

# COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE **June 9, 2021** MEETING Meeting Conducted Via Microsoft Teams

### **MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Chair Pro Tem: Chief Adolfo Gonzales, County Chief Probation Officer,  
Vice Chair of CCJCC

William Bodner, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration  
Beatriz Dieringer, California League of Cities  
Mark Diorio for Selwyn Hollins, Director, County Internal Services Department  
Elaine Duong for Richard Llewellyn, Los Angeles City Administrative Officer  
\*Nicole Gougis for Mike Feuer, Los Angeles City Attorney  
Jenna Grigsby-Taggart, President, County Prosecutors Association  
\*Jason Hasty for Debra Duardo, Superintendent, County Office of Education  
T. Warren Jackson for Ed Eng, County Economy and Efficiency Commission  
Robin Limon for Alex Villanueva, Sheriff  
Jonathan Lucas, County Coroner – Chief Medical Examiner  
Edward McIntyre for Jacki Bacharach, County Quality & Productivity Commission  
Dean Milligan, President, Southeast Police Chiefs Association  
William Stone for Ricardo Garcia, County Public Defender  
Susan Sullivan Pithey for Robert Bonta, California Attorney General  
Rachel Teitelbaum for Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Kip Thompson for Jonathan Sherin, Director, County Department of Mental Health  
\*Thida Van for Fesia Davenport, County Chief Executive Officer  
Andrea Welsing for Barbara Ferrer, Director, County Department of Public Health

**\*Not a designated alternate**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS**

Adolfo Gonzales, County Chief Probation Officer, Chair Pro Tem

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Chief Adolfo Gonzales, County Chief Probation Officer, Chair Pro Tem.

### **II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

### **III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Adolfo Gonzales, County Chief Probation Officer, Chair Pro Tem

There were no requests for revisions to the minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting.

William Bodner, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, made a motion to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Jonathan Lucas, County Coroner – Chief Medical Examiner.

**ACTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting was approved without objection.**

**IV. LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (LA-RICS)**

Scott Edson (Ret. LASD Chief), Executive Director, LA-RICS

Scott Edson (Sheriff's Department Chief, Retired), Executive Director of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS), provided an update on the LA-RICS initiative to improve radio and broadband communication among emergency responders in Los Angeles County.

As background, public safety agencies for 88 cities and the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County currently use a patchwork of 40 aging radio networks.

The LA-RICS' initiative will replace this system with a state-of-the-art network solely dedicated to emergency responders. Police, firefighters, and paramedics will be able to communicate directly with users outside of their agencies.

LA-RICS is a Joint Powers Authority that was formed in 2009 to design, build, operate, and maintain the Public Safety Broadband Network and Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Voice System for all first responders in the county.

The system is mostly funded by grant funds, with some grant fund matches and some administrative costs covered by the County of Los Angeles.

The Public Safety Broadband Data Network was built first and was built to public safety grade (i.e., redundant power, redundant circuits, and structural integrity). It has also been absorbed into the national public safety broadband network that the federal government is building across the nation.

The Land Mobile Radio Voice System is nearly completed and will be a new system for the Sheriff's Department and County Fire Department, which will be the initial dedicated users on the system.

The system will be interoperable with City of Los Angeles and other systems in the region as well.

LA-RICS will be a subscription-based system available to any first and second responders in Los Angeles County. It is anticipated that the cost will be around \$30 per month per

user, although this is not yet confirmed. The subscription will include all maintenance and a replacement radio system in the future.

It is hoped that the system will go live in the first quarter of 2023.

In response to a query from Beatriz Dieringer of the California League of Cities, Mr. Edson stated that there will be 58 sites (towers) spread throughout the county to maximize the coverage. He also stated that he can share the approximate coverage maps.

Further information on LA-RICS can be found at the following link:

<https://www.la-rics.org/>

**ACTION: For information only.**

#### **V. ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (ATI) OFFICE**

Judge Songhai Armstead (Ret.), Executive Director, ATI Office

Judge Songhai Armstead (Retired), Executive Director of the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Office, provided an overview of ATI efforts, strategies, and programs.

The ATI Office builds on the work of the ATI Work Group, which was established by the Board of Supervisors on February 12, 2019. The Work Group put forward a report that included five overarching strategies, 26 foundational recommendations, and 114 overall recommendations.

On March 10, 2020, the Board adopted the five strategies, directed the creation of the Los Angeles County ATI Unit, and directed that the new initiative should begin to develop a strategic plan to implement the “care first, jails last” approach to Los Angeles County.

Judge Armstead noted that the ATI Office is housed within the CEO’s Office and is charged with countywide oversight to realize the Board’s vision of transforming Los Angeles County’s criminal justice system.

