

CJOC Data Warehouse Work Group Update

Work Group Appointment and Plan

At the CJOC March 19, 2024, meeting, the council appointed a working group¹ of four council members to collaborate with the Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) to satisfy requirements in [Senate Bill 11 \(2023\)](#). The findings of the work group will be brought to the full council for consideration and final recommendations, if any.

Meetings and Discussions

The work group held three work sessions within a span of 5 weeks. In collaboration with MBCC, Department of Administration (DOA), and Department of Corrections (COR), the work group developed data organization themes and identified information from contributing entities that would be necessary to answer criminal justice research questions.

In its discussions, the work group posed research questions that the criminal justice data warehouse should answer. From their questions, themes were identified for MBCC to consider when collecting data from contributing entities:

- Recidivism
- Profile of criminal justice system users
- Criminal justice system costs
- Effectiveness of COR programs
- Release condition data
- Trial delays
- Mental and behavioral health programs
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP)
- Operation of criminal justice system

The work group then discussed how the data within the criminal justice data warehouse could be used and identified 5 pillar statements and a mission statement:

1. Support policy making decisions.
2. Determine intervention efficacy.
3. Support staff & resource decisions.
4. Have an integrated source of reliable information.
5. Understand justice-involved individual personas.

Mission Statement

Enabling data-driven criminal justice policies and practices that improve system efficacy, promote public safety, and ensure efficient use of state resources.

MBCC compiled the information gathered from these conversations and produced an outline of the criminal justice data warehouse project to showcase to the full council. This organizational graphic includes information such as desired successful outcomes, stakeholders, etc. encompassing the intent of the project.

Draft Recommendations and Considerations

Alongside the draft outline of the criminal justice data warehouse project, the work group plans to continue discussing needs identified such as but not limited to:

- Next steps in the criminal justice data warehouse project.
- Draft legislation language for project priorities in the 2025-2025 interim.
- Criminal justice data warehouse project funding allocation.

¹ CJOC Data Warehouse Work Group webpage: leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/cjoc/cjoc-data-work-group/