

Salt Lake County  
Criminal Justice Advisory Council  
Executive Committee  
August 8, 2018  
Room N2800 - Noon

**Executive Committee Members:**

Chair Ben McAdams	Salt Lake County Mayor
Vice Chair Brendan McCullaugh	Judge, West Valley City Justice Court
Jim Bradley	Salt Lake County Council
Max Burdick	Salt Lake County Council
Karen Crompton	Director, Salt Lake County Human Services
Sim Gill	District Attorney, Salt Lake County
Kele Griffone	Director, Criminal Justice Services
Chief Matthew Dumont	Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office
Rich Mauro	Executive Director, Salt Lake Legal Defenders Association
Jim Peters	State Justice Court Administrator
Sheriff Rosie Rivera	Salt Lake County Sheriff
Judge Randall Skanchy	Presiding Judge, Third District Court
Mayor Jeff Silvestrini	Mayor, Millcreek City

**Full Committee Members:**

Judge John Baxter	Salt Lake City Justice Court
Chief Mike Brown	Salt Lake City Police Department
Chief Jack Carruth	South Salt Lake City, LEADS Chair
Mike Haddon	Director, Utah State Department of Corrections
Rep. Eric Hutchings	Utah House of Representatives
Peyton Smith	Third District Court Administrator
Tim Whalen	Director, Salt Lake County Behavioral Health Services
Valerie Wilde	Division Administrator, Salt Lake City Prosecutor's Office

**CJAC Staff Members:**

Noella Sudbury	Director, Criminal Justice Advisory Council
Lana Dalton	Programs Manager
Tucker Samuelson	Management Analyst
John Krantz	Data Analyst, Information Services
Sherri Trujillo	Administrative Assistant

**Absent:** Rep. Eric Hutchings, Chief Jack Carruth, Max Burdick, Chief Mike Brown, Peyton Smith, Valerie Wilde

**Excused:** Karen Crompton, Sheriff Rosie Rivera, Judge Randall Skanchy, Mayor Jeff Silvestrini  
(Note: There may have been others present who did not sign the Attendance Roster)

**County Staff and Members of the Public in Attendance:** Hannah Barton, Erin Bigler, Adam Cohen, Dave Delquadro, Saskia DeVries, Jeannie Edens, Gloria Gong, Karen Hale, Isaac Highman, Richard Jaussi, Sgt. Tyler Kotter, Mary Jo McMillen, Shawn McMillen, Michelle Miller, Bobby Sampson, Michelle Schmitt, Jon Thelen, and Joseph White.

**MEETING CONVENED AT NOON** (lunch provided)

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Mayor McAdams welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room.

II. **Approval of May Full Committee Minutes**

Mayor McAdams asked for a motion to approve the May 2018 CJAC meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Rich Mauro. Second by Judge John Baxter. Motion carried.

III. **Update on Oxbow and Return of CATS to Salt Lake County**

Chief Dumont stated that when ORG started in August 2017, Salt Lake County entered contracts with other counties for jail beds, and a lot of prisoners were shifted from Salt Lake County to other counties. 120 of those prisoners were participating in the CATS program, which was relocated to the Davis County Jail, and has been going on there ever since.

Chief Dumont reported that in July 2018, all individuals participating in the CATS program in Davis County moved permanently back to the newly opened pod in the Salt Lake County Oxbow Jail.

Mayor McAdams thanked Chief Dumont for making this a smooth transition. Rich Mauro stated that having the CATS program return to Salt Lake County has made it much easier to assist the clients.

IV. **ORG: 1 Year Milestone**

Mayor McAdams began the discussion by stating that he supported Operation Rio Grande because something had to be done for the safety of the community. He also stated that there has been a tremendous amount of good that has occurred since the launch of ORG, including a safer place for the homeless, expansion of housing programs, the passage of Targeted Adult Medicaid, the doubling of our Salt Lake County treatment capacity, streamlined and large-scale criminal record expungement, and the implementation of a new drug court.

Noella thanked the stakeholders and her staff for all of their support. She reported that an ORG one year update event will be held at the Gateway, and that the State will be holding a number of other events to highlight aspects of each of the three phases in the effort. The events are meant to focus on both successes and challenges to date.

Mayor McAdams then opened the meeting to a discussion on the successes and challenges of

ORG. Several individuals commented.

Kele Griffone stated that she was pleased to see the success of the new drug court, and happy to see individuals (many of whom only had misdemeanors) who haven't had a chance to access the help they need, get into the program. She mentioned that there needs to be more focus on misdemeanor level interventions, to prevent individuals from becoming felons.

The group then discussed the possibility of starting a misdemeanor drug court. Judge Baxter shared his thoughts about the misdemeanor drug court that was eliminated a few years ago, and some of the challenges with that. He agreed there is more need for treatment and recovery support programs at the misdemeanor level, but wasn't sure of the best model to deliver those services. Judge McCullaugh suggested that we might be able to help individuals better outside of a drug court setting.

Rich Mauro thanked Mayor McAdams for his leadership and commented that ORG has been much more successful than he thought it would be.

Sim Gill stated that ORG helped individuals to obtain more access to the structure needed to be successful.

Tim Whalen stated that the treatment expansion has been huge and has transformed the Salt Lake County Behavioral Health System.

Several individuals, including Judge Baxter, stated that Rio Grande is much safer now. Catholic Community Services Center clients, employees and volunteers report they are not approached by drug dealers as often and feel much more secure. There has been no decline in numbers served.

In discussing what could work better, the group discussed the importance of expanding employment opportunities, the possibility of holding court after hours, and further Medicaid Expansion.

#### V. **Reducing Cost and Improving Outcomes of Frequent Utilizers through Permanent Supportive Housing**

Mayor McAdams stated that Salt Lake County has been working with the University of Chicago and the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) on a project to determine overlap between our jail, shelter, and behavioral health systems. Valerie Walton added that Salt Lake County was one of 4 counties across the nation to be selected for this technical assistance program.

CSH presented a powerpoint presentation on the preliminary results of the overlap between systems and explained how the Frequent Users Systems Engagement (FUSE) model reduces recidivism, increases public safety, and helps people who face the most complex challenges to live with stability, autonomy and dignity.

#### VI. **Utah Healthcare Decides: Medicaid Expansion Ballot Initiative**

After discussion on the benefits to Medicaid Expansion, Sim Gill made a motion for the advisory board to support the ballot 3 initiative. Second by Rich Mauro. Motion carried.

Judge McCullaugh, Judge Baxter and Jim Peters, Justice Court Administrator, abstained from the vote.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

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