Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Meeting Summary

May 1, 2026, 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Location: 200 College Street 1st floor

I. **Welcome/Meeting Called to Order: CJCC Chair Martin Moore was not present.**
Sybil Tate- Buncombe County Assistant County Manager
Start time of meeting: 12:35pm

II. **Roll Call (see attachment)-** Regenia Herring- Justice Services Director

III. **Approval and /or Corrections to the Agenda:** No Quorum at the beginning of the meeting

IV. **Approval and/or Corrections to the February 2026 Meeting Summary** – No quorum at the beginning of the meeting

V. **Jail Population Report- Dr. Lee Crayton- Did not cover- out of time**

VI. **Draft Strategic Plan Review- Dr. Lee Crayton**

- Dr. Crayton reminded the group that this is a 2-year strategic plan, and the focus is currently on priorities that CJCC sees as important to move forward with for the next 2 years.
- Each focus area will have an assigned workgroup, an identified Chair, who will be a member of the CJCC.
- Each focus area will have a staff member who will be a key point of moving the work along such as coordination
- Each area will have goals, and each goal will have an associated measure

- **Areas of Work:**
  - **Behavioral Health- Chair – Councilwoman Maggie Ullman**
    Staff- Victoria Reichard

    Reviewed goals and measures for this group during the meeting. Additional discussion took place within the group around inpatient treatment beds for all and will keep a focus on justice involved individuals but no language in the goal will change at this time.
    Discussion on Co Responder unit coordination and any alternative responses that is developed in any of our partners.
    Judge Kepple explained to the Council the difference between Justice Involved individuals and legally involved individuals.

  - **Courts Committee- Chair- Hon. Jean Marie Christy**
    Staff- Regenia Herring

    First meeting for this committee will be May 28th Judge Kepple reminded the group of the importance of AOC (Administrative Office of the Courts) best practices being involved in this process.
  - Case Processing- Keeping this goal broad as to come up with ideas that the courts could or could not utilize
  - Future concerns with IVC's and how the legislation will work and how that may present challenges for our court processing and proceedings.
  - No additional questions or concerns from goals and measures presented**.**

  - **Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault- Coordinated Community Response**

There is currently a gap right now, CJCC needs to identify a chair and a staff person making sure the right people are in the room. This area will be flagged for now and will need to await the CJCC Chair recommendation. CJCC Chair was not present at this meeting. This will be a follow up.

The group discussed the challenges of data release in these cases. The County can release aggregate numbers only. The data is owned by the partner agencies.

The recommendation was to move forward with number of protocols developed, updated or formalized. There were some additional language updated in a couple of measures.

The next CCR meeting will be used to discuss the language in the goals and measures and further recommendations for moving forward for the Council.

  - **LEAD- Law Enforcement Assistant Diversion – Chair -Capt. Sean Aardema**
    Staff- Regenia Herring

    This is a group to be established
    The goal is to implement a law enforcement assisted diversion program
    The measure is to have several law enforcement agencies participating in a LEAD discussion

Also exploring other alternatives

- Juvenile Justice- A Chair will need to be identified by the CJCC Chair
  Staff- Hannah Legerton
  The goal focuses on reviewing juvenile detention data and decreasing length of stay
  Hannah Legerton discussed the JCPC has requested Chair Martin Moore to come to their next meeting to answer any questions that they have.
  The Council had further discussion, and this will no longer be a separate area but will move under the Courts area.

Community Engagement- A Chair will need to be identified by the CJCC Chair
Staff- Brent Bailey

Each committee will do this within their areas as a protocol.

Councilwoman Maggie Ullman made a motion to adopt the plan. Council approved.

VII. **Public Comments-** No Online Public Comment, however there was a member of the public in person that shared her story of lived experience with the Justice System. A copy of her story was sent out to the group as requested and with her permission.

VIII. **Adjournment-** This meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

Next Meeting:

August 7, 2026- 12:30pm-2:00pm-200 College Street 1st floor