

Clinton County Justice Coordinating Commission Clinton County Courthouse 612 North Second Street Clinton, Iowa 52732

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MEETING MINUTES **Date:** January 21, 2021

**Time:** 3:30 PM

Location: Law Center-Large Conference Room with the option to attend by Webex

**Present:** Joel Barrows, Carole Dunkin, Amber Foley, Ellen Gackle, Bill Greenwalt, Kelly Greenwalt, Brian Grell, Kevin Gyrion, Paul Hammond, Kim Hess, Charlene Nicoletto, Kim Ralston, Greg Reckman, Dan Srp,

Jack Wolfe

Staff Present: Vacant (Coordinator), Amanda Schwartz (Recorder)

**Quorum:** Yes (11 present, 9 needed)

1. Call to Order, Introductions - Supervisor Srp opened the meeting at 3:34 PM.

## 2. Approval of 10/15/20 Minutes

A motion to approve the October 15, 2020 minutes was moved by Sheriff Greenwalt and seconded by Kim Hess. Motion passed - all ayes

## 3. Financial Report

Sheriff Greenwalt reported the budget is currently at 34% with \$3,433.00 remaining for FY2021. A motion to approve the balance was made by Chief Gyrion and seconded by Carole Dunkin. Motion passed – all ayes

## 4. Committee Reports and Discussion

- Alternative Sanctions & Diversions: Greg Reckman, the new Community Treatment
  Coordinator will be taking the lead on this committee. He plans on holding the next meeting
  in February. Greg Reckman spoke about the progress and obstacles of the jail diversion
  program.
- <u>Court Issues</u>: Kim Hess stated the committee has determined the 2021 schedule to meet March 3, May 12, July 14, September 8 and November 10. A security meeting is scheduled for next week to answer questions for the upcoming jury trials. Technology upgrades in the court rooms will be put in place during the month of February.
- <u>Jail Programming & Reentry</u>: Lt. Hammond stated that due to COVID, programs are still on pause due to not allowing outside entities into the jail. Supervisor Srp suggested the handout "Community Resources Guide" to be available to people leaving the jail to help them connect with additional resources in the area. Charlene Nicoletto invited group members to attend a Council of Social Agencies of Clinton County monthly meeting.
- Mental Health/Substance Abuse: Kim Ralston stated the next meeting will be held in the month of February. Becky Eskildsen is also planning a meeting to discuss the high utilizers in the jail. Kim Hess stated Life Connections is the new group they will be working with on committals.

#### 5. Guest visitor with The Clinton Collaborative Council

Ellen Gackle with The Clinton Collaborative Council introduced herself and a grant she is working on that deals with prevention services of drug usage focusing on the usage of methamphetamine. She is seeking data from the group members regarding overdoses from the

key people in the community. She welcomed members of the group to contact her with questions and/or to provide her information.

# **6. Stepping Up, Data Driven Justice, Gaines Institute & other educational opportunities** Supervisor Srp reminded the group on available training opportunities.

## 7. Updates on Action Plan for 2020 Initiatives

The group discussed available community resources.

## 8. Discuss Commission's goal(s) for 2021

Supervisor Srp spoke on the direction of the commission and the commission's budget to gain feedback from the group. Chief Gyrion stated the commission is effective and should not be abolished. Sheriff Greenwalt agreed with Chief Gyrion's statement and suggested adjusting the group's goals. Judge Barrows and Kim Hess spoke in favor of keeping the commission. Kim Hess suggested reducing the number of commission meetings and still meeting often with the committee groups. Discussion took place on the commission's goals moving forward.

## 9. Discuss meeting start time

Greg Reckman stated he has a schedule conflict with the 3:30 PM meeting time. A motion to look for alternative meeting times and dates was moved by Chief Gyrion and seconded by Sheriff Greenwalt. Motion passed – all ayes

## 10. Set 2021 meeting schedule and location

Discussion occurred on the meeting frequency. Supervisor Srp suggested the group to continue to meet every other month. Chief Gyrion stated the location for the meeting to be held in the Law Center's Conference Room/EOC works well due to the new technology available and the large space. Supervisor Srp stated the format of using Webex as an option to attend the meeting will continue at this time.

### 11. Update Committee Member list for 2021

Discussion took place on the committee structure and members.

### 12. Selection of Officers for 2021

Action was taken during the December 2019 meeting to have the commission Chair and Vice-chair terms be each a 2-year term. At this time, not action was necessary since the Chair and Vice-chair have one year remaining of their position's term.

## 13. Adjournment

Chief Gyrion made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 PM. Motion passed – all ayes. The next meeting is scheduled for the month of March. Agenda items can be emailed to Amanda Schwartz.