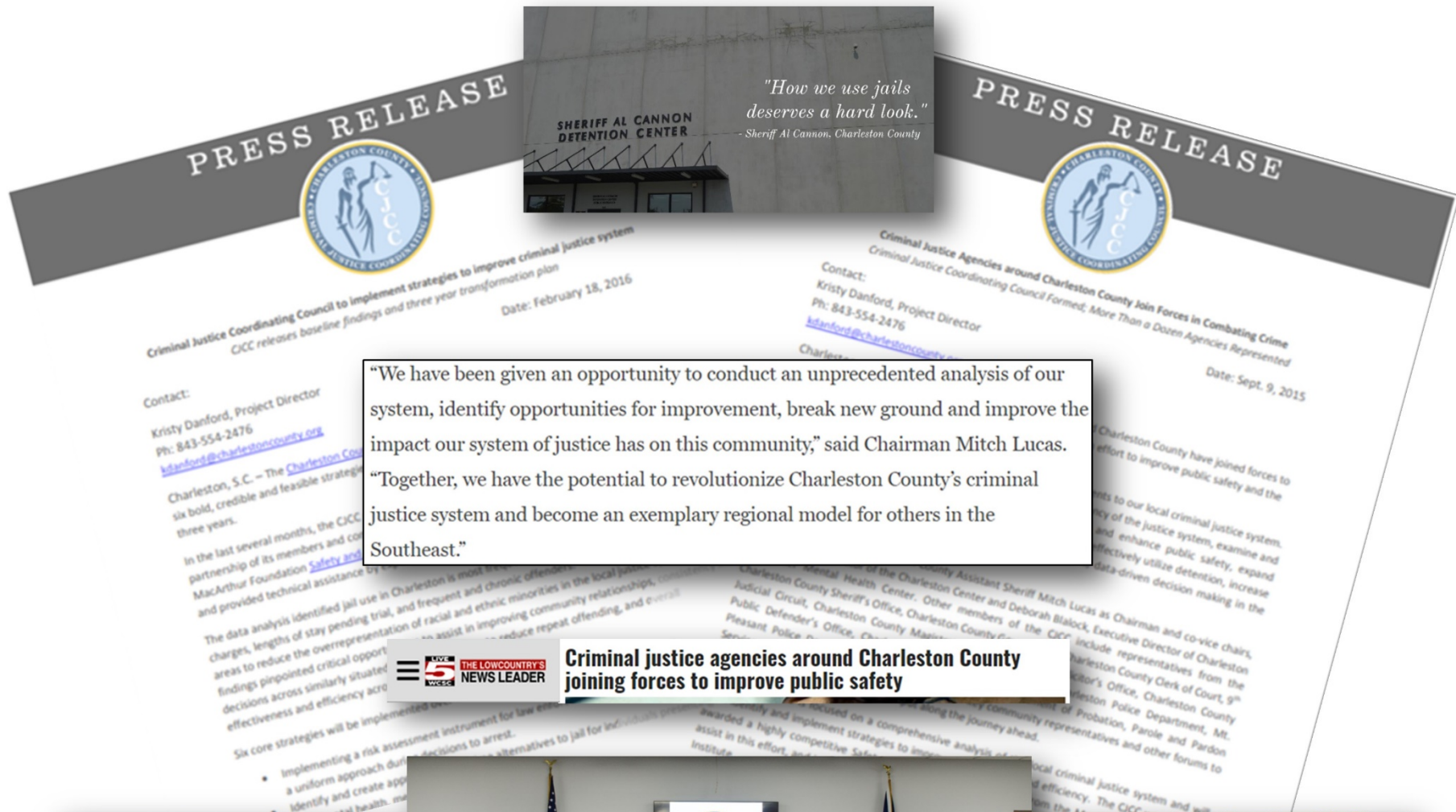




Charleston County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
2015 - 2020



"We have been given an opportunity to conduct an unprecedented analysis of our system, identify opportunities for improvement, break new ground and improve the impact our system of justice has on this community," said Chairman Mitch Lucas.

"Together, we have the potential to revolutionize Charleston County's criminal justice system and become an exemplary regional model for others in the Southeast."

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Criminal justice agencies around Charleston County joining forces to improve public safety





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**CHARLESTON COUNTY AWARDED \$2.25 MILLION BY MACARTHUR
FOUNDATION TO REDUCE JAIL POPULATION, IMPROVE LOCAL JUSTICE
SYSTEM, AND MODEL REFORMS FOR THE NATION**

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.
Foundation today announced a
Coordinating Council (CJCC)
more effective local criminal
justice system.
Charleston County is one of
and access to expert technical
In total, nearly \$25 million
effective local justice system.
"We are ecstatic and grateful
the enhancements to our
Chairman Mitch Lucas.
The grant is a part of the
Foundation with an initiative
America thinks about a more effective



Charleston County announces plan to reform local criminal justice system



...in 45 states
...in this country takes an enormous toll on our society
...government action, with particularly dire consequences for
...ach, President of the MacArthur Foundation. "The
...olitical will give us confidence that these jurisdictions will
...the most intractable justice-related challenges in cities."
...of the County's
...With the award, the County will implement reforms to
...jail population, including increased community
...alternatives to jail for those suffering from mental illness.



