grant please let Shannan know. Shannan's email: [shannan@missoulaunitedway.org](mailto:shannan@missoulaunitedway.org)
- b. *Laurie Francis Medical Legal Partnership Program*
  - *See PHC Medical Legal Partnership & Mobile Support Team Presentation under the CJCC Meeting Agendas and papers located here: <https://www.missoulacounty.us/government/cjcc>*
- c. *Melissa Vawter, Medical Legal Partnership*
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- d. *Moses Okeyo-Attorney*

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- Empowerment Model-Empowering the patient and puts the patient at the center. The patient plays a key role in their own well being
- Patient works with the legal team to help put pieces of their life back together
- Currently working on adding a Probono attorney network
  1. The State recommends each attorney provide 50 hours probono work, hoping to have them consider the Medical Legal Partnership for those hours.
- Currently working with The University to get legal interns
- Give any patient who needs legal services access to it
- If you feel anyone is a good fit for the advisory board, please reach out

e. Pilot Phase Referrals

- Received 44 referrals, 35 screened and of the 35 screened 31 had a health harming need
- Provide emotional Support in addition to doing the paperwork and legal part the work
- Melissa & Moses meet on each case to determine if an attorney is needed
- If an attorney is necessary, they reach out to attorney's who specialize in the need (pro bono)
- The attorney chooses the level of assistance they can provide, ex: consultation, answering legal questions, etc)
- All legal cases are treated equal
- Please reach out if you want to be a part of it (moses) [Okeymose@gmail.com](mailto:Okeymose@gmail.com) (208) 241-8194. Melissa Vawter ([vawterm@phc.missoula.mt.us](mailto:vawterm@phc.missoula.mt.us))
- **Questions/comments:**
- Julie Merritt: American's Disability act, can that be integrated into the work done here?
  1. They are screened for it, there have not been any cases yet
- Senator Ellie Hill: Need evidence if there is increase in need based on COVID and might be able to provide support funding wise
- Judges Halligan feels judges might be willing to write to the bar in support

4. Terry Kendrick, Strategic Alliance for Improved Behavioral Health, Project Manager for Mobile support team

- Calls are initiated through 911 dispatch.
- Currently a 10 month pilot project ends June 30<sup>th</sup>
- 1 EMT, behavioral health clinician. Our goal is to have 7 day coverage from 8am-10pm

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- A case facilitator proved follow-up after the initial call
- Law enforcement ensures the scene is safe and secure
- Goals
  1. Rapidly respond and provide brief intervention with individuals in crisis
  2. May be listening and validating their feelings
  3. Doing a suicide risk assessment
  4. Developing a safety plan
- Limit number of arrests and emergency visits for behavioral health related cases by getting them to the resources they need.
- Different call types
  1. Behavioral health Crisis Call
  2. Welfare Checks
  3. Community and Agency Outreach
    - a. Let people know about MST
  4. Prevention Crisis Care
- Not along-term care, but ensuring they are handed off to the services they need
- Challenges
  1. Tight timeline from inception to putting into action. Modeled after other agency programs
  2. Working with Law enforcement has been critical in ensuring the teams safety
- **Contact information**
  1. John Petroff (Fire Department) [petroffj@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:petroffj@ci.missoula.mt.us)
  2. Terry Kendrick (MST Program Manager) [kendrickt@phc.missoula.mt.us](mailto:kendrickt@phc.missoula.mt.us)
- **Question:**
- Leslie Halligan-impacts of COVID
  1. Could safely say yes there are more behavioral health issues due to COVID, but this started during COVID so nothing to compare it to
- Laurie Francis statement-there are relief dollars available for treatment related to COVID

**Updates**

- None

**Public Comment:**

- Senator Hill-Missoula County has opportunity to participate in COVID money, we are thinking there might be more coming.
- Judge Halligan: brainstorming how to be more effective in the future and avoid duplication as much as possible. Know what is going on in the community and how to collaborate.

Next Meeting: May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:30; Meeting closed 11:52 a.m