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County, Justice Council partner with White House on Data-Driven Justice Initiative

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Coconino County and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) are proud to partner with the White House to launch the Data-Driven Justice Initiative.

The initiative is led by a bipartisan coalition of 67 city, county and state governments who have committed to growing integrating data-driven strategies that divert low-level offenders with mental illness out of the criminal justice system as well as change the current method of pre-trial incarceration.

“This is an exciting collaboration with the White House for Coconino County, the City of Flagstaff and our other community partners. The CJCC embarked on gaining access to and utilizing accurate data three years ago through the hard work of CJCC Coordinator Toby Olvera and the Chief Adult Probation Officer Sarah Douthit,” said CJCC Chair Judge Dan Slayton. “This joint program with the White House will assist us in helping to better understand effective treatment strategies for our offenders, stabilize individuals and families, and increase the safety of the citizens in our County.”

The main goals of the initiative are to enable the coalition to implement innovative strategies which will reduce the jail population in several Coconino County communities. The initiative will also enable industry leaders to analyze new justice models with advanced technologies, and utilize data scientists and researchers which will allow for more efficient data sharing.

“Along with the success of the County Sheriff’s Exodus Program and the efforts of our partner in the City of Flagstaff, this initiative will be important in reducing recidivism in the County and saving taxpayer dollars,” stated CJCC County Representative and District 4 Supervisor Mandy Metzger. “I am proud of the course CJCC and Judge Slayton have already begun as we work to keep our communities safe and healthy.”

The CJCC is comprised of 34 Northern Arizona agencies, including county staff, county and city courts, municipalities, public defenders, probation officers, school districts and private organizations. The council pools their resources to address public safety issues across jurisdictions throughout the County.

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