**Charleston County awards \$2.25M to cut jail population,
improve justice system**



**Charleston County awarded \$2.25 million to
reduce jail population, improve local justice
system, model reforms for the nation**



"We are ecstatic and grateful the MacArthur Foundation chose to invest in our community and the enhancements to our criminal justice system," Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Chairman Mitch Lucas said.



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CHARLESTON COUNTY JOINS WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE IN NATIONAL EFFORT TO USE DATA TO IMPROVE LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS

White House Fact Sheet: <http://bit.ly/DataDrivenJustice>

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C., July 1, 2016 – Charleston County's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) has joined the White House's Data Driven Justice initiative to implement reforms to safely reduce the jail population and create a more effective local criminal justice system. These efforts were already underway by the CJCC. The White House initiative will now provide even more resources for the group to continue its mission.

The national initiative is a bipartisan coalition of 67 city, county, and state governments who have committed to using data to improve their criminal justice systems.



- Reduce the time it takes for cases to reach resolution

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County joins White House initiative in national effort to use data to improve local criminal justice systems

JUN 30, 2016 UPDATED AUG 20, 2020



"Since our group had already been working together and laying the ground work for the implementation of our strategies, joining the White House's efforts was a no-brainer," said Dr. Chanda Brown, Director of the Charleston Center and CJCC Co-Vice Chair. "We will now have even more access to resources in order to implement our current initiatives and create a more effective local criminal justice system."



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**CHARLESTON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC)
INDUCTS COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

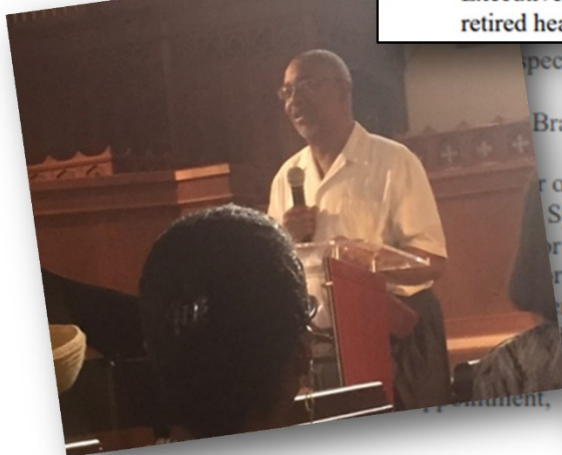
NORTH CHARLESTON,
Coordinating Council (CJCC)
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After accepting applications
selected to join the group.
improvements to Charleston
and community well-being.

"Community representatives
diverse group of individual

The CJCC confirmed their appointment and they each represent diverse sectors of our community. Below is the list of 2017 members by the specific categories required in the CJCC bylaws:

- Civil Rights, Dot Scott, Charleston Branch President of the NAACP
- Faith, Rich Robinson, Chaplain
- Hispanic, Lydia Cotton, Board Chair of Art Pot Multicultural Group
- Non-Profit, Byron Ray, Intervention Specialist
- Healthcare, Sharon Coleman, Director of Residential Services
- Business, Daniel Brownstein, Director of Marketing and Communications
- Defense, Drew Carroll, Criminal Defense Lawyer
- Graduate Program, April Adams, Graduate Student
- Community-at-large, Brad Crowther, Consultant and Writer
- Executive Committee Appointment, Everard "Rod" Rutledge, Adjunct Professor and retired healthcare executive





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Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council celebrates the one-year mark and highlights progress: all six strategies trending in the right direction

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C., April 13, 2017

"I am excited about the progress made in the first year which has led to meaningful reductions in jail incarceration. Working with all of our partners, we have implemented strategies that are creating positive outcomes. It's exciting to see a 28% decrease in the number of criminal charges, a 14% increase in the use of cite and release, and a 30% decrease in jail admissions. This demonstrates the value of strong partnerships by all members of the criminal justice system and how using alternative methods to jail can address concerns without compromising community public safety" said Chief Mullen, City of Charleston Police Chief.

"What started as a competitive grant application in early 2015 has grown into the most transformative and collaborative criminal justice system improvement effort I have seen in my more than 30 years in law enforcement" said CJCC Chairman, Assistant Sheriff Mitch Lucas. "While 2016 was a year to move from planning into action, 2017 looks to be a year of even greater change as more and more of the transformation strategies will be on-the-ground. We are happy with our progress to-date and look forward to continuing progress in 2017".

winning an unprecedented collaborative Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is seeing the implementation of a \$2.25 million John D. and Catherine M. McLeod Foundation Grant to improve the local criminal justice system and supports the implementation of six strategies announced in 2016.

