

**AGENDA**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH**  
**APRIL 3, 2023**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Summit County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council will meet in session, on Monday, April 3, 2023, electronically, via Zoom, and at the anchor location of the Summit County Justice Center.

6300 Justice Center Dr., Park City, UT 84098

**To participate in the Council meeting: Join Zoom  
webinar: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/78554570570>**

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| 9:00 am  | Introductions of Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Members                           |
| 9:10 am  | Introduction to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; Malena Stevens and Margaret Olson |
| 9:20 am  | Strategic Plan Presentation and Discussion; Malena Stevens and Margaret Olson            |
| 9:55 am  | Determine date of next Meeting   |
| 10:00 am | Adjourn  |

## STAFF REPORT

TO: Summit County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
FROM: Malena Stevens—Summit County Council; Margaret Olson—Summit County Attorney  
DATE: April 3, 2023  
SUBJECT: Criminal Justice Strategic Plan Introduction

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### **BACKGROUND:**

During the 2022 Utah Legislative Session, the Legislature passed SB179, which required all counties to establish a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. This bill followed other statewide criminal justice reform bills, such as the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), and is a direct result of listening tours held last year to determine how to enhance the efficacy of the JRI. Summit County Council passed Ordinance Number 954 to establish the Summit County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) on November 2, 2022, which was required action by December 31, 2022. By November 30, 2023 the CJCC must complete and implement a strategic plan to continue compliance with the statute. The CJCC Strategic Plan must include:

- Mapping of all systems, resources, assets, and services within the county's criminal justice system
- A plan for data sharing across the county's criminal justice system
- Recidivism reduction objectives
- Community reintegration goals

This staff report provides initial information and a suggested pathway for fulfilling the provisions of this statute and, more importantly, provides a framework and pathway toward further enhancements to the Summit County criminal justice system.

### **Summit County Criminal Justice System Improvements over the Past Decade**

Summit County has worked hard over the past decade to enhance services within the criminal justice system to benefit both victims and offenders and we are proud of our initiatives. These enhancements have been collaborations between government, nonprofit, and private citizens and have covered many different aspects of the criminal justice system. Below are **some** of the initiatives and improvements that have been made in key areas within Summit County's Criminal Justice System, which will serve as a starting point for the CJCC's Strategic Plan.

#### ***Mental Health and Substance Abuse Programs and Initiatives***

- Summit County hired a full-time Behavioral Health Director.
- Club House Nonprofit was established, a recovery-based program for people living with mental illness that offers opportunities for support, education, and employment within Summit County.

- Wasatch Crest Residential Treatment Center for substance abuse was established.
- CONNECT Summit County was established. It serves as a nonprofit to connect community members with the broad variety of mental health services available in Summit County
- Summit County established the Mental Wellness Alliance, a forum for all mental health providers to convene and work collectively to assist community members with mental health services.
- Community members established a Sober Social Club to provide a place for community members struggling with substance abuse to be able to make friends without the need for alcohol in social settings.
- The Mental Wellness Alliance developed and implemented a community-developed strategic plan focused on improving the overall behavioral health system in Summit County, with specific objectives related to issues surrounding law enforcement, inmates, and justice-involved individuals. This plan was adopted by both Summit County and Park City Councils.
- Summit County transitioned from a single provider model to a network of providers allowing for greater service access and the ability to provide increased levels of care to underinsured and unfunded residents in Summit County through Healthy U. Behavioral and the Huntsman Mental Health Institute (HMHI). This has led to the development of a diversionary safety net system for those with severe mental illness (SMI) or severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI), reducing the demand for law enforcement resources in dealing with these individuals.
- Summit County implemented a joint Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) with Wasatch County and Park City to coordinate responses with law enforcement to incidents involving mental health concerns allowing for less restrictive outcomes.
- Summit County and Park City collaboratively expanded crisis and general behavioral healthcare within the Latino community in Summit County through collaborations with local nonprofits and the University of Utah in order to address issues specific to this population in accessing care through culturally relevant means.

### ***Summit County Attorney's Office/Courts***

- Prosecutors are on call 24/7/365 to consult with law enforcement in the field, draft and approve (as to form) search warrants and give legal advice.
- Prosecutors hold a standing Zoom meeting each week where any member of law enforcement can call in, during business hours, and consult with the prosecution team about an investigation or question of law.
- The Victim Assistance Program was expanded three years ago for a Spanish speaking advocate. That individual was recently promoted to Director of the Program, which is in the process of being expanded and enhanced.
- Summit County acquired a new Children's Justice Center ("CJC"), which opened in December 2019. It is centrally located in the County and is staffed full time by a Director with 25-years' experience in child protection, investigations, and case management. This will be open 24/7/365 for associated cases.

- After obtaining funding and a grant, the CJC is in the process of hiring a full time FIT Interviewer, who will serve both the Wasatch County and Summit County CJs. This person will be a highly trained, peer reviewed expert serving the Wasatch Back.
- The CJC now has trauma therapists on contract, who provide services directly at the center.
- The CJC is able to work immediately with HHMI to obtain treatment services for children and families who come through the CJC. This is a marked change from past years where people were placed on waiting lists.
- The County Attorneys Office's [Transparency Policies](#) have been posted on its webpage pursuant to Utah Code § 63M-7-216(7).
- Peace House, Park City Police Department (PCPD), Summit County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), and Summit County Attorney's Office (SCAO) meet together monthly to ensure collaborative, coordinated response to crime victims within Summit County.
- The Summit County Multidisciplinary Team, led by the Summit County Attorney's Office and the CJC staff, have a traveling training program on the topic of child maltreatment and mandatory child abuse reporting. We regularly present to educators, coaches, child-care providers, and others working with children and youth in the community.
- The County Attorney's Office instituted a Conviction Integrity Unit as a mechanism to review past convictions, and a method by which potentially wrongful convictions can be set aside.

