

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY-CITY OF LINCOLN JUSTICE COUNCIL**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022 AT 8:00 A.M.**  
**605 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROOM 137A – LINCOLN, NE**

*Advanced public notice of the meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board, and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, website and emailed to media on October 3, 2022, and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on October 10, 2022.*

**PRESENT:** Deb Schorr and Rick Vest, County Commissioners; Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director; Brad Johnson, Corrections Director; Terry Wagner, Sheriff; Steven Wesley, Youth Services Center Director; Sara Hoyle, Human Services Administrator; Scott Etherton, Mental Health Crisis Center Director; Jane Raybould and Bennie Shobe, City Council Members; Jeff Curry, Chief Probation Officer, Adult Probation; Jessica Kerkhofs, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Amanda Phillips, District Court Administrator; Tom Randa, Good Neighbor Community Center; Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; and Cori Beattie, County Clerk's Office

Commissioner Schorr opened the meeting at 8:04 a.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act. Copies of meeting materials were also available.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1) NATIONAL NETWORK OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCILS MEMBERSHIP (NNCJCC)**

Information on the NNCJCC was distributed (Exhibit 1). Kim Etherton explained that today's special meeting was called to consider applying for NNCJCC membership. She gave a brief overview of the group and noted the application deadline is October 21, 2022.

Wagner inquired about the advantages of membership. K. Etherton said jurisdictions across the country are doing innovative things in criminal justice which could benefit Lincoln-Lancaster County.

Wagner questioned membership responsibilities. K. Etherton said it would primarily be attending and participating in meetings which she thought are held quarterly. She also noted Lincoln-Lancaster County could be a voice for the Midwest regarding support for and changes to the criminal justice system.

Raybould felt it would be beneficial to see what other jurisdictions are doing in criminal justice.

Schorr questioned which regional jurisdictions are currently members. K. Etherton said she would forward that information to the group.

Vest questioned who would be participating and the time commitment. K. Etherton said she could serve as the primary representative and could notify others when something specific to their agency appears on a meeting agenda. Reports could also be given at Justice Council meetings.

Curry supported the application and agreed that it would be good to hear what other jurisdictions are doing in addition to sharing local successes.

Wagner thought it would be beneficial to contact other jurisdictions about membership benefits and responsibilities. It was reiterated that the application deadline is next week. Schorr suggested membership be approved contingent on the gathering of additional information. Vest said direction to move forward with the application could also be contingent on it being withdrawn if necessary.

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Kerkhofs seconded to approve submittal of the application on the conditions that additional information will be obtained and the application could be withdrawn at the next Justice Council meeting if necessary.

Derbin requested a round of introductions be made for the record prior to the roll call on the motion. It was noted that Derbin, Randa, Phillips and Vest are all ex-officio, non-voting members.

**ROLL CALL:** Wesley, Kerkhofs, Curry, K. Etherton, S. Etherton, Hoyle, Johnson, Wagner, Schorr, Raybould and Shobe voted yes. Motion carried 11-0.

K. Etherton said she would reach out to NNCJCC to inquire about the membership's time commitment, fees and withdrawal rights. Raybould suggested that a list of current members also be sent to the group.

Discussion followed on the Justice Council bylaws. Wagner asked if the bylaws were available online. Derbin said the bylaws are not online. He added while the bylaws document was not signed, there is a record of approval. A revision to the bylaws will be done at an upcoming meeting at which time a signed copy will be obtained. K. Etherton said a copy of the bylaws is required to be submitted with the application and questioned if a copy of the minutes confirming approval should be included. Raybould recommended simply including a notation with the bylaws indicating the date of approval.

**NOTE:** Following the meeting, emails were received from Terry Wagner (Exhibit 2), Kim Etherton (Exhibit 3) and Teresa Ewins (Exhibit 4) regarding NNCJCC membership.

## **2) NEXT MEETING – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022**

Informational only.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cori Beattie  
County Clerk's Office

# National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils



Criminal justice coordinating councils (CJCCs) emerged as early as the 1970s as a means to create systemic responses to specific problems facing local jurisdictions such as jail crowding and domestic violence but waned over time. The concept of the CJCC has begun to emerge again as an effective means for improving public safety, creating system-based approaches to justice issues, reducing duplication of effort and conflicting practices, and improving how local jurisdictions allocate limited justice system resources. The National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils (NNCJCC) is a formal network of staff and leadership of local CJCCs that provides a forum for peer-to-peer learning among Network members and information sharing nationally to build capacity for CJCCs around the country.