Report analyzing data provided by law enforcement and Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center to inform the criminal justice system plan. Highlights of the



Charleston County works to redefine criminal justice system



"It is helping citizens that don't need to be in the jail system get the services they need, hopefully not repeat their offenses and become better, more productive members of the community which is goal of this entire process," said Police Chief Greg Mullen.



Jail reform program gets praise in its 1st year

By ABC News 4 | Monday, April 18th 2017





New center opens for local mental health patients

By Bill Burr | Tuesday, June 13, 2017

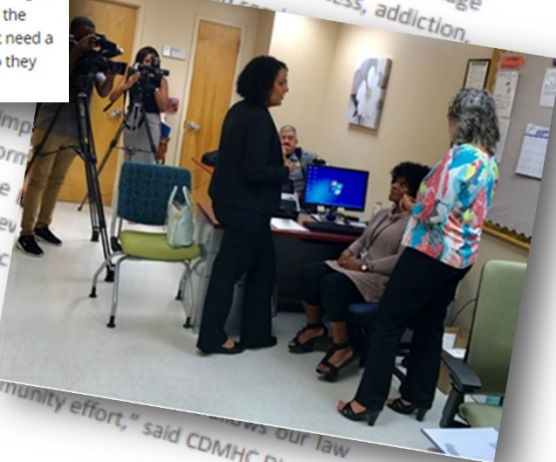


NEW OPTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH HELP

"They might be thinking about harming someone else. They might be psychotic. They might be depressed. They may be manic," explained Deborah Blalock, executive director of the Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center. "And they need services, but they don't need a hospital and they don't need a detention center. And they don't need to go home. So they need something in between to make sure their needs are met."



...options other than jail such as a short-term psychiatric... enforcement real-time options other than jail not only help... to be back on the street as quickly as possible. It is truly a community effort," said CDMHC Director Deborah Blalock.

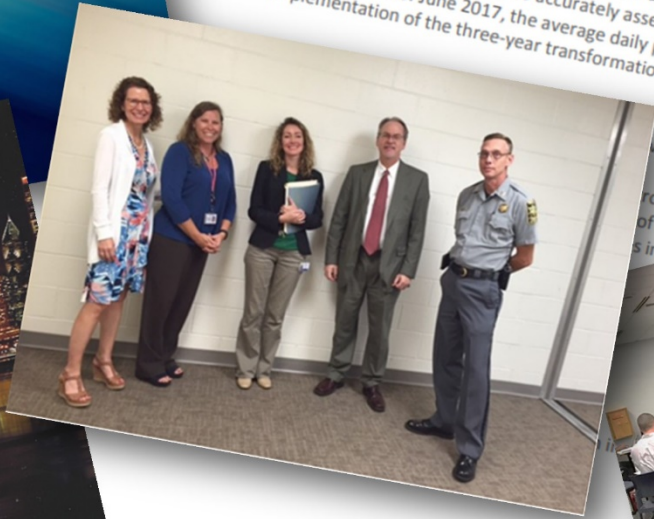


Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center Reopens Tri-county Crisis Stabilization Center

CICC launches Triage Service to provide law enforcement officers alternatives to jail in dealing with individuals suffering from mental illness, substance abuse and homelessness

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...Coordinating Council (CICC) announces its collaboration and involvement in the... operated by the South Carolina Department of Mental... Center at 5 Charleston Center Drive in Charleston on... ly stable individuals from emergency departments, facility is a testament to the collaboration among... for a clinically and legally appropriate diversion of... eration, emergency room visits, and hospital... SCDMH, CDMHC, MUSC, Roper Saint Francis, Mental Health Center, and the CICC. A triage... individuals living with mental illness, addiction, community-based...



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Infrastructure in place for changes in Charleston's Criminal Justice System Criminal Justice Coordinating Council midyear report provides details

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C., August 31, 2017 – The Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is pleased to release the 2017 midyear report providing data findings and updates on six reform strategies. Of note, the CJCC has completed installation of key infrastructure necessary for each of the reforms.

The first major accomplishment was the merging of data from over a dozen different sources into a centralized database to evaluate the local criminal justice system and identify opportunities for improvement. Another significant achievement was the opening of the Tri-County Crisis Stabilization Center with a law enforcement triage service to provide immediate treatment for members of the community in need.

The central database and triage service are two of six strategies helping to improve the way our community uses its jail and how the local criminal justice system serves the people of Charleston County. Leaders from across the local criminal justice system continue to take a data-guided approach to address long-standing challenges such as recidivism, lack of adequate information to accurately assess risk at bond hearings, high caseloads, and few options other than jail. As of June 2017, the average daily population of the jail is 7% lower than it was at the start of implementation of the three-year transformation plan to safely lower the jail population by



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Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) encourages community to participate in criminal justice conference this Saturday

The CJCC is please
System: Engaging
SC from 8:30am
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Council (CJCC)
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Hicks column: It takes a village to reform the criminal justice system

SEP 1, 2017 UPDATED SEP 14, 2020



Transforming Our Criminal Justice System: Engaging Our Community

- 249 attendees registered
- 17 speakers
- 17 exhibiting organizations
- 4 faith leaders introducing panels
- 4 panel presentations
- 3 CJCC films
- 1 objective

On Saturday, November 18, 2017 The Episcopal Forum of South Carolina, with support and by the Charleston County CJCC and City of Charleston Police Illumination Project, hosted a one-day conference focused on current practices within our community, ways in which areas of weakness are addressed, and how the community can constructively engage in promoting further improvement. The long-term goal is a criminal justice system that is effective, efficient and equitable.



