

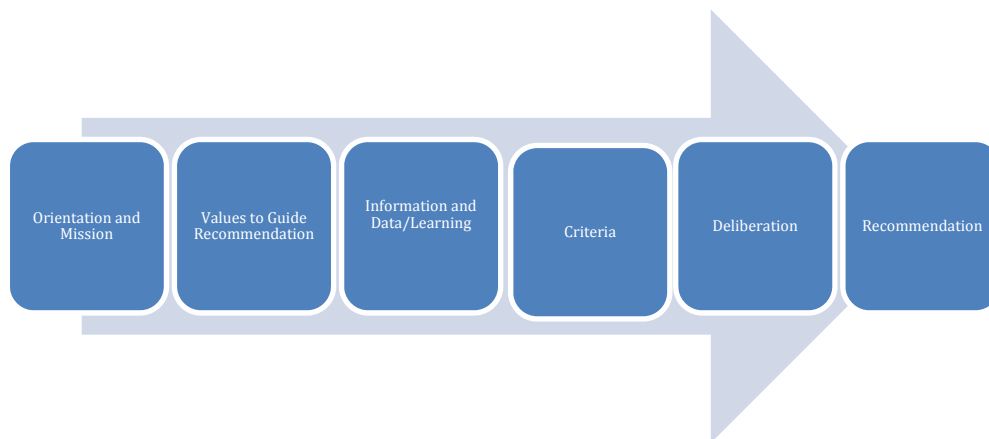
Clark County Correction Facility Advisory Commission Status Report June 13, 2018

Commission Purpose:

The Clark County Corrections Facility Advisory Commission (CFAC) will provide the Clark County Council with:

1. An assessment of:
 - a. The need for improved correction facility design, capacity and services;
 - b. The options for improving correction facility design, capacity and services; and
 - c. Community service level expectations
2. A recommended solution for the scope and timing for improved correction facility design, capacity, and service based on assessment results, community service level expectations, and potentially available resources.

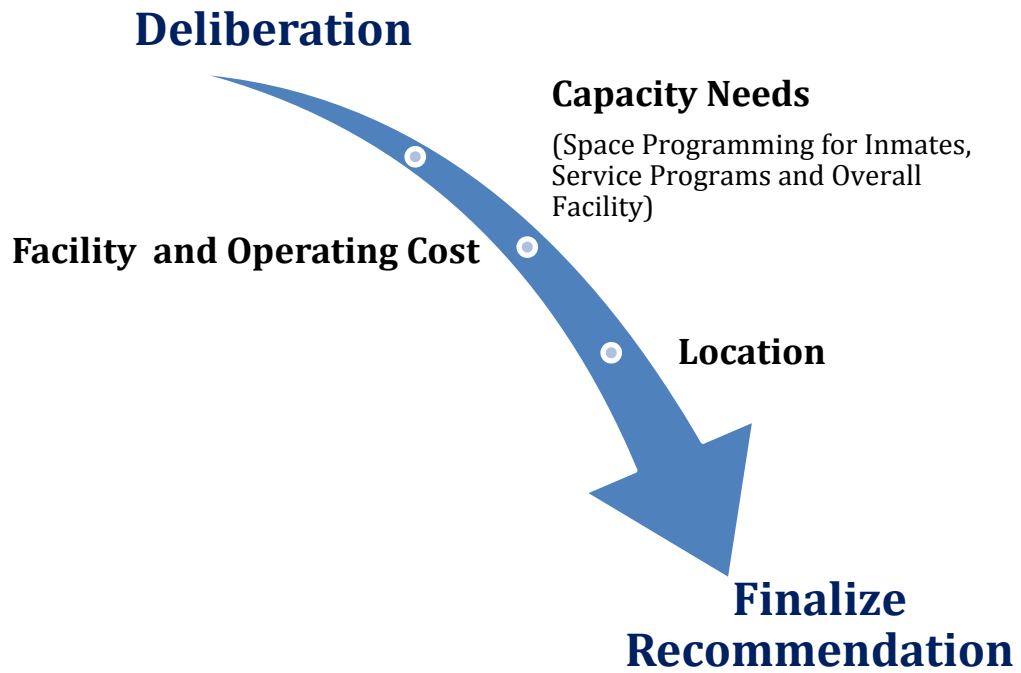
Workplan



Schedule

April 24	Orientation/Mission/Background
May 8	Best Practices / Jail Need / Objectives
May 15	Jail Tours: Clark County and Washington County
May 22	Tour Debrief / Values Discussion
June 12	Values to Guide Recommendation and Presentations on Courts
June 26	Information Sharing and Presentation on Trends and Best Practices
July 10	Jail Capacity Needs and Presentation on Social Services

July 24	Jail Location, Siting, and Cost
July/Aug	Public Survey
Sept 11	Commission Meeting #8 – Deliberation
Sept 25	Commission Meeting #9 – Deliberation
Oct 9	Recommendation(s) Finalized
Oct 23	Final Report
Nov 1	Final Report Complete



June 2018 Progress

Values

The values below were developed by CFAC at their May 22, 2018 meeting.