## What is a CJCC?

A criminal justice coordinating council (CJCC) is the general term used to describe a body of elected and senior justice system leaders that convene on a regular basis to coordinate systemic responses to justice problems. CJCCs differ widely in the membership and structure. However, generally speaking, a CJCC is a partnership of decision makers who have a stake in the effective administration of justice. Typically the partnership includes representatives from:

- The 3 branches of government (executive, judicial, and legislative);
- Multiple levels of government through city, county, and state agencies; and
- Allied stakeholders from various other governmental entities such as education or health and human services, community based organizations, service providers, and citizens.

In addition to the members of the CJCCs, administrative support and planning is provided by a coordinator or director, either from one of the agencies in the CJCC or dedicated and funded by the county for this purpose.

## History

JMI created the National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils (NNCJCC) in 2010 to provide a forum for local CJCCs to learn from each other and to build local capacity for system improvement. The NNCJCC was originally created with the support of the Bureau of Justice Assistance and in partnership with the Pretrial Justice Institute and the National Association of Counties.

The intent of the NNCJCC, when it started, was to bring together staff and leadership from the most well-developed and long-standing CJCCs across the country to engage in national problem-sharing and problem-solving discussions about creating system and sustaining system change, coordination and collaboration among diverse stakeholders, emerging justice system challenges, and effective

strategies for addressing these challenges. The information shared and lessons learned serve as a platform for building capacity with newly formed or struggling CJCCs.

## Vision

To be a national leader and a voice for local criminal justice system reform that is based on data-driven policies and evidence-based practices that result in improved public safety outcomes, cost-effective responses to crime, and fair and efficient adjudication processes.

## Mission

The Network provides a platform for advocacy and a national voice for counties and criminal justice practitioners that supports systemic, transformational reform in the justice system and promotes fiscally-responsible decision making. Specifically, the Network's mission is to:

- Build capacity among CJCC coordinators for decision making that is focused on equitable, effective, and fiscally responsible justice policy;
- Create a venue for identifying and unpacking the most pressing public safety challenges facing local justice systems;
- Develop, implement, and assess new strategic approaches for addressing justice system problems; and
- Construct and maintain a data collaborative for on-going assessment and data-driven justice system planning.

For more information about the National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils, please contact Aimee Wickman at [aimeew@jmijustice.org](mailto:aimeew@jmijustice.org) or (720) 235-0124.

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**Attachments:** JMI\_ NNCJCC Membership.docx

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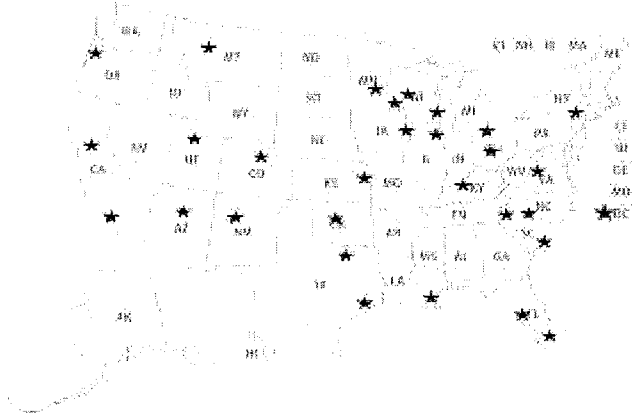
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# Current Members

The current membership of the NNCJCC is made up of 30 diverse and encouraging CJCCs from across the country:



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- [Buncombe County, North Carolina](#)
- [Charleston County, South Carolina](#)
- [Charlottesville, Virginia](#)
- [Clinton County, Iowa](#)
- [Coconino County, Arizona](#)
- [Dallas County, Texas](#)
- [Denver, Colorado](#)
- [District of Columbia](#)
- [Dutchess County, New York](#)
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- [Lake County, Illinois](#)
- [Lewis and Clark County, Montana](#)
- [Los Angeles County, California](#)
- [Lucas County, Ohio](#)
- [Mecklenburg County, North Carolina](#)
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Majority of those cities have robust programs for reducing crime but also great data driven approaches. Additionally, new innovative approaches that we can learn from. I think every opportunity is worth it.

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