The ATI Office is responsible for the following:

- Policy development and countywide strategy to achieve justice system reform in the County of Los Angeles
- Cross-functional coordination of efforts across all 7 Intercepts (referenced below)
- Program pilots and incubation
- Metrics and outcome evaluation
- Funding recommendations

ATI utilizes the Sequential Intercept Model that has been modified over time. The current version has Intercept 00 through Intercept 5, which are as follows:

- Intercept 00: Healthy Community Supports & Infrastructure
- Intercept 0: Community Response & Intervention
- Intercept 1: Law Enforcement Contact Up To Arrest
- Intercept 2: Initial Detention & Filing Decision
- Intercept 3: Jail Custody & Court Process
- Intercept 4: Reentry Planning & Release
- Intercept 5: Supervision in the Community

Intercepts 00 and 0 are relatively new. Intercept 00 looks at giving individuals resources prior to contact with the justice system so that they are less likely to fall into a crisis, which is at Intercept 0.

Intercepts 1 through 5 represent the criminal justice system and correspond to key criminal justice processing decision points.

The following information was provided for Intercepts 1 through 5:

- Intercept 1: Law Enforcement Contact Up to Arrest  
 Starts: 911 call or law enforcement response to an alleged crime in progress  
 Ends: Determination of criminal act leading to arrest, or otherwise release  
 Key criminal justice processing decision: Arrest or not?  
 Key justice decision-maker: Law Enforcement
- Intercept 2: Initial Detention & Filing Decision  
 ATI Goal: Avoid Charges Being Filed  
 Starts: Transport to jail upon arrest  
 Ends: Arraignment, if criminal charges filed  
 Key criminal justice processing decision: File charge or not?  
 Key justice decision-maker: Prosecutor
- Intercept 3: Jail Custody & Court Process  
 ATI Goal: Minimize Time in Pre-Trial Detention  
 Starts: Arraignment  
 Ends: Release from jail custody  
 Key criminal justice processing decision: Disposition of case  
 Key justice decision-maker: Judiciary/Prosecution
- Intercept 4: Reentry Planning & Release  
 ATI Goal: Facilitating Successful Reentry (Avoid Recidivism)  
 Starts: Upon entering jail custody (technically as early as Intercept 2)  
 Ends: Release into the community  
 Key criminal justice processing decision: Mandated supervision (or not)

Key justice decision-maker: Court

- Intercept 5: Supervision in the Community

ATI Goal: Provide Continued & Permanent Access To Resources After Transition From Jail To Community To Prevent Recidivism

Starts: Reentry into the community

End-goal: Prevent “onramps” back into the justice system (i.e., recidivism)

Successful factors for Intercept 5, include: Accessible healthcare; Permanent supportive housing; Ongoing peer and family support; Education access and employment opportunities; and Food and income support.

As noted, the Intercept Model was expanded with Intercept 0 and 00. There are many diversion strategies that can be implemented before an individual is placed in jail. These Intercept points focus on the “front end” of the system:

- Intercept 0: Community Response & Intervention

ATI Goal: Utilize Non-law enforcement response when possible

Start point: Crisis event

End Point: Law enforcement dispatched to scene

Key intercept processing decision: Triage appropriate response

Key decision-maker: Crisis Call Center

- Intercept 00: Healthy Community Supports and Infrastructure

ATI Goal: Establish and Support Vibrant and Resilient Communities

This seeks to address the root causes of negative outcomes by focusing on investing in areas such as: Health; Housing; Employment; Education; Family/Support Networks; and Food and Income Support.

Judge Armstead reviewed the following current ATI Office efforts and how they pertain to the various Intercept points:

- Measure J Re-Imagine LA Budgeting Process – Intercept 00

This looks at the use of Measure J funding.

- Alternative Crisis Response – Intercept 0

This is a countywide collaboration to design and implement 9-8-8, an alternative to 9-1-1 response to mental health crisis calls.

- Pre-File Diversion Program – Intercept 2

Launching on June 14<sup>th</sup>, this program identifies candidates to divert to housing and community-based services instead of jail.

- Rapid Diversion Court Program (RDP) – Intercept 3  
This installs DMH and SSG/Project 180 clinicians and service navigators to intercept high-needs/high-risk individuals at arraignment and pretrial, and then link them to treatment and services.
- Returning Home Well LA – Intercepts 4 and 5  
This is currently in the works.
- ATI Incubation Academy  
This scales community capacity to provide treatment and services (to programs like RDP and pre-file diversion) by funding capacity-building of smaller community-based organizations (CBOs) and pairing them with larger, contracted non-profits to provide technical assistance.
- ATI Service & Bed Availability Navigator System (ATI App)  
This provides a universal tool for system navigators (including those that are part of RDP and the pre-file diversion program) to identify a person’s needs and link to appropriate services and beds in real time. The ATI Office recently launched a Request for Information (RFI) to solicit information for prospective technology vendors and solutions (open through June).

Chief Dean Milligan, President of the Southeast Police Chiefs Association, asked if a copy of this presentation can be made available to members. Mr. Delgado stated that his office will send out copy of the presentation and post a link to it on the CCJCC website (<http://ccjcc.lacounty.gov/Meetings>).

More information on the ATI Office can be found at the following link:

<https://ceo.lacounty.gov/ati/>

**ACTION: For information only.**

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.