

Charles County CJCC Meeting Date | Time: 5/1/2025 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM Location: Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Meeting Co-Chairs: Hon. H. James West and Commissioner President Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq.

Meeting Attendees:

- Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq. (Board of County Commissioners)
- Judge H. James West (Circuit Court)
- Judge Donine Carrington Martin (Circuit Court)
- Judge Patrick Devine (District Court)
- Anthony Covington (State's Attorney's Office)
- Deb Hall (Charles County Government)
- Jason DuBard (Parole and Probation)
- Tanisha Sanders (Charles County Department of Social Services)
- Gary Ruble (Department of Juvenile Services)
- Abena McAllister (State's Attorney's Office)
- Dr. Yolanda Bethea (Parole and Probation)
- Julee Snyder (Circuit Court)
- Ryan Ross (Charles County Detention Center)
- Jeremy Widder (SoMD Criminal Defense)
- Lisa Yates (Circuit Court Clerk)
- Julie Walton (Charles County Community Mediation Center)
- Sara Carruth (Circuit Court)
- Charmaine Young-Waddy (Charles County Public Schools)
- Kathleen Kemp (NYSAP)

Meeting Objectives

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 2025
2. Presentation – Critical Intervention Mapping
3. CJCC Committee Updates
4. Open Discussion

Meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.

Judge West opened the meeting, noting he would depart early due to a scheduling conflict and that Judge Donine Carrington-Martin would be available to help address questions. Commissioner President Collins confirmed attendance.

Judge West confirmed quorum by asking if all members had received and reviewed the agenda and prior meeting minutes.

The Meeting Minutes from the March 6, 2025, CJCC Meeting were approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The March 2025 meeting minutes were emailed to all CJCC members.
- Motion to approve March meeting minutes: Deborah Hall
- Seconded by: Judge Carrington Martin
- Outcome: Approved unanimously.

Presentation on Critical Intervention Mapping and Action Planning Workshop

Speaker:

- Dr. Kathleen Kemp, Associate with the National Youth Screening and Assessment Partners (NYSAP)

Sara Carruth introduced Dr. Kemp, highlighting her experience in juvenile justice, behavioral health screening, and cross-systems mapping, including prior work in Maryland with the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM).

Key Points:

- Overview of Critical Intervention Mapping (CIM), modeled on the adult Sequential Intercept Model.
- Emphasis on cross-system collaboration (juvenile justice, behavioral health, child welfare, education, social services).
- Workshop goals:
 - Mapping local systems, identifying strengths, gaps, and resources.
 - Establishing community-driven priorities for change.

- Developing actionable strategic plans.
- Importance of diverting youth from the juvenile justice system where safe and appropriate.
- Noted challenges: silos, funding constraints, communication barriers.
- Workshop outcomes: living maps and reports to guide ongoing strategic planning.

Discussion:

- Jason DuBard shared insights from attending prior SIM workshops, emphasizing the need to break down silos and improve awareness of existing resources.
- Julie Walton raised the importance of engaging families, especially given rising conflict between youth and caregivers. Dr. Kemp affirmed that family-based interventions and educating families about resources are critical components.
- The Juvenile Justice Committee will discuss workshop logistics at its upcoming meeting.

Committee Updates

Presented by: Sara Carruth

Juvenile Justice Committee (Next meeting May 12, 2025)

- Seeking a volunteer for Chair and Vice Chair.
- Membership needs:
 - Replacement member from the State's Attorney's Office.
 - Addition of a representative from the Detention Center.
- Current focus: Planning for Critical Intervention Mapping Workshop.

New Volunteers: Ryan Ross (Detention Center) joined the Juvenile Justice Committee.
Charmaine Young-Waddy requested to receive meeting invites.

Mental Health Committee (Met April 15, 2025)

- Membership: 6 members; seeking additional members, especially from:
 - Hospital
 - Emergency Medical Services

- Local mental health treatment providers.
- Current project:
 - Developing a consolidated resource tool (pamphlet, brochure, or digital) for judges, probation officers, and attorneys to improve access and awareness of mental health and substance use services.
 - Coordination with the Local Management Board to leverage the existing Resource Connection website.

New volunteers: Dr. Tanisha Sanders volunteered to join the Mental Health Committee.

Pretrial Services Committee

- Scheduling poll to be distributed to determine next meeting date.

Open Discussion & Announcements

Commissioner President Collins invited members to share additional comments or project updates.

Comments:

- Deborah Hall noted ongoing work on the county budget.

Adjournment

- Commissioner President Collins closed the meeting, thanking all participants.
- With no further matters to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the May 1, 2025, CJCC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

The mission of the CJCC is to enhance the operation of the Charles County adult and juvenile justice systems through interagency collaboration and the coordination of cohesive policies and programs for the purposes of improving public health and safety and heightening public trust.