

10.6.21 Legal Service Subcommittee
9:00 AM via ZOOM

In attendance: Allison Patton, Blair Castro, Melissa, Kaitlyn Bonam, Ginger Madden, Ronnie Rivera, John Johnson, Kelly Richards, Cathy White, Dave Partrick, Travis Tompkins, Michael Kimberl, Eric Randall, Leslie Powell-Boudreau, Avalon “Mal” Mallory, Connie Bookman

Judge Erika Quartermaine Presentation

A group including Sheriff, State Attorney, Public Defender, Judge, Sheriff, Court Administrator, Jail, etc came together to address mental illness in their community.

These leaders created a memorandum of understanding after years of stalemates on the issues, they agreed to create a post-booking program to address low-level offenders who were mentally ill, which addressed homelessness as a by-product of this.

They presented an idea to philanthropists for funding: initially this included a “psychedelic flow chart” that later became much more simplified.

One of the key ingredients in success is ensuring that the jail is able to screen for mental health. They adapted an 8-question survey to flag people for follow-up.

Their requests for participants: To be crime free, drug free, have a long-term plan including housing/ability to pay for housing, and a long-term mental health plan.

Whatever system you use has to have some system of enforcement.

We should not use the PIT study as the only tool to measure homelessness, as it is very difficult to track the homeless population. Also, she believes her community does have ample mental health services but they just need to better align them. They do have a partnership with Resurrection House for IDs, etc. but they do not usually have people who have custody of their children come through their system.

CTC Program has 60 spots per year, 180 in the first three years.