

Justice Center Oversight Committee

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2020 Justice Center Oversight Committee Meeting Dates

| Meeting # | Date | Location | Notes |
|-----------|--------------------|---|-------|
| 1 | January 8 | South Side Innovation Center - 2610 S. Salina St. | |
| 2 | February 5 | South Side Innovation Center - 2610 S. Salina St. | |
| 3 | March 4 | South Side Innovation Center - 2610 S. Salina St. | |
| 4 | April 1 | MEETING CANCELLED | n/a |
| 5 | May 6 | VIRTUAL MEETING | |
| 6 | June 3 | VIRTUAL MEETING | |
| 7 | NO MEETING IN JULY | No Meeting in July | N/A |
| 8 | August 5 | VIRTUAL MEETING | |
| 9 | September 9 | VIRTUAL MEETING | |
| 10 | October 7 | CANCELLED - DUE TO POWER OUTAGES | |
| 11 | November 4 | VIRTUAL MEETING | |
| 12 | December 2 | VIRTUAL MEETING | |



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Minutes of the March 4, 2020

Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee Meeting (JCOC)

Approved by the _____ 2020 JCOC Meeting

Committee Members Present: Marissa Joy Mims (Chair) Cassandra J. Ingram
Dr. Jennifer Yolles
Christine TenEyck
Jeff Marier (Vice Chair)

County Staff Present: Monica William, Chief Diversity Office and Montanette Murphy (Human Rights Staff)

Meeting convened approximately at 5:35 pm

- Welcome and introductions
- Recognition of visitors for public comment

Motion to approve March 11, 2020 agenda. Seconded. Approved.

Chair's Report

- With the recent changing committee members, it is the current goal to become more organized; work with current cases and close older cases
- February 2020 Bi-monthly meeting – updating signage in the Justice Center lobby. Justice Command currently reviewing religious and dietary cases. Will follow-up during next bi-monthly meeting
- Request to committee members to contact Marissa with topics for the April bi-monthly meeting at the Justice Center
- Dr. Najah Salaam Jennings-Bey submitted her resignation to the chair

Motion to approve Dr. Jennings-Bey resignation. Seconded. Approved.

Administrator Report (Public)

- Committee reviewed November, 2019 transport log
- Moving forward, the transport logs will only be reviewed when deemed necessary for a current case



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Old Business

- Medical Recommendations Process – currently when there is a recommendation from the oversight committee it is constructed by the members, sent to the sheriff for review and requests any discussion or additional information, then it is sent to the Legislative Committee and onto the Mayor. The committee will send a summary document if requested.

Motion to move to Executive Session. Seconded. Carried.

Motion to exit Executive Session. Seconded. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm

Respectfully submitted:
March 30, 2020
Christine TenEyck

JUSTICE CENTER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING - MAY 6, 2020

JCOC MEETING Start time: 5:40pm

JCOC Board members and committee: Marissa Mims, John Falge, Jennifer Yolles, Cassandra Jones Ingram, Montanette (JCOC Administrator), Monica Williams (Chief Diversity Officer for Onondaga County)

Guests: Mikael Anderson (community member), Peggy Chase (County Legislature) Mary Kuhn (County Legislature / Public Safety Committee), Bonnie Schultz (Zen Center / Interfaith Works)

Public Comment:

- 1) Mary Kuhn - She asked questions on how pandemic was being handled at the Justice Center and Jamesville. Response from Chief Esteban (Gonzalez) said no cases of Covid-19 at either facility - Justice Center or Jamesville. PPE was supplied, and visitation was going well with phone-in calls.
- 2) Peggy Chase - The response from the Justice Center says population in jail is way down. "Sounds like they are on top of things."

Chair's Report:

- 1) Marissa, Dr. Yolles and Montanette reviewed medical cases. Committee will review cases in Executive Session.
- 2) No date yet for next Bi-monthly meeting at Justice Center. Marissa will follow up with Custody Command to see if committee can do Zoom meeting with them.

Administrator's Report:

- 1) Justice Center actions: No positive cases of infections for staff or inmates; Population count as of March 2020 was between 340 to 345 inmates vs. Monday's May 4th population count of 330. Deputies have to wear masks and gloves are recommended. Facility cleaned every shift. Men and women are being "recreated" in halves (group A and B) during shifts. Only visits are from attorneys. Religious services are cancelled but the Jail is working with Interfaith Works to set up phone services. Facility is also working on getting online religious services.
- 2) The arraignments require calls with lawyers. Montanette will follow up with Justice Center to see if attorneys are able to contact inmates for prep for arraignments.
- 3) Activity books and goodie bags are being provided to inmates.
- 4) Inmate are given 2 free calls per week (in place of visits). Lawyer calls are in addition. Facility also giving two free stamped envelopes to individuals. Indigent inmates are getting 4 free stamped envelopes. The men and women are also getting 2 free video calls a week.