TRANSFORMING OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY



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Charleston-area leaders, officials to discuss criminal justice reform at Saturday event

BY GREGORY YEE GYEE@POSTANDCOURIER.COM
NOV 14, 2017 UPDATED SEP 14, 2020

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY
NORTH CHARLESTON



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CJCC AIMS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE BY PROVIDING JUDGES WITH MORE INFORMATION AT BOND HEARINGS

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Charleston County Chief Magistrate Leroy Linen speaks Monday during an announcement of a new bail-setting process that starts in January. Andrew Knapp/Glad

"The current system does not serve our community well," project director Kristy Danford said during an announcement at the county courthouse. "We can and must do better."

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During a media information session on December 18, 2017, system leaders discussed the results of the baseline pretrial outcome study and the new pretrial service report (PSR) going into practice in 2018. The PSR includes pertinent information about the defendant as defined in state statute as well as an actuarial assessment of risk of flight and new criminal activity during the pretrial period.



Mitch Lucas,
CJCC Chairman
Assistant Sheriff, Charleston County

Kristy Danford
CJCC Project Director

Christina Parnall
CJCC System Utilization

Scarlett Wilson
CJCC Member
Ninth Circuit Solicitor

Ashley Pennington
CJCC Member
Ninth Circuit Defender

Honorable Leroy Linen
CJCC Member
Chief Magistrate, Charleston County



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LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY VOICE IN ONGOING CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPROVEMENTS

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NORTH CHARLESTON, SC- The Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is pleased to announce community representatives are a key part of the ongoing criminal justice improvements being.

Each selectee represents a segment of the community. CJCC bylaws list the ten community representatives appointed to the 2018-2019 term.

Community representatives appointed to the 2018-2019 term include:

- Professor Jennifer A. Baker PhD, Department of Philosophy, College of Charleston, Graduate Program community
- Lynn Pagliaro, Investor & Consultant serving SC Commercial & Non-Profit Organizations since 1985, Community-at-large
- Dot Scott, NAACP Charleston Chapter President, Civil Rights community, reappointed to subsequent term
- Reverend Luciano Soto Jr., Senior Pastor El Lugar De Su Gloria, Hispanic community
- Sandra S. Steadman, Resource Development Director, SC Share, Executive Committee Appointment







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The local population of the Sheriff Al Canon Detention Center decreased by 13 percent from 1,111 in 2014 to 963 in 2017, according to analysis by the Charleston County Criminal Justice Council (CJCC). While this tremendous drop in population cannot be wholly dissented, the reduction is likely the result of the work of the Criminal Justice system from 2014 to 2017. Sheriff Mitch Lucas, Chairman of the CJCC, said, "We have the right people at the right time committed to improving our local criminal justice system and making it more efficient, effective, and equitable. I am proud of our progress to-date and anticipate we will continue improving as we move forward," said Charleston County Assistant Sheriff and CJCC Chairman Mitch Lucas.

LOCAL JAIL POPULATION DOWN 13% DUE TO INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY EFFORTS



Charleston jail inmate population decreasing

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Deanne King @WFLADeanne · Apr 11, 2018
HAPPENING NOW- The Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) hosts a news conference about reducing the jail population and creating a more effective local justice system #cjcnews @WCBD

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"When someone is violent, we have to take steps to ensure that the community is safe," Wilson said. "So do not be confused by the fact that we are trying to keep a portion of the population out of jail. Keeping someone in jail because they are violent, I'm for (that) all day long. But not because they're poor."



CJCC: Charleston Co. jail rates have gone down



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council receives \$2.4 million to lower Charleston County jail population



CHARLESTON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC) AWARDED ADDITIONAL \$2.467 MILLION BY MACARTHUR FOUNDATION SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE TO SUPPORT CONTINUED LOCAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

New Funding Will Help Further Strategies Aimed at Safely Reducing Charleston County's Jail Population and Improving the Local System.

Charleston, SC, October 24, 2018 – Today, Charleston County was one of 13 sites from across the country selected for additional funding from The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation based on the promise and progress of work to date. The funding allows Charleston to continue advancing local criminal justice system improvements and safely reduce Charleston County's jail population. This brings the Foundation's total investment in Charleston to \$4.95 million between 2015 and 2020. The grant is part of the *Safety and Justice Challenge*, a \$148 million national initiative to reduce over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails.

