



County of Los Angeles
Chief Executive Office

PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW MEETING

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Acting Chief Executive Officer

DATE: Wednesday, September 23, 2020
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

**DUE TO CLOSURE OF ALL COUNTY BUILDING, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING CALL
TELECONFERENCE NUMBER: (323) 776-6996 ID: 406939299#**

AGENDA

Members of the Public may address the Public Safety Cluster on any agenda item by submitting a written request prior to the meeting. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)** [Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices with advance notification]:
 - A. NONE

3. **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):**
 - A. Board Briefing:
MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BRIEFING
Speaker(s): Peter Espinoza and Karen Tamis (ODR), and Bruce Chase (Sheriff)

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
(2 minutes each speaker)

CLOSED SESSION:

CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Regina Crenshaw v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC652399

Department: District Attorney

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

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6. UPCOMING ITEMS:

- A.** Board Briefing:
AB 109 SEMI-ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE AND REPORT
Speaker(s): Mark Delgado (CCJCC) and Reaver Bingham (Probation)

- B.** Board Letter:
AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE COST RECOVERY AGREEMENT WITH THE US
FOREST SERVICE FOR REHABILITATION OF THE OLD CAMP 16 SITE
Speaker(s): Debbie Aguirre and Christopher (Fire)



Men's Central Jail Closure Workgroup Update

Public Safety Cluster presentation

September 23, 2020

Agenda



Opening

Introductions & Overview—*Peter Espinoza, ODR Director and Assistant Sheriff Bruce Chase, LASD*

Structure & Process—*Karen Tamis, DHS*

Data Overview—*Michelle Parris, Vera Institute*

Committee Scopes of Work—*Committee Co-Chairs Jackie Clark-Weissman, Tim Belavich, Troy Vaughn, Herb Hatanaka,*

Questions

MCJ Closure Motion Overview



Deliverables – Direct the workgroup convened by the Maintaining a Reduced Jail Population Post-COVID motion, convened by ODR and LASD, to include consultation with CHS, community based stakeholders and service providers, and any other relevant partners, to provide bi-monthly reports to the Board on the issues and considerations that must be addressed in order for the County to close MCJ within one year while continuing to ensure public safety and providing appropriate services for individuals released early or diverted from incarceration.

Data Analysis - the workgroup will describe the population at MCJ and across facilities and estimate additional divertible populations and population reductions

MCJ Closure Motion Overview



Analysis + recommended action on the following, to close MCJ within one year:

- i. Plans for redistributing the existing population among the existing jail facilities without exceeding the BSCC rated capacity at other facilities;
- ii. The potential impact such redistribution would have on the remaining facilities, including intake and release procedures and transportation;
- iii. Plans for re-deploying community-based service providers and other programs from MCJ to other county or community facilities;
- iv. The status of renovations of Pitchess East and renovations / maintenance of other 5 facilities;
- v. An assessment of cost savings related to closing MCJ and an update on legislative / policy changes to secure funding (CEO, LASD, DHS, A-C and other partners directed)



MCJ holds 31% of the L.A. County jail population.

**Number of People
Incarcerated at MCJ**

4,064

**Number of People Incarcerated
in L.A. County Jail**

13,158



**The population at MCJ and
across the jail system is rising.**

<u>BSCC Rated Capacity*</u>	<u>Jul-Sept 2019 ADP</u>	<u>Jan-Mar 2020 ADP</u>	<u>Aug 5, 2020**</u>	<u>Aug 19, 2020</u>
3,512	4,526	4,479	3,673	4,064

* as of 4/24/2020

** as indicated in snapshot data provided by LASD to the MCJ Closure workgroup



Race/Ethnicity at MCJ

The racial disparities of the system are exacerbated at MCJ.

Race/Ethnicity	% of LA County total population	% of LA County jail population	% of MCJ population
Black	9%	29%	35%
Hispanic/Latinx	49%	52%	51%
White	26%	15%	11%



Sentence Status at MCJ

Nearly half of people incarcerated at MCJ are pretrial.