Motion to enter Executive Session

Motion to leave executive session at 7:33pm

Motion to close meeting @ 7:35pm

Introductions

Approval of agenda

Mikiel Anderson spoke about adding oversight to Jamesville Correctional Facility

Mary Kuhn introduced herself and mentioned a rally tomorrow in Syracuse

Approved March and May agendas

Reviewed changes to March and May minutes. Approved by committee.

Chair's Report:

1. Next meeting in August.
2. Looking to fill vacancies on committee before August meeting. We currently have 6 members, looking for 3 more.

Admin

3. Bail reform law updated April 2020. Montanette sent to members.
4. JCOC now has access to cloud for JC medical records.
5. Covid testing will begin at Jail soon. Still no reported cases from JC.
6. NOC (Notice of Claim) – inmate must request from judge if submitting after first 90 days. Need clarification on how long a NOC is in effect or expires.
7. Dr. Yolles prefers to be called Jennifer.
8. No meeting in July. Next meeting on August 5th.

Move to Executive Session

End of Executive Session

Vote on closing JCOC Cases ; passed unanimous.

Closed meeting.



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- COVID update: 260 inmates (253 male/7 female) in Justice Center as of today at 11am. There is only one COVID case at Justice Center a few days ago. Inmate will be in quarantine there for 14 days in separate cell. Earlier, 2 inmates tested positive (1 tested, 1 self reported). Both quarantined for 14 days (now over and symptom free). A few officers have reported positive over the last few months but no further info provided. Several men are waiting for transport to State facilities but are being held at Justice Center.
- Bimonthly meeting plan: The jail can accommodate JCOC members for in-person meeting on Wednesday (8/12) at 5:30pm. Looking at moving to 8/19 to get better attendance from board members.
- Looking to schedule a meeting with the Justice Center medical staff. More to come.

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Executive Session (Closed to the Public)

1. Discussed medical cases.

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Minutes of the November 4, 2020

VIRTUAL Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee

Committee members present: Marissa Mims, Jeff Marier (phone), John Falge, Cassaundra Jones-Ingram, Christine TenEyck, Jennifer Yolles

County staff present: Montanette Murphy (Administrator, JCOC) and Monica Williams (Chief Diversity Officer)

- 1) Agenda approval: motioned (Jeff) seconded (Dr Yolles)
- 2) Public comment: None
- 3) **Chair's report :**
 - a) Mayor sent over a name for JCOC appointment; 2 more people will be considered by the County Legislature by end of 2020.
 - b) Bimonthly at Justice Center went well. Met with NaphCare and they expressed a desire to continue dialogue. Dr. Yolles asked to remind them to share their policies and procedures (which they volunteered).
- 4) **Administrator's Report:**
 - a) No Covid cases at the Justice Center right now
 - b) Discussion on JCOC Case process (she will send us an email)
 - c) December Bimonthly agenda (12/9) Board prefers in person with remote option
 - d) JCOC annual report due no later than 12/31/2020. John, Jeff, Marissa and Montanette to meet later this month to layout contents.

5) Convened for executive session

- a) To discuss JCOC cases

6) Returned open session:

Vote to close case 72, xx6, xx5, xx4: Closed

Vote to close cases based on litigation: Closed

Vote to close cases based on Notice of Claims: Closed



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Minutes of the December 2, 2020

VIRTUAL Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee

Committee members present: Marissa Mims (Chair), Jeff Marier (Vice chair) (phone), John Falge, Cassaundra Jones-Ingram, Christine TenEyck, Jennifer Yolles

Community members, guests: Onondaga County legislator Peggy Chase; Community member Cornelia Thaler

County staff present: Montanette Murphy (Administrator, JCOC)

Meeting convened at 5:30 p.m.

- 1) Motion to approve the December 2, 2020 Agenda. Seconded. Approved.
Motion to approve November 2020 Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Approved
- 2) Public comment: None
- 3) **Chair's report:**
 - a) Marissa communicated with county Legislator/ Public Safety Committee chair Chris Ryan regarding an open position on the JCOC. The new committee member has been appointed and will be on the Legislature's January agenda.
 - b) Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh appointed Tricia Wittkowski to the JCOC.
 - c) Marissa, Montanette, Jeff and John have been working on the 2020 JCOC Annual Report. Document will be put in Google Docs for review.
- 4) **Administrator's Report:**
 - a) Montanette requested bios and pics from JCOC members.
 - b) Contact list will be updated; please get changes/updates to Montanette.
 - c) The Justice Center has no positive cases of Covid-19 as of Dec. 2, 2020
- 5) **Motion to move to executive session at 5:39 p.m.** Seconded. Carried.
- 6) **Motion to exit executive session at 6:49 p.m.** Seconded. Carried.
- 7) **Motion not to consider case numbers 3x, 4x, 5x and 6x.** Seconded. Carried.
- 8) **Motion to close case 15 and case 32.** Seconded. Carried.
- 9) **Motion to adjourn meeting.** Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine TenEyck – December 2, 2020