

Director's Report

February 19, 2025

The last CJCC meeting was held on October 23, 2024. Between the winter holiday break and the winter storm that shut us down...I am thrilled to see you again!

The CJCC has been very busy since October: I want to give you a snapshot of what we have been doing. I assure you, I am not going to name every meeting- only provide some highlights and confirm that workgroups are meeting regularly.

November 2024, meeting with Stacey Deveaux, Exec Director of One80 Place about JHP, Pretrial Workgroup met, Divert & Deflect Workgroup met, Unlawful Carry Report Ad Hoc group met, attended Tri-County Reentry Council and Juvenile Justice coordinating council met.

December 2024, we had our first Community Engagement Leadership Team meeting (Much more information coming about this), I moderated a panel at the 41st Judges & Attorneys Substance Abuse and Ethics CLE, on this panel were Cameron Blazer, William Malcolm, Jessica Rabon and Ashleigh Wojslawowicz. Also, Ashleigh Wojslawowicz and I met with Judge Young, the new CAJ for 9th Circuit.

January 2025 - Divert & Deflect Workgroup met, Community Engagement Leadership Team Meeting- now meeting every two weeks, I presented at the Leadership Charleston Class of 2025 at the Metro Chamber of Commerce, MVP Workgroup Met, Pretrial Workgroup Met, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council- now meeting weekly, and I represented CJCC at the Neighbors Together Meeting.

As you know, the CJCC sends out weekly JPR/ jail population review reports for GSC, the specialty courts- mental health, VA court and drug court, and magistrate and each of the municipal courts. These JPR reports list who is in jail, the charge, how long in jail and other demographic information.

The Charleston City Municipal Court with Judges Byrd and Herdina are now participating in a weekly live validation zoom with us to confirm the information from the jail is accurate and provide us with court updates. This is making a difference in setting up checks and balances between the courts and the jail. The

first time we did this in January, Judge Byrd noted that an individual who was listed as a pending City Municipal court case was misidentified by the jail, should have been GSC. The jail was immediately responsive, thanked us and made corrections. We are here to do this with every court-

As we have done since the CJCC began meeting, we review the Jail Population Numbers, because safely reducing the jail population, without compromising public safety is what we are about.

Today, 2/19/25- total Jail population is: 1248

01/07/2025- Total Jail population was 1246

01/24/2024- Total Jail population: 835

Today, Average length of stay: 262

01/07/2025: 253

01/24/2024: Average length of stay: 296

Today, Pretrial population is: 1116

01/07/2025: 1131

01/24/2024: Pretrial population is 819

Today, Sentenced: 18

01/07/2025: sentenced 14,

Today, Federal Hold: 114

01/07/2025: Federal hold 105

The CJCC began in 2015. We launched out of the Sheriff's Office and remained housed in the CCSO until 2022 when we were moved to the Department of Public Safety. The relationship with the CCSO was...Ok.

Today, with Sheriff Ritchie and his team at the detention center- it is truly a brave, new world for Charleston County. CJCC is very excited and optimistic at what we can accomplish working together, and I want to publicly say- Thank you to the Sheriff and his team. We have had three meetings in the past three weeks and have included Chanda Funcell from Charleston Center and Judge Haselden, Centralized Bond court Judge.

Now- we are in the middle of preparing the 2024 Annual Report, always a tremendous undertaking, and this year is no different. OK, maybe a little different because of the time and energy Ashleigh and Prassana put into structuring and building it last year. This is still huge, and cannibalizes Ashleigh for weeks- however, we believe it is worth every minute. We pride ourselves on being the data fusion center for Charleston County...

I also want to let you know that in the next couple of weeks you will receive a brief evaluation from CJCC. We want to know what you are thinking- what are we doing well, where do we need to improve, and what is important.

As always,

Thank you for being here as we work together to continue to improve public safety and the criminal justice system.

Respectfully,

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