

Shelby County Local JRAC Council

May 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Council Members Present: Nicole Alvis, Judge Apsley, Stephen Black, John DePrez, Bill Dwenger, Alison Everhart, Melissa Gharst, Chris Holder, Brad Landwerlen, David Lawson, Judge Meltzer, Rod Mohr, Judge Riggins, Brandon Robinson, Jerad Sipes, Scott Spears, Scarlett Tinsley-Price and Jaclyn Tweedy

Non-members Present: NA

The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm by Scarlett Tinsley-Price.

MINUTES

February 4, 2025, meeting minutes were reviewed and presented to the Council for approval. John DePrez made a motion to approve and was seconded by Scott Spears. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

Scheduled Topics:

OLD BUSINESS

- I. Jail Navigator:** Louie Koch was not present, but Jerad Sipes confirmed that a part-time position has been approved and posted. They are currently utilizing their QCC (Quality Correctional Care) staff to assist, as well as Hillary Martinez, until the position is filled. They are still trying to get approval for a full-time position.
- II. Mental Health Court:** Sarah Dudley was not present to give an update, but Alison Everhart summarized an email Sarah had sent: Due to the recent travel restrictions by the State, Sarah has been unable to shadow Johnson County's mental health court, although she hopes to shadow theirs or Hancock County's soon. Per Sarah's request, Ali reminded everyone that the Shelby County Suicide Prevention Coalition is hosting their first "Steps Against Stigma" walk this Saturday at the high school/middle school track. Judge Riggins spoke to Brandy in Johnson County about their mental health court. He discussed that the potential of losing resources, such as magistrate's court due to low numbers, it doesn't make sense to start a new program/court. Judge Meltzer noted we are better suited for a drug or re-entry court. Scott Spears asked if a problem-solving court could add to our court numbers and while it is possible, Judge Apsley noted that with criminal numbers down, there will likely be less referrals to problem solving courts. Jerad Sipes advised he has at least 5 people currently in jail that could benefit from a mental health. He noted that when he has individuals like that in jail, he will reach out to the prosecutor to discuss options. Judge Apsley discussed involuntary commitments and how some in our community may benefit from it. Stephen Black reported that Community East's mental health wing is expected to close in June, but Community North will remain. It was also mentioned that Johnson Memorial Health has an inpatient mental health

facility we can utilize. He explained that hospitals are taking a loss on services due to the State, so they are closing their mental health programs instead of decreasing services in other areas. Stephen noted that MHP has openings for outpatient mental health services and their turnaround time appears to be better than what Alison Everhart noted Gallahue offers.

- III. 2025 JRAC Goals:** At our last meeting, a couple goals were suggested – keep working on obtaining a full-time jail navigator and explore a mental health court. At today’s meeting, we discussed using the SIM mapping as a starting point for identifying goals and we discussed a gap in stable housing, which Stephen Black pointed out that 2 of our 3 goals during the SIM mapping centered around housing. Scarlett Tinsley-Price believes the City of Shelbyville is helping guide Dyan Current, a Salvation Army volunteer, network for private funding for a shelter. Stephen Black stated another goal would be onboarding the Jane Pauley clinic with JRAC as they will soon take over as our community mental health agency.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. None**

DISCUSSION

Judge Riggins mentioned a medication box for unhoused individuals to store their medications in. Scarlett said she recently watched a video about this and after the meeting, Rod Mohr sent a news article he found. [Program Provides Medical Lockers For Homeless People To Store Prescriptions - CBS Miami](#)

Rod also mentioned there is a possibility that The Salvation Army may close once Envoy Shannon Benner, Corps Officer, is finished.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Scarlett Tinsley-Price. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:40pm.

***Next JRAC Meeting: August 5, 2025, at 12:00pm at the Probation Department.**

Respectfully submitted,

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