The Safety and Justice Challenge is supporting local leaders in Charleston County and across the country determined to tackle one of the greatest drivers of over-incarceration in America – local jail use. Today, the local jail population in Charleston County is 18% smaller than it was when the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) got started (1,111 detainees in CY2014 to 909 detainees in October 2018, local figures exclude non-local uses of jail such as federal detainees and out-of-county holds).

"We have been able to secure the right mix of people at the right time who are all committed to improving our local criminal justice system and making it more efficient, effective, and equitable. We have strengthened our ability to develop a more refined, data-guided approach to the reforms we're implementing, and we want to build on that progress and continue improving as we move forward," said Assistant Charleston County Sheriff and CJCC Chairman, Mitch Lucas.

The CJCC includes high-level leaders from across criminal justice, treatment, and advocacy organizations along with diverse community representatives. The CJCC members regularly utilize data and collaboration to guide the work underway. With the support of The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation grant, the CJCC has accomplished several notable milestones. This includes:

- Built a robust data warehouse combining data from across the criminal justice system to provide ongoing analysis and identification of areas for improvement;
- Supported law enforcement's use of jail alternatives, such as citation-and-release for individuals charged with five, low-level non-violent crimes, including simple possession of marijuana, open misdemeanor shoplifting, trespassing, and public intoxication;
- Collaborated with multiple local agencies to reopen the Tri-county Crisis Stabilization Center. The CJCC has an immediate connection to treatment for those living with mental illness, substance use, and/or homelessness rather than placing them in jail or costly emergency departments; CJCC is sending text message reminders to defendants with upcoming court appearances to help reduce use of valuable court time and reduce bench warrants for missing court;
- Implemented a pretrial services report to inform bond-setting judges and provide better information regarding the risks to safety and/or failing to appear;
- Accelerated key aspects of case processing to improve the timeliness of assignment of more efficient processing of poor defendants that qualify;

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Charleston jail reform group awarded additional \$2.46 million grant



Lowcountry organization awarded \$2.5 million to reduce jail population

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SEVEN LOCAL VOICES STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY DEDICATION TO LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPROVEMENT

NORTH CHARLESTON, SC- The Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is pleased to announce community representatives for the 2019-2021 term following the open call for applications. These representatives are a key part of the CJCC's efforts to improve public safety and community well-being.

Each selectee represents a unique community. The new community representatives will work closely with the CJCC to address local criminal justice concerns. The new community representatives will work closely with the CJCC to address local criminal justice concerns.

Community representatives appointed to the 2019-2021 term include:

- Reverend John Paul Brown, Retired Minister, The African Methodist Episcopal Church, faith community
- David G. Phillips, Professional Fundraising Consultant/ Nonprofit Management Consultant, Custom Development Solutions (CDS), nonprofit community
- Samuel Bellamy, Jr., Associate Care Coordinator, Select Health of South Carolina, healthcare community
- Ian Scott, Government Relations, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, business community
- Lauren Williams, Esq., attorney, Williams & Walsh LLC, defense bar community
- Vanessa Halyard, Family Advocate, Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center, crime survivor community
- Keith Smalls, construction, H.R. Allen Inc., previously incarcerated community

"When I was selected to serve as a community representative two years ago, I had no idea what a learning opportunity I was in for. I had a front row seat at the table with local leadership to examine the numerous layers and gears of the local criminal justice system and make improvements. This has truly been an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I wish all the best to the new community representatives," stated Byron J. Ray, community representative completing his term.

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Money poured into improving Charleston County justice department yields results

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CJCC CONTINUES ITS INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS—2018 ANNUAL REPORT

IMPROVEMENTS—2018 ANNUAL REPORT

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C., As the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) enters its fourth year, local arrests and the local population of the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center continues to decline, according to the CJCC's 2018 Annual Report released today. The report details the past year's achievements as well as continuing challenges in the criminal justice system (CJS).

"I think most Americans believe that big problems must have big solutions," said CJCC Executive Director Sheriff Mike. "The CJCC we discovered that is not the case when it comes to the CJS. The CJCC has shown that taking small steps, one at a time, can make a big difference. We're on the right track to making a difference in the lives of the people of North Charleston."

As well as the 2018 Annual Report released today, the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center continues to decline the challenges in the criminal justice system (CJS). The report details the past year's work of the CJCJ Coordinating Council (CJCC) enters its fourth year. The report shows that big problems must have big solutions. However, through the work of the CJCJ we discovered that is not the case when it comes to improving the criminal justice system. The CJCJ has shown that taking small steps, across the system, can make a big difference. The data affirms we're on the right track to make our system increasingly effective, efficient and equitable," said Assistant Sheriff Mitch Lucas, CJCJ Chairman.

