

1 **Cache County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**
2 **October 17, 2025**
3 **Minutes**

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5 The Cache County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) met in regular session on
6 October 17, 2025 in the Cache County Council Chambers, 199 N. Main Logan, UT 84321.
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8 **ATTENDANCE**
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10 **Board Members Present:**

11 Sandi Goodlander – Cache County Council
12 Sara Owen – Cache County Victims' Services
13 Taylor Sorensen – Cache County Attorney
14 Kirk Lambert – Adult Probation and Parole
15 Louise Speth – CAPSA Representative
16 Trevor Cook – Bear River Health
17 Lee Edwards – Justice Court System
18 Mike McGinnis – Public Defender's Office
19 Jordan Mathis – Bear River Health Department
20 Garret Webb – Cache County Probation
21 Damian Openshaw – Cache County Probation
22 Andrew Erickson – Cache County Council Staff
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24 **Others in Attendance:**
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26 **#1 Call to Order**
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28 **a. Roll Call and Introductions**
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30 **Goodlander** called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.
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32 **ACTION: Agenda approved with no objections.**
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34 **b. Review and Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**
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36 **ACTION: Minutes approved from the last meeting with no objection.**
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38 **#2 Strategic Plan**
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40 **a. Review of Received Update Proposals**
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42 **Goodlander** reviewed the updated membership of the council.
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44 **Council** discussed collecting good data on recidivism and using that data to make a
45 difference, expanding adult probation and oversight for opioid recovery and the budget

1 for those areas, the need for housing for substance abuse recovery and mental health
2 recovery, different medications to help with sobriety and making sure they have a well-
3 rounded treatment plan with a good provider.

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5 **b. Final Review and Approval of the Updated CJCC Strategic Plan**

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 - **Due to the State by November 1**

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9 **#3 Updates and Items of Discussion**

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11 **a. Recidivism Data Collection Update**

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13 **Andrew Erickson** and **Sandi Goodlander** will reach out to the CJJ for a report on
14 recidivism data.

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16 **b. Justice Waiver Program Status Update**

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18 **Jordan Mathis** informed the Committee that the state has paused the justice waiver
19 program for the moment.

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21 **Committee** discussed possibly hiring someone part-time to help with medical coverage
22 and making sure those who are going to be released from incarceration/treatment are
23 aware of what services are available and how to access those services.

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25 **c. County-Wide Justice Court System**

26 **d. Receiving Center and Housing Project Updates**

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28 **Trevor Cook** updated the committee on the receiving center. Housing help has slowed
29 a little bit due to funding from the state being taken back. There is supposed to be a
30 reallocation of those funds but it is currently on hold. The housing unit is typically used
31 for people with mental illness but others can apply with an application. He also
32 explained how the housing unit works and is hoping the receiving center will be finished
33 by July 1st.

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35 **Committee** discussed transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and how
36 there are some people who don't want to stay in shelters or housing.

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38 **#4 Other Items of Discussion**

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40 **a. Opioid Settlement Fund Budgeting and Prioritization**

41 **b. External Funding and Grant Opportunities**

42 **c. Collaboration with Local Homeless Councils**

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44 **Committee** discussed expanding the coordinator that is currently helping with those
45 coming out of incarceration to full time, the previous plan that was created with the
46 opioid settle fund and making sure it is being used and tweaked to meet current needs,

1 and how to have effective communication to help keep track of individuals and make
2 communication easier/work while service providers are all on different systems.

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4 **Owens** emphasized the victims of crime often face the same challenges as offenders
5 with housing instability, mental health needs, and childcare hurdles. She also noted that
6 when offenders are incarcerated, victims frequently lose their primary source of income.

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8 **Edwards** explained that justice courts currently use a “credit” system that allows
9 individuals to reduce their fines by attending workforce services or mental health
10 treatment.

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12 **Sorenson** commented on having a process in place for when someone is leaving
13 incarceration and how that process can then be included in negotiations and become
14 mandated by the court instead of a suggested process.

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16 **Committee** discussed the process when someone is arraigned, makes bail, and
17 released.

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19 **Smith** emphasized the importance of having a resource map and how it should be a
20 detailed guide for those leaving incarceration and victims explain the different agencies
21 and their programs and trying to tailor that map to the individual’s needs.

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23 **Committee** discussed having a case handler that is in charge of the “warm hand-off”
24 and where they could possibly be housed.

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26 **Edwards** noted that Cache County is the only county in the state that is without a
27 countywide justice court and explained the legislation changes that refer back to that.

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29 **ACTION: A motion was made to amend the current plan with the correct**
30 **names and with an update on the receiving center and was approved**
31 **unanimously.**

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33 **#5 Fix Date for Next Meeting**

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35 Friday, January 16 at 12:00 pm

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37 **#6 Adjournment**

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39 **Adjourned.**