### ***Summit County Sheriff's Office/Park City Police Department***

- In collaboration with Peace House, Park City Police Department and Summit County Sheriff's Office established a local hospital response for sexual assault victims.
- Victim Advocates are now available countywide.
- Park City Police Department hosts a Driver's License Class in Spanish to help people who need a driver's license or driver's privilege card to drive legally and understand the law and penalties for violating the law.
- The Sheriff's Office operates the 24/7 program to allow eligible DUI offenders to keep their drivers licenses if they are tested twice per day. The program so far as a 100% success rate.
- Law enforcement provides increased information on criminal trends or critical cases provides information in English and Spanish to inform the community.
- Park City Police Department and Summit County Sheriff's Office annually hosts Park City Citizen's Academy to inform members of the community about the Summit County criminal justice system.
- Park City Police Department annually hosts a Latino Citizens Academy.
- Law enforcement works with HOA's to engage part-time homeowners and ensure they have necessary information regarding crime prevention or relationship with the police department.
- There are School Resource Officers in most schools throughout the county.
- Collaboration with Peruvian and Mexican Consulates (only consulates located in Utah).

- Law Enforcement presentation about crime prevention to community organizations including the Park City Board of Realtors, religious organizations, nonprofits, etc.
- Park City Police Department hosts an Explorer Program, which provides education, training, and volunteer experience to community youth interested in a career in law enforcement.
- Law enforcement provides outreach and information for international workforce to protect against victimization and inform them of local laws and ordinances.
- Majority of Summit County Sheriff Deputies and Park City Police Officers are certified in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training to provide a higher level of service for people experiencing a mental health or substance abuse crisis.

### ***Court Probation***

- Summit County has a successful Drug Court, which is a court-supervised comprehensive drug and alcohol treatment program for clients with alcohol and/or drug related charges. Clients participate in court-ordered Intensive Outpatient (**IOP**) and Moral Recognition Therapy groups. Treatment consists of group therapy, individual therapy and UA testing. There are a variety of groups offered, including substance use specific groups, family group work and groups with specific themes such as Anger Management, MRT, DBT, and Thinking Errors groups.
- Drug Court allows clients to hold convictions in abeyance contingent on successful completion of the program. Decisions about phasing, incentives, and sanctions are made by the Drug Court Treatment Team. The treatment team includes: the Drug Court Judge; prosecutors from the County Attorney's Office; Summit County public defenders; Detectives from the Summit County Sheriff's Office (Probation); the multidisciplinary treatment team from the Huntsman Mental Health Institute Park City Behavioral Health Clinic (**HMH**); Medical Provider; Drug Court Director/Coordinator; and Drug Court Case Manager.
- Probation Detectives manage each client's case, and they are required to check in via text or phone call everyday with Probation, in order to maintain close supervision that enhances sobriety. Probation works very closely with the Treatment Team on decisions for the participants and making sure they are on track.

### ***Jail Services***

- Increased behavioral health services are now offered to inmates in the Summit County Jail, including the availability of Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) inside the jail, assisting inmates undergoing withdrawal from opioids.
- The jail now offers religious services from different denominations, MRT, Crochet, peer support, finance classes, life skills classes, management and GED education, FIT to Recover, Guitar, AA, and LDS Twelve Step.
- The Sheriff's Office operates the working inmate program, which provides inmates with basic skills such as drywall, culinary, and other trades in efforts to assist with recovery and reduce recidivism.

## **Current Data Sharing**

Summit County Sheriff's Office, Park City Police Department, and Summit County Attorney's Office currently use Spillman for case management, and all three agencies have access to this collective information to ensure that historical data is accounted for in subsequent cases. Summit County Sheriff's Office and Park City Police Department also compile shift reports detailing significant cases, which are circulated to Summit County Attorney's Office.

## **ESTABLISHING A STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Though Summit County has made great strides in serving victims and offenders and in generally improving the quality of the criminal justice system, there is always ways the system can be further improved. The CJCC will determine the most important areas of focus, prioritize them, and institute an implementation plan within the Strategic Plan. Below are some areas that could be included in the Strategic Plan.

## **Potential Areas of Improvement within the Criminal Justice System**

- Increase treatment options for people experiencing substance abuse such as medically assisted detox and Spanish language providers.
- Establish a receiving center.
- Increased bilingual resources/services at the Summit County courts.
- Increased Spanish therapists and other mental health providers.
- Enhanced outreach/education regarding crime prevention for our seniors/aging population.
- Enhance affordable housing options for drug court participants.
- Additional focus on housing fraud for visitors and international workforce.
- Improve housing conditions and safety for residents who are renting within Summit County.

## **COUNCIL REQUIRED ACTIONS:**

The CJCC must discuss the requirements of the Strategic Plan, current state of the Summit County Criminal Justice System, and potential areas of improvement to determine initial areas of focus and next steps in order to meet the statutory implementation deadline.

## **NEXT STEPS:**

The CJCC can designate subcommittees to deep dive into areas of improvement for next meeting or determine another way to move forward. Establishing at least one subcommittee will allow for an expedited process and more in-depth final product.