<u>Sentence Status</u>	<u>Number of People</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Pretrial	1,716	42%
Partially Sentenced	1,053	26%
Sentenced	1,295	32%
Grand Total	4,064	100%

Of the pretrial population at MCJ, 84% do not have holds and are likely incarcerated simply b/c they cannot afford bail.



Security Levels at MCJ

Most people at MCJ are classified as medium security.

Low Security: 558 people (14% of MCJ)

- **Largest percentage = Sentenced:** 411 (74%)

Medium Security: 2,439 people (60% of MCJ)

- **Largest percentage = Pretrial:** 1,116 (46%)

High Security: 1,067 people (26% of MCJ)

- **Largest percentage = Pretrial:** 510 (48%)

Work Structure and Calendar



MCJ Closure Workgroup

Co-Chairs: Peter Espinoza (ODR) and
Assistant Sheriff Bruce Chase (LASD)

Monthly Meetings

Data & Facilities Committee

Chairpersons: Dr. Tim Belavich (CHS), Joan Hubbell (CHS), Capt. Hugo Macias (LASD), Michelle Parris (Vera Institute)

Biweekly Meetings

Staff: Cheryl Newman Tarwater, Karen Tamis

Facilities & Population Analysis
Subcommittee

Operations Subcommittee

Services & Programs Committee

Chairpersons: Troy Vaughn (LARRP), Luis Pena (CHS), Jackie Clark-Weissman (CHS), Capt. Roel Garcia (LASD)

Biweekly Meetings

Staff: Elizabeth Kim, Shoshanna Scholar, Michelle Newell, Erica Shehane

Community Pathway
Subcommittee

Facility Pathway
Subcommittee

Funding Committee

Chairpersons: Herb Hatanaka (SSG), Brenda Doyle (CHS), Dir. Richard Martinez (LASD)

Biweekly Meetings

Staff: Rohini Khanna, Felix Tunador, Mariana Mendoza

Community Engagement Plan

Leads: Diana Zuniga (DHS), Diamond Lee (DHS), Reentry Health Advisory Collaborative (RHAC)

Community Engagement



- The Reentry Health Advisory Collaborative (RHAC), ATI Community Voting Members, and Racial Equity experts that supported the ATI Report development continue to maintain the ATI Work Group values of: (1) equity and racial justice, (2) inclusion of many voices, and (3) human-first language.
- This group will focus on activities that pertain to racial equity, community engagement and participatory budgeting.
- The ATI Community Engagement and Gender and Sexual Orientation Ad Hoc Committees held 6 virtual events in August with 9 community-based organizations to obtain feedback about the closure of Men's Central Jail.

Committee Descriptions



Data & Facilities: To collect, analyze and share information describing the population and physical structures across all jail facilities, estimate additional divertible population, and describe the impact MCJ closure would have on intake, release and transportation, as well as infrastructure.

- a. Chairs: Captain Hugo Macias, LASD; Dr. Tim Belavich & Joan Hubbell, CHS; Michelle Parris, Vera Institute of Justice
- b. Staff: Cheryl Newman-Tarwater & Karen Tamis

Committee Descriptions



Services & Programs: To identify a plan to redistribute the existing MCJ population who is not divertable among the remaining jail facilities, how to divert additional high-needs individuals to the community, and to redeploy community based service providers and other programs from MCJ to other county or community facilities to serve those being released or transferred.

- a. Chairs: Captain Roel Garcia, LASD; Luis Pena & Jackie Clark-Weissman, CHS; Troy Vaughn, LARRP
- b. Staff: Shoshanna Scholar, Elizabeth Kim, Michelle Newell & Erica Shehane

Committee Descriptions



Funding: To consider the costs required to fully build a community-based system of care, and provide clear guidance on realizing the “care first, jail last” model that the Board has adopted.

- a. Chairs: Director Richard Martinez, LASD; Brenda Doyle, CHS, & Herb Hatanaka, Special Services for Groups
- b. Staff: Rohini Khanna, Felix Tunador & Mariana Mendoza

Questions

