SUMMIT COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

November 6, 2023

Meeting Minutes

- Attendees
  - Malena Stevens – Summit County Council
  - Trish Cassell – SCAO Chief Prosecutor
  - Margaret Olson – Summit County Attorney
  - Judge Richard Mrazik
  - Frank Smith – Summit County Sheriff
  - Wendy Crossland – SCAO Victim Advocate Program Director
  - Aaron Newman – Summit County Health Department
  - Cliff Venable – Public Defender
  - Megan McKenna – Summit County Housing Advocate
  - David Hanna – AP&P
  - Lynda Viti
  - Tana Toly
  - Stephen Hunter – Utah Association of Counties
  - Andi Faulkner – Utah Association of Counties

- Absent
  - Darwin Little – Captain, Park City Police
  - Cristie Frey – Director of HMHI
  - Tyler Toly
  - Judge Shaunna Kerr
  - Kasey Bates
  - Britt Oliver

- Welcome
  - Malena welcomes the group and opens the meeting.

- Update on Seasonal Workforce Issues
  - Tana delivered an update on Park City's Seasonal Workforce Convening Committee. It's a committee of 15 stakeholders that meet once a month at the behest of the Mayor. The committee has spent some time learning how the J1 program works in order to better understand the situation; this includes meeting with third party entities that are directly involved in bringing seasonal workers to Park City. For instance, the committee learned that there are a set number of visas given out every year for the

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country. A new entity couldn't just come up and say that they need visas for a workforce. It's a federal procedure to become a third party entity.

- The Chamber has been a partner throughout all of this; they have created a webpage through their website that's a resource for seasonal workers that includes everything from bus routes/schedules to how to get into the People's Clinic.
- Deer Valley is bringing back the Welcome Nights event; it'll be held on December 18th or 19th and they are anticipating about 800 people will attend. J1's will all arrive by December 15th, so this will be an excellent way for them to learn about Park City and get access to resources.
- They are looking at bringing in some dinners through the Christian Center, and down in Heber City.
- Deer Valley & PCMR have said that they have enough housing for their employees now with the new slope side units. Because Deer Valley was able to secure housing here, this has freed up housing at River's Edge near Jordanelle. Deer Valley and River's Edge had previously had a partnership but that is no longer in place. River's Edge is putting those empty beds up for rent for other seasonal workers now for $500 a month, and then they've also offered to keep 20 beds open throughout the year in case they're needed at any point.
- The committee is encouraging an emphasis of collaboration throughout this season.
- Malena recognizes John Kenworthy for his willingness to keep those 20 beds open.
- Margaret asked Tana if the committee has reached out to Judge Shauna Kerr at all; it's Margaret's understanding that the Judge had mentioned before that she has cultural education ideas that could keep J1 workers out of misdemeanor court. Trish offers that one instance she remembers happening a lot last season was that a person under 21 would use someone's passport who was over 21 to get into bars. Both parties would lose their passports, and then they can lose their ability to be a J1 worker in the future. These sorts of scenarios could be covered in an educational seminar and prevent such situations from happening in the future. Tana doesn't believe that the Judge has been involved yet and she'll follow up with her for more details on that cultural education. Malena recommends that law enforcement be present as well to lend their insight, especially with regards to preventing crimes being committed against the J1 workers.
- Frank says that he has a joint meeting with Park City PD next week and that he'll bring up these talking points with him then.
- Megan brings up that she's been working with Gretchen Lee of Mountain Mediation on the housing fraud side of this topic, and she asks Tana if it's possible to add some information about housing on the Chamber's webpage of resources.
- The Tuesday Night Legal Bar program was discussed; it's a program run by the local bar association and it's a place where anyone can show up and ask legal questions for

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free. It's believed that it's held once a month on the first Tuesday at the Park City Library. It's believed that this program is still being run by Gail Laser.
    - It is requested that Tana send in a link to the Chamber's webpage so that this CJCC body can review it.
    - Regarding housing, Megan says that Mountainlands has partnered with the Chamber to create a housing rental incentive program. They're offering skis or snowboard & bindings to anyone that rents to a seasonal worker. This program is not retroactive for individuals who have already been renting to seasonal workers. The intention of this incentive is to create more housing and so they're trying to get more people onboard with renting out spare rooms etc. There is a link to sign up for this program on Mountainlands' website as well as on the Chamber's webpage.

- Approval of Minutes for 10/02/23
    - Margaret motioned to approve, Trish seconded the motion. All are in favor.

- Council Comments on Current Criminal Justice Issues
    - County Council has not had a chance to convene yet, but they will be meeting this Wednesday Nov 8th and they will review & approve of this body's Strategic Plan.
    - Discussion was had over the frequency of this body's future meetings. Malena is in favor of having regular meetings so that momentum isn't lost. Margaret is also in favor of continuing the regular meeting schedule, especially at least through to the end of the legislative session. Trish is in favor of continuing to meet monthly through the end of the session too.
    - The council discussed the upcoming legislative session and reviewed where some of the politicians on the Hill are positioning themselves for the session. Concerns were brought up regarding some legislatures wanting to crack down on crime and lock more people up, or push more people to drug courts and/or defund drug courts because they're not effective. Multiple council members have heard of these positions, and it is a great concern for the members, especially as it contradicts the efforts of the CJCC.
    - The overall lack of room in jails & prisons was discussed, and the ramifications of what will happen should the legislatures push to lock more people up. Drug courts are also full for the most part and would require significant funding to expand them in order to hold more participants.
    - The behavioral health representatives and the county attorneys are going to meet up next week at the UAC Annual Conference to discuss some of these concerns and game plan a strategy for the upcoming session.
    - Rep. Lisonbee and Senator Cullimore are the legislatures who are over criminal justice on the Hill.

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    - Margaret gave a shout out to Megan for her courage this past week; there was a public hearing to discuss housing in Summit County and Megan had to endure some unfriendly comments during it.

- Adjourn
    - Margaret motioned to adjourn, Frank seconded the motion. All are in favor.

Action Items: Andi will create minutes & update Public Notice website

Next meeting will be December 4, 2023 at 9am in person and virtually.

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