Related achievements in 2018 include:

- Over 4,000 Pretrial Services

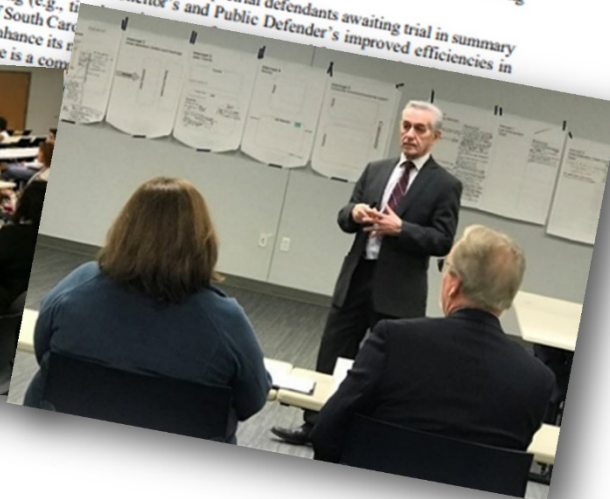
- Over 4,000 people

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Released a comprehensive report on racial and ethnic disproportionality and disparity (REDD) across numerous points in the local CJS

As of 2018, the local jail population decreased 16% from the 2014 average of 1,111. Recent data indicates this trend is continuing. For example, the local jail population in March 2019 was 873, 21% smaller than it was in 2014. However, those within the jail are staying longer, with the average length of stay increasing from 12 days in 2014 to 24 days in 2018.

Since 2014, the local jail population shifted from 85% to 97% pretrial defendants awaiting trial in summary and general sessions level courts. Despite the Solicitor's and Public Defender's improved efficiencies in the early stages of case processing (e.g., time to arraignment), the local jail population in Charleston County, like much of South Carolina, continues to increase. The Court continues to enhance its use of technology to increase the use of technology in the courtroom.



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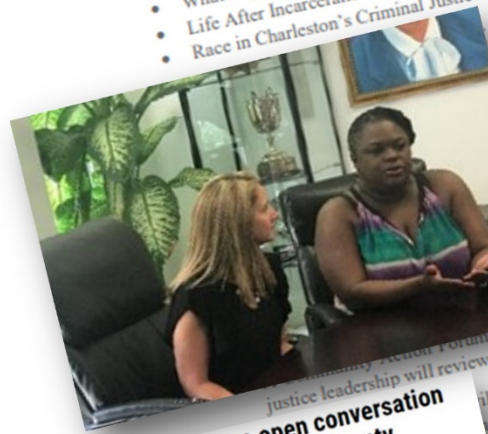
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL'S MIDYEAR REPORT DETAILS INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS

September 10, 2019 – The Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) released its midyear report today. The report details the CJCC's progress to date and outlines its goals for the remainder of the year. The report was developed through a series of community meetings and focus groups, providing a platform for community members to share their experiences and perspectives on the criminal justice system.



Community members have open conversation about racial equity in Charleston County

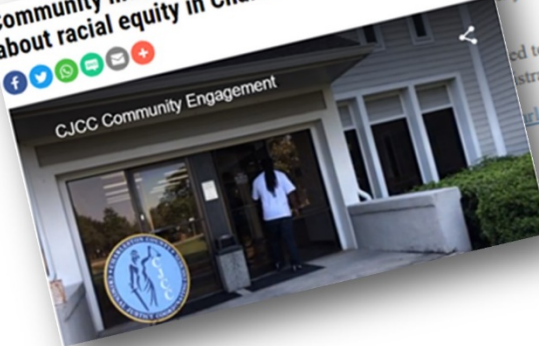
- What Happens After Arrest? A Discussion of Liberty, Justice, and the Law
- Life After Incarceration in Charleston: Now What?
- Race in Charleston's Criminal Justice System: Unpacking Matters of Racial Equity



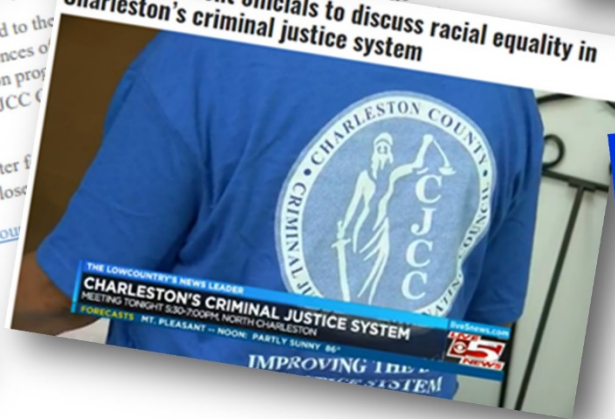
Life after Incarceration: Community members share their stories



Community members have open conversation about racial equity in Charleston County



Law enforcement officials to discuss racial equality in Charleston's criminal justice system





The Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council wants to hear from you!

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“We embarked on a big plan a couple years ago and made a lot of improvements. Now we’re getting ready to create our next plan and don’t want to do that without having community priorities lead the way.”

