

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
of
KANE COUNTY**

November 8, 2023 Meeting

Attendees: Chair - Commissioner Patty Kubeja, Chief Tom Cram (Kanab City Police), Rob Van Dyke (County Attorney), Candi Crofts (CJCC Staff), Devin Shakespear (Victim Services), Mike Gurr (Recovery Court), William Leigh (Public Defender), Joe Coombs (LMHA Representative), Stephen Hunter (UAC), Kent Burggraaf (Kanab City Attorney), Judge Gary Johnson (Justice Court), Andi Faulkner (UAC), Chris Charter (Receiving Center)

Absent: Sheriff Tracy Glover, Dustin Veater (AP&P), Becky Gurr (Recovery Court), Judge Mandy Larsen (6th District Court)

1. Review of Minutes from September

There were instances in September's meeting minutes where motions were made and seconded by persons unknown. Rob Van Dyke has offered to have his name inserted into the sections where a motion needs to be made, and Devin Shakespear has offered to have her name inserted as the person who seconds the motions. With those changes to be made, the council approved the minutes.

MOTION: Rob Van Dyke motions to approve the minutes, William Leigh seconds the motion; All are in favor.

2. Hurricane Receiving Center Presentation – Chris Charter

- Chris is the director of the Crisis Stabilization Center (CSC) and a psychiatric nurse practitioner
- Purely a voluntary program, crisis center will not accept anyone that doesn't consent to treatment or help
- Center's aim is to help people with mental health crisis & substance use disorders, especially if it is to divert people from jails, emergency rooms, etc.
- Washington County Attorney Eric Clarke has agreed that if someone is in police custody, is experiencing a mental health crisis or substance use crisis, and they agree to divert to the CSC voluntarily and engage with meaningful treatment after they are released from the CSC then he is willing to defer the individual's charges. The charges that will be deferred will need to be in some way related to their crisis event. For example, if a person is caught stealing, and the reason they were stealing was to get money for drugs then they could qualify for this route of treatment/care. The CSC will track individuals for 8 weeks after they leave the center to ensure that they are engaging in meaningful treatment.

- Chris shared with the council images of the facility's layout and explained where law enforcement personnel can park & enter the building, the community entrance, the 16 individual chairs (recliners) that is the "23 hour" area, the outer portion of the building is lined with 16 individual private rooms, the inner portion is filled with a kitchen/laundry facilities/and bathrooms.
- Initial intake interview from CSC staff when a person is brought to the facility by law enforcement takes place while the individual is in the backseat of the police vehicle. The cuffs are taken off for this interview.
- The center's goal for situations that involve law enforcement bringing someone in is to have the LEO done within 5 minutes and back out on patrol. For comparison, jail booking in Washington County takes an average time of 30 minutes.
- The 23 hour area has recliners for the individuals to rest in, showers if they want to bathe, and food & water provided. Once a person has reached the end of the 23 hour mark then staff works hard to route the individuals into post-care treatment programs, whatever fits their needs best.
- The center has on staff: a nurse 24 hrs a day, a clinician almost 24 hrs a day (the times that they don't have a clinician onsite they have access to one through the Mobile Crisis Outreach Team [MCOT]), and a psychiatric nurse practitioner 24 hrs a day.
- If a person's crisis has not been resolved within the first 23 hours, then they are moved out of the recliner room and into one of the 16 available rooms in the rest of the building. When asked how long they'll house a person in those rooms, Chris says they try to keep it to a maximum of 4 days.
- The CSC cannot pick someone up, they rely on other entities to bring individuals suffering a mental health crisis to them. Often times that's MCOT, it can also be law enforcement, family members, or people can walk in and check themselves into the center. When people want to leave the center, the staff will try to provide transportation, such as a taxi service, Uber, calling a family/friend for pick up. A person can refuse transportation and walk out on their own. The CSC is working with Washington County to get a bus route that goes by the center.
- When Chris was asked if his slides here could be shared with local law enforcement in Kane County, he said that he'd prefer to meet with them and give them a special presentation specifically geared towards law enforcement. He will schedule a time with Chief Cram to do so in the near future.
- Chris was asked about billing, whether the center would bill insurance for services etc; he said they will bill a person's insurance if they have it, they will bill Medicaid if a person has signed up for that already, or they will sign someone up for Medicaid if they qualify for it (most individuals so far have). If a person can't pay, doesn't have insurance, and doesn't have Medicaid/can't be signed up for it then the center will still treat them regardless. No one is turned away from the center due to financial situations.

3. Review and approval of Strategic Plan

- Patty read through the Strategic Plan section by section to ensure that everything is ready for approval.
- Overview section: no changes need to be made
- Mapping section: add an additional phone number to the subheading “Crisis Stabilization Center”. Chris gave the council a different phone number, so it will be added. It was asked that William Leigh provide either a physical address for his office or an email address, that way it corresponds with the other listed entities. William provided his email address.
- Support, Sustain, and Improve Existing Programs section: no changes need to be made
- Evaluating Usefulness of Data section: there are some blank spots where there are missing numbers/citations for things; the person who has that data is the court clerk in the justice office, and they’re on vacation right now. Those numbers will be retrieved as soon as the clerk is back at work.
- This council will look into creating laminated cards for law enforcement officers that have all of the resources from the mapping section written down. The officers will then have all of these resources & contact info with them in case they need them.

MOTION: Rob Van Dyke motions to adopt the Strategic Plan with the changes that have been talked about in this meeting, Tom Cram seconds the motion; All are in favor.

4. Review and approval of 2023 Report to CCJJ

- This report was sent out in an email to all of the council members. Patty gave an overview of the report and asked if this council was happy with the wording. It was determined that no changes need to be made at this time.

MOTION: Rob Van Dyke motions to adjourn, William Leigh seconds the motion. All are in favor.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 3:30 PM