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Subject: RE: Jail Population Committee

Ms. Monge,

My name is Leah Garabedian, Chief Criminal Justice Strategist here in Harris County. I and my team support the efforts of our justice stakeholders broadly, and we provide the strategic planning for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and its standing committees.

Attached is an org chart of our CJCC, with committees restructured in May 2017. As you will see, we have a Jail Population Committee, but that committee is still in formation. Historically, the CJCC has served as the jail population management oversight, and it was the growing jail population that helped inspire the formation of the CJCC in 2009. I have also attached our CJCC bylaws, member chart, and meeting schedule.

Collaborative boards or committees are essential to getting the key decision makers communicating and on the same page. But as you note, ensuring that they are productive and efficient is not an easy endeavor. I am ccing Aimee Wickman from the Justice Management Institute – she manages the [National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils](#) and might be able to provide you with additional materials to support your efforts.

If helpful, perhaps we can set up a call for some time in early February. Good luck and let me know how we might be helpful.

Sincerely,
Leah Garabedian