



Prearrest Diversion Task Force |

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting date | time *Wednesday, July 23, 2025 | 3:00 pm* |
Meeting location *Microsoft Teams*

ATTENDEES

Meeting Facilitator: Kelly O'Meara, MPD, Adam Schutzman, CJCC

Attendees:

CJCC: Adam Schutzman, Kristy Love, Niloufer Taber, Dante' Daniel

PSA: Tiffany Manley

MPD: Kelly O'Meara

DBH: Anthony Hall, Dr. Chad Tillbrook

USAO: Elana Suttенberg, Katie Sessa

DMHHS: Sakina Thompson

OAG: Brian Kim

DC Council: Linn Groft, Warner Dixon

DCSC: Linda Castro, Tamira Roberson

DMPSJ: --

MEETING DISCUSSION

The purpose of the Prearrest Diversion Task Force is to review and assess best practices around prearrest diversion and to make recommendations for implementing prearrest diversion of certain misdemeanor crimes in the District of Columbia.

Meeting Process

The process of following Robert's Rules of Order was explained to the task force. The chair conducted a roll call vote and determined that a quorum was present. Next, the meeting minutes were considered and approved by the task force.

Community Organizations

The task force is required by the Secure DC Act of 2024 to add representatives from three community organizations: those with expertise in mental or behavioral health, substance use disorder, and housing issues, respectively. Members of the task force provided recommendations for the three required community organization members. The chairperson will appoint three representatives to the committee prior to the next task force meeting.



Addition of the Department of Human Services

The chairperson recommended the inclusion of the Department of Human Services into the Prearrest Diversion Task Force. The Department of Human Services was noted as integral to the success and effective implementation of the prearrest diversion pilot program in 2018. The task force voted, and the motion passed to include the Department of Human Services as a participating and voting member of the task force.

Prearrest Diversion Models

The CJCC provided an overview of prearrest diversion models in other cities and states including in Seattle, Tallahassee, Baltimore, and North Carolina. Information was provided on the process of the programs; the types of crimes approved for inclusion in the program; the service provider for case management; and any results from evaluations conducted to assess the effectiveness of the programs.

The task force considered potential gaps and opportunities in D.C. to incorporate a prearrest diversion program including eligibility, training, and cost. Discussions will continue at future task force meetings.

Sequential Intercept Model

The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) is a strategic framework designed to identify critical junctures in the criminal justice system where individuals with mental health or substance use disorders can be diverted into appropriate treatment and community support rather than deeper justice involvement. Any prearrest diversion program will take place at intercept 0 (community services) and intercept 1 (law enforcement & emergency response). In D.C., multiple offramps currently exist at these intercepts including mobile crisis teams, peer navigators, and crisis intervention officers. The task force will ensure the prearrest diversion program is situated appropriately in the D.C. Sequential Intercept Model.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

Decisions: Department of Human Services was voted unanimously to join the task force.

Actions:

Item	Agency
Select three community organizations with experience in mental or behavioral health, substance use disorder, and housing issues, respectively.	Chairperson, Kelly O'Meara
Fill out the scheduling form for future meeting dates	ALL
Review evaluation materials for the four Prearrest Diversion programs	ALL