

SAN JUAN COUNTY

ORDINANCE #2022-05

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SAN JUAN COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, San Juan County is dedicated to continually reviewing and making improvements to the Criminal Justice system within the County; and

WHEREAS, to foster additional collaboration and communication regarding criminal justice system improvements, the Utah Legislature, under Senate Bill 179, codified under Utah Code Title 17, Chapter 55, Part 2 “Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils” which mandates a specific forum, group of individuals, and activities regarding reviewing and making improvements to the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Board of San Juan County Commissioners desires to create the San Juan County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council set forth herein in accordance with Senate Bill 179; and

WHEREAS, the statutory authority for enacting this ordinance is Utah Code §§ 17-53-201 et. al. and 17-55-201;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BOARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STATE OF UTAH, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

PURPOSE:

The Purpose of the San Juan County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (“CJCC”) is to foster communication and collaboration among agencies involved in the criminal justice system; to formalize the mechanisms for making improvements to the criminal justice system; and to comply with the requirement of Utah Code § 17-55-201(4) to develop and implement a strategic plan for the County’s criminal justice system.

ESTABLISHMENT:

The CJCC is established to carry out the purposes described in this chapter.

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the CJCC is guided by Utah Code § 17-55-201 (as amended). The specific membership of the CJCC shall be as follows:

1. One County Commissioner as designated;
2. County Sheriff or his or her designee;
3. One Chief of Police of a Municipality within the County or his or her designee;

4. The County Attorney or the Attorney's designee;
5. A District Court Judge for San Juan County;
6. A Justice Court Judge for San Juan County;
7. One Public Defender or Attorney who provides Public Defense for the County;
8. A Representative of the Division of Adult Probation and Parole within the Utah Department of Corrections as assigned by the Division of Adult Probation and Parole with a preference for an agent that has active cases within the County;
9. A Representative of San Juan Counseling as designated by the Executive Director;
10. A San Juan County Victim Advocate;
11. An individual with lived experience in the criminal justice system;
12. An individual representing the San Juan School District;
13. A member of the Children's Justice Center;
14. The San Juan County Administrator

The San Juan County Commissioner assigned to the CJCC, who acts as Chair of the Council, may appoint to the CJCC additional individuals as ex officio non-voting members of the CJCC to represent the sectors listed in Utah Code § 17-55-201(2)(b). The Chair may appoint as many ex-officio members as deemed appropriate. Appointment to the CJCC under this section is subject to confirmation by the full Board of San Juan County Commissioners.

C. Each member shall have one vote on all matters of which the CJCC takes action.

PROCEDURE:

- A. The Commissioner assigned to the CJCC shall serve as Chair of the CJCC.
- B. A majority members of the CJCC shall constitution a quorum and a majority vote of members present at a meeting shall constitute a binding action of the CJCC.
- C. The CJCC shall comply with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act.

DUTIES:

The CJCC shall:

- A. Review, in a cooperative and comprehensive manner, the criminal justice system in San Juan County, the implementation of State and Federally required reforms, and look proactively at other ways the criminal justice system can be improved;

- B. Develop and implement a strategic plan for the county's criminal justice system as set forth in Utah Code § 17-55-201(4)(a), as amended, which plan shall include:
 - 1. mapping of all systems, resources, assets, and services within the county's criminal justice system;
 - 2. a plan for data sharing across the County's criminal justice system;
 - 3. recidivism reduction objectives; and
 - 4. community reintegration goals.
- C. Create bylaws and appoint officers as the CJCC deems appropriate that are not inconsistent with this chapter;
- D. Meet at least biannually; and
- E. Beginning in the year 2023, before November 30 of each year, provide a written report to the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice regarding the implementation of the strategic plan and any data on the impact of the CJCC on the criminal justice system in the county.

SUPPORT STAFF

Administrative support for the CJCC shall be provided by the San Juan County Attorney's Office and County Administrator.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 22nd day of November 2022.



Willie Grayeyes, Chair

Board of San Juan County Commissioners

Attest:



Lyman Duncan, County Clerk

Effective 5/4/2022

Part 2
Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils

17-55-201 Criminal justice coordinating councils -- Creation -- Strategic plan -- Reporting requirements.

(1)

- (a) Beginning January 1, 2023, a county shall:
 - (i) create a criminal justice coordinating council; or
 - (ii) jointly with another county or counties, create a criminal justice coordinating council.
- (b) The purpose of a council is to coordinate and improve components of the criminal justice system in the county or counties.

(2)

- (a) A council shall include:
 - (i) one county commissioner or county council member;
 - (ii) the county sheriff or the sheriff's designee;
 - (iii) one chief of police of a municipality within the county or the chief's designee;
 - (iv) the county attorney or the attorney's designee;
 - (v) one public defender or attorney who provides public defense within the county;
 - (vi) one district court judge;
 - (vii) one justice court judge;
 - (viii) one representative from the Division of Adult Probation and Parole within the Department of Corrections;
 - (ix) one representative from the local mental health authority within the county; and
 - (x) one individual who is:
 - (A) a crime victim; or
 - (B) a victim advocate, as defined in Section 77-38-403.

(b) A council may include:

- (i) an individual representing:
 - (A) local government;
 - (B) human services programs;
 - (C) higher education;
 - (D) peer support services;
 - (E) workforce services;
 - (F) local housing services;
 - (G) mental health or substance use disorder providers;
 - (H) a health care organization within the county;
 - (I) a local homeless council;
 - (J) family counseling and support groups; or
 - (K) organizations that work with families of incarcerated individuals; or
- (ii) an individual with lived experiences in the criminal justice system.

(3) The member described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) shall serve as chair of the council.

(4)

- (a) A council shall develop and implement a strategic plan for the county's or counties' criminal justice system that includes:
 - (i) mapping of all systems, resources, assets, and services within the county's or counties' criminal justice system;

- (ii) a plan for data sharing across the county's or counties' criminal justice system;
 - (iii) recidivism reduction objectives; and
 - (iv) community reintegration goals.
- (b) The commission may assist a council in the development of a strategic plan.
- (5) Before November 30 of each year, a council shall provide a written report to the commission regarding:
- (a) the implementation of a strategic plan described in Subsection (4); and
 - (b) any data on the impact of the council on the criminal justice system in the county or counties.

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