

Criminal Justice Advisory Council

Mayor McAdams: Welcomes the CJAC members

Mayor McAdams spoke about the vision for the Future of CJAC, the years of collaboration and expertise and how clear outcomes will lead to this vision. Mayor McAdams would like to build on the years of collaboration and expertise given by the CJAC members. It is anticipated that the Criminal Justice reform will be at the federal, state and local levels. Mayor McAdams spoke of a process that can be used with homelessness. **Assess – Forecast – Set Outcomes – Assess.**

Assess the situation- Mayor McAdams stated that this model can be used for Criminal Justice and homelessness and how it needs to be reformed. The County needs to assess the situation and the amount of money that is being spent on homelessness. \$52 million dollars is being spent on homelessness within the County, the State and private sectors, but the majority of the funding is provided by Salt Lake County.

- Salt Lake County spends \$20 million dollars on homelessness
- State of Utah spends \$18 million dollars on homelessness.
- Private sector spends \$14 million dollars on homelessness.

Forecast – Mayor McAdams stated that the County needs to look at the current state and forecast where Salt Lake County will be, where the trends are going and where Criminal Justice will be in the next 15 years. The needs of the jail are growing rapidly.

Set Outcomes – Mayor McAdams stated how important it is to make sure the jail does not grow faster than the population and determine what the County will do to stay on course. It is important to set goals on where the County will be in the next 15 years and determine what the County will do if the forecast changes.

Assess - Continually assess the process for improvement.

Shaleane Gee: Collective Impact on Homelessness Initiative & Work of CJAC

Shaleane explained what was accomplished over the past year and how homelessness has impacted the community. There was a voluntary committee of 30+ stakeholders with no formal structure. The stakeholders all have a common agenda and were asked to help fix homelessness. The stakeholders are all willing to share their resources and programs for a better outcome. The system that is in place is currently forcing people into the system because they cannot be helped until they are homeless. Shaleane stated that the committee saw that it was critical to get funding alignment across the system. The committee members put together \$27 million dollars that will be broken out into three years. Community Foundation of Utah is a new field of interest group that was created so private donors can put their money together. The committee wants to get a better system in place and they looked realigning the \$52 million dollars and how to reduce some of the associated costs. The new CJAC

coordinator will have an important position in communicating with all of the agencies and to help this process move forward.

Mayor McAdams stated that the homeless services system only allows those who are homeless to get free healthcare. The system is rewarding homelessness instead of trying to keep people in their homes. The city is responsible for the physical location of a homeless shelter and the county is responsible for how the services are structured. The county wants a system that will give people treatment and help people become stable and self-reliant.

Fraser Nelson: Current data-focused Criminal Justice projects

- **IJIS** – A growing body of data sources that can be used to identify populations, trends gaps in service and changes as reform takes place. Criminal Justice needs outcomes to make this useful.
- **Pay for Success** – Two interventions related to criminal justice reform and public safety. This targets people who cycle in and out of jail as well as those who cycle in and out of shelters.
- **Code for America** – Works closely with Criminal Justice Services and the Sheriff. A user centered application will be designed to reduce Failure to Appear.
- **White House Innovative Communities Initiative** – Rolled out at the innovation Summit, nationwide efforts are being made to identify “frequent flyers” and those who remain in jail because they cannot post bail.
- **The University of Chicago Data Science for the Social Good Fellowship** – Post doctorate data and will ensure our effort.
- **New initiatives** – County Criminal Justice Reform Initiative has \$2.44 million dollar appropriation, \$2.23 million dollars for the Intensive Supervision Probation Program and \$210,000 for Law Enforcement Detox Beds.

Fraser recommended that the committee meet once a month on Tuesdays to see who else should be involved, set vision and outcomes and assess the situation. It was also recommended that elected officials come to the meetings, not just staff members. Mayor McAdams stated that it might be hard to have regular meetings with all of the council members, but to have more of a sub group or a working group.

There were some CJAC members that had concerns if a new process was implemented and what happens a year later and someone else wants to change the way of doing things. It was recommended that a centralized board be created with the mayor, council, sheriff and the district attorney being permanent members of that representation. By doing this it would create a statutory existence, a collective sharing of leadership and a collaborative buy-in of long term sustainability. There was also a concern that there isn't enough resources to provide community treatment. The ISP programs started in August 2015 and has been very successful in assisting high risk individuals and keeping them out of jail.

Mayor McAdams stated that nothing would be done unless there is a consensus. The Criminal Justice system is too big of a system and it is too hard to change. If everyone isn't going in the same direction, then it is something that should not be done. Mayor McAdams stated that there is a need for a bigger entity to get the broad based buy-in for the outcome that is needed. Shaleane stated that collective impact committee will evolve. The committee is trying to find a way to become more of a permanent group, move some of the members up to an executive level and get some adviser groups in place.

Deputy Mayor Bays stated that there needs to be additional discussion on the statutory need as well as manage system operations. Just because something has been done in the past doesn't mean that it is the best thing for the future. There was a concern about making changes based upon the political policy instead of a committed process that allows sustainability year after year. Deputy Mayor Bays stated that everyone is on the same page, but just looking at it from different angles. By the end of the year a permanent structure would need to be developed by the group and decide what the best structure is for the CJAC.