

- *Blurb within Santa Barbara County's FY 2021-22 Realignment Plan describing the CJDC :*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA COMMITTEE

The Criminal Justice Data Committee (CJDC) is a collaboration of six (6) county agencies that facilitate cross-agency data sharing so that the entire justice system can better gather comprehensive information for decision and policy making. Current participating agencies include the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (SBSO), District Attorney's (DA) Office, Public Defender's Office (PD), Superior Court, Department of Behavioral Wellness (DBW) and the Santa Barbara County Probation Department.

The CJDC is tasked with developing a data exchange infrastructure, process, and governance to enhance the ability to collect and analyze data on shared clients and improve data integration between agencies. To this end, the group has developed a Master Name Index (MNI). The MNI is an innovation that resolves a core issue of cross-agency data sharing through its creation of a virtual 'handshake', or index allowing disparate systems to identify common clients regardless of where a justice-involved individual's data exists. With the MNI in place, partner agencies can confidently connect their data and begin to explore workload efficiencies and applications to improve customer service as well as create reports and visualizations of the data.

In FY 2020-2021, the number of agencies contributing to the MNI expanded to include the PD's Office as the fourth agency –in addition to Probation, SBSO and the Superior Court- as contributing members to the MNI. Locally, the County is able to pull and report recidivism data in part because of the County's partnership with the Results First Initiative-now called the CSAC Support Hub for Criminal Justice Programming-as well as its data exchange partnerships with the Sheriff and Superior Court through the work of the CJDC. In addition, in FY 2020-2021, the CJDC also began to authorize particular recurring data exchanges between departments allowing for workload efficiencies to be realized.