



AGENDA
JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
THE GLOBAL CENTER FOR HEALTH INNOVATION, ROOM 313
9:00 A.M.

Focus on Deciding How the “Could Be” Translates to the “Will Be”

Meeting Purpose

“ . . . to further the planning process by adopting a range of litigation spaces for the Courts, and beds for the Jail, as a basis for programming and continued development . . .

. . . to establish a Jail Population Management Committee as a foundation for coordinating, monitoring and communicating Jail Population initiatives.”

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Housekeeping & Protocol**
4. **Purpose of Meeting; Review of Agenda**
5. **Public Comment (Determinations #1 & #2)**
6. **Determination #1:**
The Steering Committee unanimously agrees to amend the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the New Justice Center Project (“MOU”) to add a provision providing for a super-majority vote to amend the MOU going forward.
 - a. **Discussion**
 - b. **Motion by Steering Committee**

- c. Further Discussion (if required)
- d. Vote

7. **Determination #2:**

A super-majority of the Executive Steering Committee agrees to amend the MOU to add the Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association as a member of the Executive Steering Committee.

- a. Discussion
- b. Motion by Steering Committee
- c. Further Discussion (if required)
- d. Vote

8. **Summary Overview of Best Practices for Court Planning for Potential Incorporation in Programming**

9. **Summary Overview of Best Practices for Jail Planning for Potential Incorporation in Programming**

10. **Explanation of Basis for Determination #3: Establish Range of Judicial Positions as Basis for Continued Programming & Planning for Court Facilities and Related Agencies**

- a. Presentation of Recommendation and Background
- b. Questions from Steering Committee

11. **Explanation of Bases for Determinations #4 and #5: Establish Range of Bed Space Capacity for Continued Programming & Planning for Detention Facilities, and Commitment to Jail Population Management Initiatives**

- a. Presentation of Recommendation and Background
- b. Questions from Steering Committee

12. **Public Comment (Determinations #3, #4 and #5)**

13. **Determination #3:**

The Steering Committee determines that planning for the Courts and related components will proceed based on an assumption of no less than 90 Judicial positions and no more than 94 Judicial positions and will focus on taking advantage of opportunities to right size space allowing for flexibility for final decision-making as part of implementation planning due to unknowns related to future caseload and allocation of judicial positions. At this early stage it is estimated that the ratio of litigation spaces to judicial officers will be in the range of 75% to 85%.

- a. Discussion
- b. Motion by Steering Committee
- c. Further Discussion (if required)
- d. Vote

14. Determination #4:

The Steering Committee determines that there are significant opportunities to reduce the population of the jail through a systemic approach to jail population management and reforms consistent with our commitment to public safety. We therefore determine that planning should proceed based on an assumption of a rated capacity for the jail of no less than 1,600 beds with a support core planned for no more than 2,400 beds. We recognize that these are bold initiatives but believe that this reflects current national trends and with a concerted effort of all parts of our justice system is achievable. However, should circumstances change, we further determine that the planning for the jail should allow for an incremental adjustment upward or downward within this range to a maximum capacity up to the 2,400 beds based on projections thru the year 2045.

- a. Discussion
- b. Motion by Steering Committee
- c. Further Discussion (if required)
- d. Vote

15. Determination #5:

The Steering Committee determines that significant evidence exists nationally to indicate that criminal justice system reform initiatives, if implemented, can reduce jail capacities significantly with no negative impact on public safety. Many of the reform initiatives will require (or will be enhanced through) the construction or renovation of jail facilities to reflect best practices, but implementation of many of the key reform initiatives can begin immediately.

Implementation of jail population reduction strategies does not come without cost, but actual cost in human capital and jail operating and construction costs will be significantly reduced if reform strategies are implemented and the jail population is reduced. We therefore determine that funding for jail population management initiatives should be given equal weight to funding for an improved Justice Center.

A Jail Population Management Committee, representative of all stakeholders, should be appointed to begin the process of developing a comprehensive and integrated approach to jail population management including the development of a criminal justice information system that will provide data on key management indicators for informed decision-making and allow monitoring over the multi-year planning period of jail renovation and/or construction and beyond.

The Steering Committee determines and supports implementation of jail population reduction strategies and overall justice system reform initiatives to assure that jail resources are used appropriately to serve our community.

- a. Discussion
- b. Motion by Steering Committee
- c. Further Discussion (if required)
- d. Vote

16. Next Steps / Next Meeting

17. Adjournment