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Minutes from the August 4, 2021  
**VIRTUAL** Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee

**Committee members present:** Jeff Marier, John Falge, Cassandra Jones-Ingram, Kerry-Ann Crumbie, Dr. Jennifer Yolles, Greg Scammell

**Absent:** Tricia Wittkowski, Marissa Mims, Christine TenEyck

**Community members and guests:** Nilielka Brown and Tammy Curry

**County staff present:** JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy

- 1) **Opening:** Meeting convened at 5:40 p.m.
- 2) **Welcomes and introductions:** Administrator acknowledged visitors.
- 3) **Agenda:** Motion to approve August agenda. Jeff motioned. John seconded. Approved 6-0.
- 4) **Minutes:** Motion to approve June minutes. Cassandra motioned. Jeff seconded. Approved 6-0.
- 5) **In-person meetings:** Jeff asked when in-person meetings will resume. Montanette has reached out to the SSIC executive director but has not gotten a response from executive director. Montanette noted that the ODI is monitoring the COVID-19 cases and will make a decision about in-person meetings based on number of cases.
- 6) **Recognition of visitors:** Ms. Brown and Ms. Curry introduced themselves. Ms. Brown is the Vera House PREA project coordinator who provides services to incarcerated persons who were sexually assaulted while detained. Brown wants to learn about the JCOC. Ms. Curry is a school administrator at a local charter school and is present to take notes and learn about the JCOC. She also is part of local sorority that occasionally teams up with the Human Rights Commission.
- 7) **Chair's Report:**  
Chairperson Mims was not present at meeting.
- 8) **Administrator's report:**
  - JCOC Annual Report feedback/follow up/questions – first ever JCOC annual report. A few media outlets have asked to view the annual report and the recommendations but the annual report and recommendations have yet to be released yet. There was a request made to further elaborate on the categories of JCOC intakes. Another entity requested to know the specific recommendations from previous years. The committee members agreed to not publish pending recommendations in the Annual Report, only recommendations that were voted



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and approved by the committee and already provided to the Sheriff's department would be published or given to the media or community members. The final draft will be sent to JCOC members to review before it is published.

- Bimonthly meeting set for August 11 at 5:30. Montanette has arranged for dinner meal trays prepared by the jail vendor to be served at the next August bimonthly.
  - Jail pop count: as of 8/3/21, 378 total inmates (24 females)
  - Covid cases: Zero Covid cases on 8/3/21.
  - Montanette has not been given a date when the organization Jail Ministry and the public will be allowed back in jail.
  - JC looking at getting tablets for detainees to use to watch movies, file grievances, video visits (no email). Inmates have noted struggles with not having family visits. Montanette is visiting the JC about 3 times a week.
- 9) Enter executive session at 6:22 p.m.:** Session is to review and discuss sensitive medical information of detainees at Justice Center: Motioned. Seconded.
- 10) Exit executive session at 6:59 p.m.:** Returned to public session: Jeff motioned. Dr. Jennifer seconded. Approved 6-0.
- 11) Motion to adjourn meeting.** Jeff motioned. Cassandra seconded. Approved 6-0. Meeting closed at 7 p.m.

*Meeting minutes submitted by Jeff Marier on August 4, 2021.*