



## **BRIEFING for Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot**

**Re:** Meeting with Cook County Jail Stakeholders  
**Address:** City Hall, 121 North LaSalle Street, RM 1103  
**Dial-In Info:** Dial-in: 312-535-8110 / Access code: 965 442 995 /PIN: 4312  
**Date and Time:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 6:00 PM  
**Neighborhood:** Downtown  
**Alderman, Ward:**  
**From:** Public Safety

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### **PURPOSE**

YOU are meeting with Cook County Jail Stakeholders as a follow-up to your meeting with Rev. Jackson and several other prominent black ministers including Rev Meeks, Rev Eaddy and Rev Jeanette Wilson as well as President Preckwinkle. The meeting will focus on providing support services to jail detainees broadly and individuals on electronic monitoring, specifically. Currently, the EM population does not have much supervision or access to services due to limited County resources.

### **PARTICIPANTS**

- Rev. Jesse Jackson
- Rev. Wilson
- Rev. Eaddy
- President Toni Preckwinkle
- Chief Judge Evans
- Judge LeRoy Martin
- Sheriff Tom Dart
- State's Attorney Kim Foxx

#### **City Participants:**

- Superintendent Brown
- Bob Boik
- Dr. Allison Arwady, CDPH
- Lisa Morrison Butler, DFSS

#### **Mayoral Staff:**

- Maurice Classen
- Kelsey Nulph
- Susan Lee
- Norman Kerr
- Vance Henry
- JD Van Slyke



- Sybil Madison
- Dan Lurie

## **PRESS PLAN**

The event is CLOSED to press

## **BACKGROUND**

Approximately 4000 individuals are on electronic monitoring (i.e. 1300 through courts and 3300 through Sheriff's). The number has increased since COVID in an effort to decompress the jails. Sheriff has publicly stated that he has limited resources to monitor and supervise those on EM and almost no services are currently offered to them.

Although there is no comprehensive data, YOU have great concern that the individuals on electronic monitoring are both drivers of violence and victims as demonstrated by some anecdotal evidence. This was discussed previously with Chief Judge Evans, Judge Leroy Martin and State's Attorney Kim Foxx. There is agreement among stakeholders that targeted interventions with the EM population is in the best interest of City and County.

Mayor's Office, CDPH and DFSS have begun the work of surveying the services that are available through city entities or delegate agencies. The critical issue will be how the EM population will be connected to existing services and who will track service provision through case management services. During early weeks of COVID, Mayor's public safety team worked hard to engage with County stakeholders to receive prior notice and contact information about those being released from the jails. This effort was unsuccessful because County did not feel they could release the names and contact information of those being released on privacy reasons unless the person consented (i.e. detainees are not convicted of any crime at the time of release therefore cannot be mandated to share personal information). Given this limitation, Mayor's Office believes that TASC, a current contractor to the County, may be the best entity to make first contact with the EM population, provide case management and link them to City and County resources. This effort will require resources to match the complex needs of the population as well as the potential large number of individuals to be served.

## **DETAILS**

Format: round table discussion

## **TALKING POINTS**

- There are currently 4,000 individuals that have been released from the County jails on the condition of electronic monitoring. Currently, none of them receive services or individualized monitoring
- There is a concern that some of these individuals are victims and drivers of violence



- YOU would like to partner with the courts and the Sheriff to better be in contact and serve this population
- YOU believe that standing up targeted interventions with the EM population is in the City's best interest
- YOU feel strongly that the approach we take cannot be one size fits all and must include services that range from case management, health, legal, housing, job training/placement, and GED education
- YOU recognize that this will not be cost free but feel strongly that is costing us even more now in indirect ways such as violence