

SUMMIT COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

February 5, 2024

Meeting Minutes

- Attendees
 - Malena Stevens – Summit County Council
 - Judge Richard Mrazik – 3rd District Court Judge
 - Margaret Olson – Summit County Attorney
 - Darwin Little – Captain, Park City Police
 - Tana Toly – Park City Council Member
 - Wendy Crossland – SCAO Victim Advocate Program Director
 - Aaron Newman – Summit County Health Department
 - Megan McKenna – Summit County Housing Advocate
 - Cristie Frey – Director of HMHI
 - David Hanna – AP&P
 - Lynda Viti
 - Kacey Bates – Sheriff's Office
 - Andi Faulkner – Utah Association of Counties
- Absent
 - Frank Smith – Summit County Sheriff
 - Trish Cassell – SCAO Chief Prosecutor
 - Cliff Venable – Public Defender
 - Stephen Hunter – Utah Association of Counties
 - Tyler Toly – Drug Court Graduate
 - Judge Janet Elledge – Justice Court Judge
- Welcome
 - Malena welcomes the group and opens the meeting.
- Approval of Minutes for 01/08/2024
 - Margaret motioned to approve, Aaron seconded the motion. All are in favor.
- Strategic Plan Implementation
 - Spanish Services: Wendy leads this discussion, reviewing the need for all departments to utilize some sort of translation service until more Spanish speaking people can be hired. A large portion of individuals are using Google for translations and that seems to be working ok for now. Training in how to use these translation services is a priority. A concern that has been brought to Wendy's

attention is that there are cases where the victim needs translation services, and the alleged offender does as well. The concern is whether or not it is ok to use the same translator/translation service for both parties. Another item that needs to be addressed is that people either don't understand the form that they've been issued (citations, court appearance paperwork, etc) or they don't know where exactly they're supposed to show up to. There's a need for informative pamphlets in Spanish that will help guide individuals involved in the justice system. It could include basic information such as how to join a virtual court appearance, locations for different courthouses, and a place to go to access translated documents. Judge Mrazik adds to Wendy's point by bringing to this council's attention the lack of legal forms/documents available in languages other than English. Some forms have been legally translated into Spanish, but there's still a large amount that needs translating; examples of those still needing translation are the Notice to Appear, the summons, the warrant, the jail release form. Official legal documents need to be translated by certified translators, and that translation service costs roughly \$20-30 per page. Judge Mrazik and Wendy will work together to compile a list of legal forms/documents that need to be translated into Spanish, and they will look into getting a cost estimate for this project. David adds that AP&P doesn't have very many forms translated into Spanish either, and he's pretty sure there's just the PSI form that's readily available in Spanish. That will have to be rectified by the State rather than by Summit County though as it's a state-run organization. Judge Mrazik has a contact in the AOC, Nathaniel Player (sp?), who he can reach out to for guidance in getting these forms translated correctly. Nathaniel is a director level staff member who runs the forms committee. Aaron informed the council that the forms will need to be translated by someone that is USCIS certified (United States Citizenship & Immigration Services).

- Building Indigent Defense Space: still a work in process, Margaret and Cliff are working out the numbers & time estimates and will report back to this council when they have more concrete numbers.
- Pretrial Services Program: initial estimates have this program at \$400k for hiring two new officers to run the program, and then an additional \$150k to run the Justice Involved Case Management Expansion. This goal doesn't have any low-hanging fruit items that this council can implement without funding, so this will be an item that gets addressed at a later date.
- Support of the creation of the Park City Regional Housing Authority: Malena says that as of the last joint meeting this initiative is dead in the water. Park City Council members have decided that a regional housing authority is not the direction they want to go in at this time and so they have pulled out of the project. It hasn't been formalized yet, that will happen at the meeting in March, but it is

essentially dead for all other intents and purposes. Tana confirms what Malena has said.

- Evaluate needs for Eastern Summit County: this goal will be a good place for this council to start.
- AP&P Meeting Space Discussion
 - They're looking into utilizing the jury room at the county courthouse when a space is needed and if its available at that time. This is what was done before AP&P rented space from Park City PD. Pixton is the AP&P officer that covers Summit County, and he's been in touch with the sheriff's office regarding space to use; the Justice Center will be expanding in the coming years and there's a possibility of creating a space for AP&P during that expansion. Margaret recommends that Pixton reach out to Deb Foust (chief clerk in district court) whenever he needs to set up times to use the jury room. Kacey brings to the council's attention that the JRI room can be made available for AP&P. Margaret also brings up that there's a potential for using the public defenders space, and to use that space they should reach out to Felicia.
 - Regarding the ability to hand out PSI packets at the court level, David says that the roadblock for that initiative should be gone in April; sometime after that he should be able to get the ball rolling on some new projects. Currently any individuals who need PSI packets have to go to West Valley to receive them, which is a barrier for people who have transportation issues. Judge Mrazik says that he can talk to his clerks about potentially taking on the task of handing out these packets.
- Legislative Update
 - HB299: the first part of this bill is the sale of the state hospital, and the second part of the bill will require the state hospital or any restricted-care facility to notify local law enforcement of the release of any individual who is there under civil commitment or voluntarily. The civil commitment angle is new, and it's concerning. The bill did have a senate sponsor but they've since dropped off after having a conversation with the governor. It doesn't have a ton of forward momentum right now, however there is a concern that it will get folded into the bill of bills so Aaron's going to keep a close eye on it for now. Other perimeters of the bill include: selling the land by 2025, and then the state leasing the land once it's sold until they have purchased another building/land.
 - Medicaid: a new bill has been introduced that says if Medicaid enrollment goes beyond the state legislature's ability to fund it then the fiscal difference will fall to the counties to cover. It also lists the potential increase in the match rate for the counties will go from 20% to 38%.
 - Opioid Settlement funds: there are potential changes to the reporting structure and Aaron's keeping an eye on that.

- HJR1 Justice Court Reform: County Attorney's Association is opposed to this resolution because of the way they're enacting this reform; they're going the route of a resolution to avoid the need to attach a fiscal note. 21 of 29 county attorneys signed the opposition letter. It has passed the house and it's had a reading in the senate. The UAC law enforcement committee has opposed this resolution as well.
 - Jail Reform: Kacey is keeping an eye on a jail reform called the 24/7 program; it looks like it will run counter to the funding already allocated for this purpose to the IDC. Counties won't be required to enroll in this program.
 - SB139: this bill deals with civil commitment issues; it will grant judges the ability to require a person to take medications upon the recommendation of a medical provider, especially in situations where an individual believes that they don't have a mental health issue but the medical provider/courts think that the individual does have one. Judge Mrazik and Margaret state that this bill brings up constitutional issues.
 - Aaron says there's another bill that's addressing civil commitment, and it's dealing with time frames. Right now civil commitments have to be done within 10 days, and this bill wants to shorten that to just 5 days. That's too tight of a time frame to work within and so Aaron's opposed to it and subsequently watching this bill carefully.
 - Margaret will get in touch with Stephen Hunter for a more thorough legislative update and then she will email the council with her news. To comply with the Open Meetings Act, everyone agrees not to reply to the email, they'll just add any topics of interest to the agenda for next month's meeting.
- Council Comments on Current Criminal Justice Issues
 - None
 - Adjourn
 - Margaret motioned to adjourn, Wendy seconded the motion. All are in favor.

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

Next meeting will be March 4, 2024 at 9am in person and virtually.