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Minutes from the January 5, 2022

VIRTUAL Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee

Members present: Marissa Mims (chair), Jeff Marier (vice chair), Dr. Jennifer Yolles, John Falge, Cassandra J. Ingram, Christine TenEyck, Kerry-Ann Crumbie
Absent: Tricia Wittkowski, Greg Scammell
Community: Clifford Ryans, Liam O'Connor, Nichole Henry, Peggy Chase, Rebecca Botting, Beth Schafer.
County staff present: JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy, Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams and Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers.

- 1) **Opening:** Meeting began at 5:32 p.m.
- 2) **Welcomes/introductions:** Chair Mims recognized visitors.
- 3) **Agenda:** Motion to approve January agenda. Approved 7-0.
- 4) **Minutes:** Motion to accept December minutes. Approved 7-0.
- 5) **Visitors:** Public members were introduced; allowed to speak.
- 6) **Chair's report:** Chairperson Mims previously distributed Onondaga County and NaphCare contract to JCOC members via email. December NaphCare meeting was cancelled.
- 7) **Administrator's report:**
 - Covid Cases-Detainees: 7 (Seven cases from arrestees who tested positive when entering jail.)
 - Covid Cases-Staff: 6
 - Jail population: 443 (of the 443 detainees, 26 are female)
 - Marissa asked how many deputies were being hired for the custody department. Montanette responded that only a few might end up at the Justice Center because Jamesville and the Justice Center share any new hires based on needs.
 - Jail ministry and Human Rights staff still can't visit detainees. Marissa asked whether Center for Court Innovation workers can visit their clients; Montanette answered that CCI's mission to serve their clientele has not been hindered. Community member asked why State



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Jails are open to the public but not the Justice Center. Montanette acknowledged the differences between the state and county and explained the decision to reopen the Justice Center would be a concerted decision by local medical stake holders, county officials, the Sheriff's Office and others.

8.) Motion to enter into executive session: Approved 7-0.

9.) Entered executive session at 5:53 p.m. Approved 7-0:
Session is to review and discuss sensitive medical info of Justice Center detainees as it relates to forthcoming recommendations to the County Sheriff and Legislature.

10.) Motion to adjourn Executive Session. Approved 7-0.
Exited executive session at 6:27. Returned to open session.

11.) Motion to adjourn meeting: Approved 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeff Marier on January 5, 2022.