- KRISTY DANFORD, CJCC PROJECT DIRECTOR



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October 21, 2019



CJCC LAUNCHES SURVEY TO COLLECT COMMUNITY INPUT ON THE LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

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...and safety in Charleston County
...CJCC host
...Now what? Hear from those with lived experience (July 23)
...criminal justice system: Unpacking matters of racial equity (August 12)
...roundtable dialogues across the county to dig deeper into the issues (September - October)
...the events provided a forum for community members and system leaders to come together, explore the
...challenges, discuss opportunities and learn from one another. Nearly 600 participated in events to date.
...more information, visit our website at cjcc.charlestoncounty.org.
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is a collaboration of elected and senior officials, law enforcement leaders, judicial and court behavioral health professionals, victim and legal advocates, and various community leaders of the Charleston community. The mission of the CJCC is to assist in making sustainable improvements to Charleston County's criminal justice system and thereby improve public safety and well-being. The CJCC is currently funded by a Safety + Justice Challenge grant from the John MacArthur Foundation. For more information, visit www.cjcc.charlestoncounty.org.

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FIVE LOCAL VOICES STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY DEDICATION TO LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPROVEMENT

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Community representatives appointed to the 2020-2022 term include:

- Otha Meadows, President and Chief Executive Officer, Charleston Urban League, civil rights community
- Lydia Cotton, Hispanic community
- Anthony Bishara, Associate Professor of Psychology, College of Charleston, graduate community in related field of study
- Areyonna Keels, Bilingual Victim Advocate, People Against Rape (PAR), community-at-large community
- Alexandra E. Menegakis, Criminal Defense Attorney, Adams & Bischoff, P.C. s, designated liaison from any other entity deemed appropriate by the Executive Community

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"The progress that the CJCC has made since we first sat at the table in 2015 is mind-blowing. The CJCC is in the thick of the work making real changes that are improving Charleston's local criminal justice system. I am so thankful this work is happening here." stated Dot Scott, Charleston Area NAACP President and CJCC community representative completing two consecutive terms (2016-2018, 2018-2020).

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CJCC REPORTS CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT TO LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

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"The fact that we now have a defense attorney, a public defender, and a pre-trial report for almost every single defendant that goes to a court judge makes a tremendous difference," said Honorable Judge Ellen Steinberg, CJCC Vice-Chairwoman.

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CJCC reports continued improvement to local criminal justice system

"By 2019, jail use in Charleston County was markedly different than it was in 2014. Thankfully, we had this foundation in place prior to COVID-19. Moving forward, we will continue to take a collaborative, data-guided approach to improve our local criminal justice system," stated Stan Gragg, CJCC Chairman and Deputy Chief of the Mount Pleasant Police Department.





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Charleston County jailings halved, low-level arrests down since 2014, CJCC study finds



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INFORMED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS, CJCC RELEASES THREE-YEAR PLAN FOR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. Today the Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, or CJCC, released its Strategic Plan outlining key initiatives for the next three years. The plan was developed on the heels of the CJCC's efforts in 2019 to engage and involve over 1,200 community members in setting the plan's course.

"I am encouraged by the direction of the plan," said [Name], a community member. "Together, we can continue to improve the justice system within Charleston County," said [Name], Mount Pleasant Police Department.



Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council hosting virtual forum on revamping the criminal justice system



