

LPSCC/LCJAC

MINUTES

February 10, 2022

LOCATION – Webex

MEETING CALLED BY	Tina Routt
FACILITATOR	Tina Routt/Judge Powers
NOTE TAKER	Michelle Leonard
ATTENDEES	Presiding Judge Thomas Powers; Tina Routt; Michelle Leonard, TCA; Judge Wes Williams; Chandra Turner, Juvenile Dept.; Ed Pierson, OYA; Carrie Brogoitti; Kelsie McDaniel, DA; Matt Scarfo, County Commissioner; Michelle Bartov, Bar President; Nick Huelter ,Jail Manager; Sheriff Cody Bowen; Lt. Ken Woodward; Robert Swope, City Manager; Jim Schaeffer, Defense Bar; Aaron Grigg, CHD Director; Chief of Police Gary Bell;

Agenda Note: Meeting to make recommendations for public comment will be scheduled at a later date.

Agenda Topics

AGENDA ITEM -----> Minutes from Last Meeting

Correction to spelling of Michelle Bartov’s name, missing an ‘e.’
CONCLUSIONS:
Matt Scarfo moved to approve the Minutes and Judge Williams seconded the motion. Motion carries, no objections.

AGENDA ITEM -----Senate Bill 48 – Changes to release criteria and Release Assistance Officer designations as OJD personnel. Preparation for impending Presiding Judge Order on release.

DISCUSSION:
<u>Tina</u> – Union County in good shape as we already have and Release Assistance Officer who is employed by the Judicial Department. This was one of the major change components of the bill. Many counties will be inventing their wheel, but Union County already having their person and program in place we will only be working to incorporate the new and fill in any gaps. Meeting today is to bring all our community partners together to reach a common goal for implementation in July.
<u>Judge Powers</u> – Substantive work on this bill has been in the works since 2018 when it was very clear that pre-trial release decisions should be at the court level. Thankful we still maintained an OJD position. Bail reform has been a focus and it will eventually require a presiding judge’s order for our local piece. I need this group to help formulate that final product for consensus and consistency. It should address community safety, victim’s safety and rights of the defendant. The categories are established, and we will cover that here today.
Expectation will be that the Chief Justice will release her recommendations for the statewide mandates and risk assessment tool in the coming weeks. This groups’ input and developed

lists will aid me in my work to make recommendations and participate in discussions with the Chief Justice as they work toward final CJO required by this bill		
Groups to be formed - Develop recommendations and provide to Presiding Judge what our overriding Criteria might look like in Union County to require an in-custody defendant be held until arraignment or released. Lists due to Tina by March 1, 2022. We will meet again to go over the suggestions.		
Recommendations for Developing our Overriding Criteria.		
Law Enforcement and DA develop a list to submit		
Defense Bar and DA to develop a list to Submit		
Categories to consider when developing criteria for review.		
1) Persons and offenses subject to OR release (standard conditions)		
2) Persons and offenses subject to Conditional release		
3) Those not eligible for release until arraignment		
4) What overriding circumstances do you want to see in place?		
Concerns were numerous and all should be discussed when developing criteria lists for the categories noted as they may qualify for one of the overriding factors.		

AGENDA ITEM -----→ Agency Reporting

Reporting by Agency:
DA – need to fill attorney positions – put the word out
Bar – Michelle Bartov – Has stepped down at Bar President, Zach Nice is now Bar President
County Commissioners – Short session is moving fast. If you have an questions don't hesitate to reach out
CHD – SB 110 funding to be announced end of February, hoping to have resources soon for the class E violations. Expecting the mobile crisis will be expanding in the near future.