

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
of
KANE COUNTY**

May 12, 2025 Meeting

Attendees: Chair - Commissioner Patty Kubeja, Jeff Stott (County Attorney), Candi Crofts (CJCC Staff), Devin Shakespear (Victim Services), Judge Mandy Larsen (6th District Court), Sheriff Tracy Glover, Kent Burggraaf (Kanab City Attorney), Shana Pender (Southwest Behavioral Health), Lacie Ganther (Southwest Behavioral Health), Andi Faulkner (UAC), Matt Depuzzo (Operations Manager, Access Foundation Sober Living), Mike Keenan (Executive Director, Access Foundation Sober Living), Sierra Shilling (Reentry Case Manager, Access Foundation Sober Living), Chief Tom Cram (Kanab City Police)

Absent: Becky Gurr (Recovery Court), Joe Coombs (LMHA Representative), Mike Gurr (Recovery Court), William Leigh (Public Defender), Judge Gary Johnson (Justice Court), Dustin Veater (AP&P)

1. Public Comment

No public comments were brought forward.

2. Review/Approve minutes from March 2024 meeting

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Kubeja motions to approve the minutes, Sheriff Glover seconds the motion; motion passes by roll call vote.
- Regarding pretrial, Commissioner Kubeja asked if there was an update from anyone on the conversation from the March 2024 meeting. Mr. Burggraaf jumped in to give an update and to discuss with Judge Larsen the particulars for what Sanpete & Sevier counties are doing for pretrial. It was determined that Sanpete County has slightly different options for the judges to choose from when offering pretrial services to defendants. Mr. Stott and Mr. Burggraaf have offered to look into the differences offered by Sanpete and see if they will work for Kane County & Kanab City. Sheriff Glover reported that Deputy Greenwell with Sanpete County has some tools in his pretrial toolbox that he'd like to look into as well; he'll sync up with the Deputy when he can and he'll report back to this council on his findings.

3. Discussion on picking a new Kane County CJCC Chair

- Commissioner Kubeja informed the council that the chair needs to be an elected county official, so that leaves the spot available to herself as county commissioner, the county attorney, and the county sheriff. Neither of the two chimed in for the position so it was determined that Commissioner Kubeja would retain the chair position for this council.

4. Sober Living presentation and discussion -Mike Keenan

- Mr. Keenan gave an overview for what Access Foundation Sober Living does and how they're working in cooperation with other counties in Utah.
- Kane County is currently using the bunk house as its sober living situation for drug court participants, which is less than ideal as its only stipulation for residency there is to pay rent. It doesn't ensure that the residents are living a sober life and it doesn't teach them much needed life skills. It is the only option Kane County currently has and so it works for now.
- Sober living is a catch-all phrase these days; what it means to Access Foundation is supportive affordable housing for those that identify as being in recovery from substance use. Access Foundation is a 501-3c, it's deed restricted and community-based; importantly, it's not an extension of a treatment program or the county jail. Residents can filter into the housing from programs, jails/prison, medical facilities, or even off the streets. They must be sober when they arrive and stay sober throughout their residency. The average stay with Access Foundation for residents is 10 months, though there isn't a time limit on how long a person can stay. Some stay for several years.
- Light structure is in place that supports the overall goal of helping these individuals reintegrate successfully into society. Light structures in place include mandatory house meetings (if you miss it then you're out), random testing, daily/weekly room checks, elected leaders within the houses that help keep the residents in check, and for those on probation then AP&P officers have the door codes for access to the house at any time. There's a large focus on the residents attaining the ability to self-govern. Residents must get a job within the first 30 days of living there or else they're out, and they do pay rent for their housing.
- The first steps for a county or city to bring Access Foundation Sober Living into their area is to look at the demand (how many people will need this service) and to look at the zoning and ordinances for the city that the sober housing would most likely reside in (in this case that would need to be Kanab City as it has the most resources available). Mr. Burggraaf said that there are some ordinances in place for this sort of housing and that this could easily be a topic that the city discusses at their next council meeting. Ms. Shakespear and Mr. Stott said that there's roughly 12 or more people currently in the bunk house and many if not all of them might benefit from a sober living house like Access Foundation.
- Houses with Access Foundation are typically renovated homes that the foundation purchases and builds out to suit their needs. They have perimeters they have to satisfy per their funding & permitting at the State level (through DHHS). Typically a single family home that's been renovated will have anywhere from 10-16 residents living there. The houses are separated by gender, and in Washington County they just opened a female house that will accept mothers with children.

MOTION: Jeff Stott motioned to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 22, 2025 at 3:30 PM