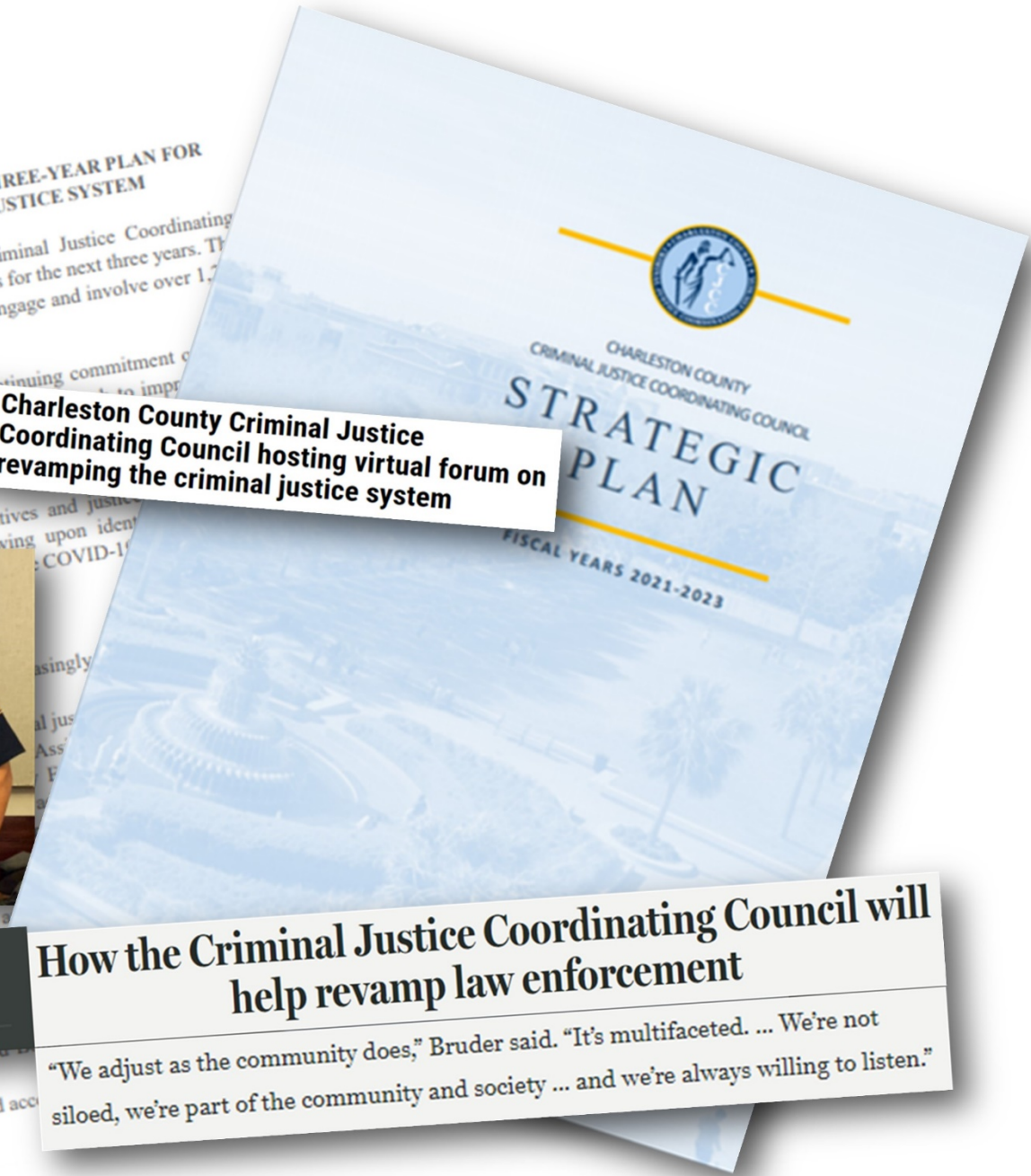
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- Focusing on fairness and equity
- Administer routine monitoring of Centralized Justice System
- Partner with [United Way's SC 211](#) to expand access to services

How the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council will help revamp law enforcement

"We adjust as the community does," Bruder said. "It's multifaceted. ... We're not siloed, we're part of the community and society ... and we're always willing to listen."





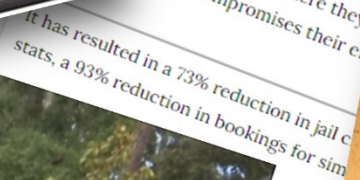
Conversations continue on racial injustice within the Charleston community



One of the organizations biggest advocates, Keith Smalls, says he is proud of everything CJCC has accomplished, but looks forward to more growth and change in the future.

You know, this is something near and dear to my heart. I spent 10 years in prison and losing a son to gun violence in the Charleston Community, and being able to work with CJCC and see the change that is happening," he said.

"You know, this is something near and dear to my heart. After serving 19 years in prison and losing a son to gun violence in the North Charleston Community, and being a mentor. I look forward to the future with CJCC and the all things they're going to do in Charleston County," he says.



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CHARLESTON COUNTY, S.C. (WCBD) – The Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating (CJCC) is working to make the justice system more equitable for everyone, and their efforts are impact.

Formed in 2015, the first two major recommendations resulted in an unprecedented drop in the number of bookings at the Al Cannon Detention Center over the last few years.

“Our jail today is far more used for more serious crime and not the misdemeanor, municipal magistrate charge,” said Kristy Danford, the CJCC Project Director.

One reason for that is the CJCC worked with the “big 4” law enforcement agencies in Charleston County: Charleston County Sheriff’s Office, Charleston, North Charleston, and Mount Pleasant Police Departments) to agree not to automatically bring people accused of five summary level charges to the jail.

Misdemeanor charges include simple possession of marijuana, public intoxication, and public intoxication.

“It’s at the discretion to the prosecutor to decide if someone is accountable for the charge,” said Danford.

Target Charges

The collage consists of several overlapping images:

- Newspaper Clipping (Top):** A snippet from a newspaper discussing law enforcement agencies in Charleston County. The visible text includes: "agreed not to automatically bring people accused of five summary level charges to the... not the misdemeanor, municipal magistrate... drop in the nu...".
- Diagram (Middle):** A graphic titled "Target Charges" with a light blue background. It contains five dark blue rectangular boxes with white text:
 - Trespassing
 - Simple Possession Marijuana
 - Misdemeanor Shoplifting
 - Public Intoxication
 - Open Container
- Photograph (Bottom):** A black and white photo showing a person sitting in the back of a police car, with a police officer's arm visible on the left side of the frame.
- Text Snippets (Left and Bottom):** Various fragments of text from other sources, including:
 - "Those misdemeanor charges include simple possession of marijuana..."
 - "An officer has the discretion to is... container, and public intoxication."
 - "For law enforcement it meant a major..."
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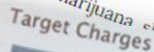
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