

RECOMMENDATION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL ON THE FORMATION OF A CJC SUB-COMMITTEE TO GUIDE COMMUNITY JUSTICE/COURT INITIATIVES IN DANE COUNTY

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Community Court grant envisions a collaborative group of community members and criminal justice stakeholders to advise the planning and implementation of the community court / justice initiative. The Dane County Criminal Justice Council (CJC) - Racial Disparities subcommittee recommends creation of a CJC subcommittee to guide the planning and implementation of the community court / justice initiative. This new CJC subcommittee should be comprised of the following: the members of the CJC-Racial Disparities subcommittee plus the designee for each of the seven agencies that participated in the pre-engagement sessions for the community justice center in 2020. These include: Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership, Just Dane, Centro Hispano, Hmong Institute, JFMJ Academy, Inc. (formerly Charles Hamilton Houston Institute), Families Back to the Table, and Urban Triage; additionally the Director (or designee) of the District Attorney's Victim Witness Unit should be included as a member.

The duties of the CJC-Community Court Advisory subcommittee shall include community engagement in the development of recommendations to the Criminal Justice Council of Dane County. Recommendations should include: allowable offenses, social service supports, pathways to education and employment, drug and alcohol treatment needs, and other therapeutic services to reduce future criminal justice involvement. Committee will meet a minimum of twice per month for the planning phase (six months) with potential continuation at a level determined by the CJC of Dane County.

Sunset upon completion of the BJA Community Court grant.

Staffing shall be initially provided by the County Board Office to be replaced by staff for the new Office of Justice Reform and Equity upon its creation.