



Grand County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Meeting minutes from August 11th, 2023

Members present were Grand County Commissioner Evan Clapper (chair), Grand County Attorney Stephen Stocks, Moab Police representative Scott Finlayson, Local Area Mental Health Advocate (4 Corners) Kara Cunningham, Managing Public Defender Kristine Rogers, Crime Victim Advocate Nathaniel Clark, Andi Faulkner and Steve Hunter from Utah Association of Counties, and Quinn Hall, Grand County Associate Admin.

Chair Clapper called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm.

Short round of introductions.

Quinn Hall ran through suggested short and long-term goals for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC).

UAC reps Andi and Steve discussed the best way forward and suggested crafting the council to make the CJCC work on a local level. Andi and Steve suggested patience and working from generalities to specifics over time.

The annual CJCC report to the State is due November 30th. Washington and Uintah Counties have plans that Grand County can use as examples/templates.

Some quick suggestions offered by attendees to identify current gaps in the Criminal Justice System were:

1. Lack of pretrial services
2. Money for staff to help for pretrial services
3. A good CCJJ plan that could potentially help secure funding essential programs
4. Ankle monitors
5. No mental health court
6. Post-trial services
7. Post sentence support
8. Mapping of the criminal justice system
9. Addressing recidivism

Discussion on selecting a vice-chair and secretary. Quinn Hall agreed to fill the secretary position until December 31, 2023. Some discussion about a potential vice-chair from Moab City that could be decided at the next meeting.

Some discussion around other members and the importance of having broad community representation. Nathaniel suggested someone that's a victim of crime may be a good representative, or anyone that experience with the court systems from various sides. Steve and Andi from UAC noted that Some counties have a victim advocates, and some do have actual victims of crime on the council.

Some discussion about Inviting someone from the Moab Valley Multicultural Center and maybe Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness (USARA) too.

Andi and Steve suggested meeting once a month during the mapping phase and then meetings frequency can be decreased to bi-monthly or quarterly.

Discussion about a potential future schedule, and Wednesday was suggested as a good day. Next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th, at 2:00 pm.

Assignments for the next meeting:

Bylaws - review Kane County bylaws.

Have everybody come with a priority list - what do we want to focus on?

Adding a few additional members - Stephen Stocks and Scott Finlayson will get two other people to apply for the board.

The county can use its board application process to assist in filling any other vacancies.

Andi and Steve from UAC should be invited to the next meeting as well.

Chair Clapper adjourned the meeting at 5:22 pm.