



# Community Safety in Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill Community Safety Task Force

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# Agenda

- How We Think About Community Safety
- Questions



# Policing Efforts



# How we partner

- Police Department Crisis Unit
- Criminal Justice Debt fund
- Good Neighbor Initiative
- NAACP CJ Committee
- Local Re-Entry Council



# How we partner

- Deflection
- Diversion
- Harm Reduction and Therapeutic Interventions
- Alternatives to Incarceration
- Re-Entry Support
- Legal Restoration

# CJRD Programs

- ▶ Pretrial Release: The Pretrial Release Program can minimize unnecessary detention by supervising individuals who are likely to appear for future court dates and do not pose a risk to the community as they await trial. This results in reduced jail costs for the County and more efficient use of the limited space within its detention facility. In addition, individuals who are released from custody are able to maintain employment, access treatment, maintain stable housing, aid in their own defense, assert their innocence, and mitigate the severity of any active prison term that may be imposed at sentencing. Ted Dorsi, Pretrial Services Case Manager
- ▶ Adult Behavioral Health: The CJRD Clinical Coordinator works directly with individuals incarcerated in the Orange County Detention Center who have mental health and substance use concerns. A primary goal of this position is to increase opportunities for pretrial release and connection to community resources. Services include completion of clinical assessments, referral to treatment, brief counseling, and crisis management. This position also works in collaboration with Orange County therapeutic courts and diversion programs to provide additional clinical support and care coordination. Allison Zirkel, LCSW, LCAS
- ▶ Youth Mental Health: The Youth Mental Health Liaison provides clinical services to youth ages 18 and under who are incarcerated, in detention or at high risk in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Services include completion of forensic psychological exams, clinical assessments, referrals to treatment, crisis management, counseling and coordination with families and other systems of care to develop an appropriate treatment plan to support youth in returning to or remaining in the community. Nancy Lappenbusch, PsyD.
- ▶ Recovery/Treatment Courts: The CJRD administers two distinct, therapeutic programs for court-involved adults who have substance use disorders. Recovery Court is a diversionary court for individuals who are facing significant terms of incarceration. Participants are referred to the program by judges, defense attorneys, and probation officers. Successful participants will avoid incarceration and reduce their likelihood of recidivism. Family Treatment Court is a collaborative effort between the court system and the Department of Social Services (DSS). It is for parents who have a case pending with DSS regarding abuse, neglect, or dependency. Successful participants enhance their parenting skills and improve the chances of having their parental rights restored. The core components of both programs are formalized substance use treatment, random drug testing, frequent court appearances, peer support and monitoring by a multidisciplinary team. Sean O'Hare, NCPSS, Drug Treatment Coordinator; Shana Harper, NCPSS, Treatment Case Manager

# CJRD Programs

- ▶ Restoration Legal Counsel: The Restoration Legal Counsel works in collaboration with court and community stakeholders to provide restorative legal services to low-income, justice-involved individuals. This legal assistance to qualified individuals includes driver's license restoration work, expunctions, certificates of relief and addressing criminal justice debt. Emma Ferriola-Bruckenstein, JD
- ▶ Misdemeanor Pre-Arrest Diversion: The Pre-Arrest Diversion Program (OC PAD) provides law enforcement the option to divert individuals 18 and older with no criminal record on certain misdemeanor offenses. The goal is to increase community safety and well-being by offering earlier and direct access to necessary interventions. Successful participants in both programs earn the benefit of not having a charge or a criminal record, which have collateral consequences for employment, housing, legal residency status, and eligibility for public benefits and licensing. OC-PAD operates with the full support of Orange County law enforcement agencies and the District Attorney's Office. While currently a first-offender program, there is strong support for expanding to individuals with prior justice involvement. Desmond Frierson, MSW, Coordinator
- ▶ Local Reentry Council: The CJRD received a grant from the NC Department of Public Safety in June 2018 to administer the Coordinated Local Reentry Council. This Council seeks to coordinate and address the barriers for individuals returning to Orange County from prior incarceration. A coordinator and case manager provide oversight of the Council and grant and have limited funds available for direct support for specific reentry needs such as housing, transportation, job training, education and work supplies to individuals. Keith Patterson, Coordinator; Tiffany Bullard, Case Manager
- ▶ Street Outreach, Harm Reduction and Deflection (SOHRAD): This is a one year grant-funded pilot operated by the CJRD and the Partnership to End Homelessness that started October 1<sup>st</sup>. SOHRAD uses a trauma-informed, relationship-based model to connect people living unsheltered with housing and services. Two peer navigators with lived experience and a clinical harm reduction coordinator work from the community and directly with people experiencing homelessness in Orange County. Tiffany Hall, LCMHC, Clinical Coordinator; Don Hardin, Peer Navigator; Brandon Morande, Peer Navigator

# How we respond

- OC Bias Free Policing Coalition report
- Spring of 2015
- 11 recommendations submitted to elected Boards





# How we perform

- Consent searches down
- Marijuana charges down
- Warn>Cite>Arrest (Uses of force)

# How we listen

- Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC)
- Community Police Academy
- Justice in Action Committee
- NAACP Transformation Agenda
- Orange County Justice Advisory Council
- District Bar Racial Justice Task Force
- Re-Imagining Community Safety Task Force