The values help CFAC members focus on what they believe should be achieved by a correction facility. Values define what is important to commission members and to the community at large.

These values will be confirmed via a public survey in July or August that will allow members of the community to respond to correction facility ideas.

The values will direct the CFAC's decisions and recommendations to the county council. The CFAC will consult these values as they strive to reach consensus on how to improve the correction facility and provide balanced services for the inmate community.

1. Improved Facility Design

a) A new jail design process should:

- ❖ Identify core needs for the facility;
- ❖ Base costs on data;
- ❖ Meet user needs, as much as possible
- ❖ Consider community-compatible design;
- ❖ Offer space and use flexibility for future needs;
- ❖ Use of successful design features from other jails;
- ❖ Be compatible with courts and all related facilities;
- ❖ Develop efficient and sustainable operating costs; and
- ❖ Consider using more than one site;

b) Improved facility design should address:

- ❖ Efficiency;
- ❖ Technology integration;
- ❖ Staff and public safety;
- ❖ Health needs of inmates, staff and visitors;
- ❖ Space and programming needs all users
- ❖ Community Design;
- ❖ Location; and
- ❖ Humane environments;

2. Jail Capacity

a) To address jail capacity:

- ❖ Designs should be flexible and scalable;
- ❖ Consider opportunities for alternative sentencing and diversion programs;

- ❖ Consider opportunities for more court space in Clark County; and
 - ❖ Address the needs for jail growth over the next 30-50 years.
- 3. Services to support the jail – both inside the jail and in the community**
- a) Services should use:**
- ❖ Best practices from other successful programs; and
 - ❖ A trauma-informed approach to help inmates who have experienced past trauma;
- b) Services inside the jail and in the community should be:**
- ❖ Right-sized to meet needs, but more plentiful than current offerings;
 - ❖ Integrated with the community;
 - ❖ Designed to teach, guide and help;
 - ❖ Compassionate to inmates;
 - ❖ Proactive; and
 - ❖ Supported with sufficient space and amenities;
- c) Inmate discipline programs in the jail should be incentive-based.**
- 4. Fiscal Stewardship – The recommendation should:**
- a) Be fiscally prudent; and**
- b) Seek an outcome/results-driven proposal;**
- 5. Community– The CFAC should:**
- a) Pursue a recommendation anticipated to be supported by the voters; and**
- b) Address sustainable and resilient capital and operating costs**

Discussion Parameters

The first CFAC meetings confirmed that the correction facility is one part of a larger law and justice system. The system includes officers on the street, judges, social service providers, defense and prosecution attorneys, neighbors, families and others.

When discussing this complex system it is possible to lose focus on the CFAC purpose, which is to examine a correction facility. While all the participants in the system are important and contribute to correction facility needs and potential solutions, it is easy to expand project scope.

On June 12 CFAC developed and endorsed discussion parameters to help focus on the task assigned by the county council. The discussion parameters reflect the mission and the values identified by CFAC. CFAC requested data to support deliberation in these areas.

1. Space considerations for the new/renovated jail will include:
 - a. Bed capacity needs based on existing trends in population, crime, and recidivism rates.
 - b. Staff and inmate safety
 - c. Effective function with courts, visitors, and programmatic needs
 - d. Maximizing direct supervision model implementation
2. Cost considerations will include:
 - a. Ability to fund operations
 - b. Ability to fund capital costs
3. Programmatic considerations will include:
 - a. Existing external diversionary program and trends framework
 - b. Ability to provide internal social service and treatment programs
 - c. Ability to provide re-entry support internally and externally to the jail
4. Location considerations will include:
 - a. Ability to provide necessary space for beds, programs, and other functions
 - b. Minimizing operational cost
 - c. Adaptability to surrounding community
 - d. Meeting community expectations
 - e. Scalability to meet future growth needs
 - f. Options for multiple locations
 - g. Ability to meet zoning regulations and comprehensive plan designations
5. Community considerations include:
 - a. Voter support
 - b. Community support and needs for the jail
 - c. Community impact and safety for adjacent neighbors

Find more information and follow the work.

Consult the web page at <https://www.clark.wa.gov/councilors>

Meeting times, locations and agendas are included on the website.

Attend CFAC meetings, all meetings are open to the public.

Talk with a CFAC member. Members are listed on the website.

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