



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee Criminal Justice Council

Thursday, May 1, 2014

12:00 PM

City County Building - Room 351

A. Call To Order

Present 5 - SHARON CORRIGAN, JOE PARISI, JUAN COLAS, CARLO ESQUEDA, and ISMAEL OZANNE

Excused 1 - DAVE MAHONEY

Advisory members Watson and Bayrd (for Rusk) were in attendance.

Others present: Heinrich, Russell, Green, Kostelic, Clark-Bernhardt, Thurlow.

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

C. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2014 MIN-031](#) Dane County Criminal Justice Council: Minutes of the March 27, 2014 Meeting

Attachments: [CJC minutes 3-27-14.pdf](#)

A motion was made by ESQUEDA, seconded by PARISI, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

D. Action Items

1. [2013 RES-284](#) DANE COUNTY EQUITY INITIATIVE

Sponsors: STUBBS, BAYRD, WEGLEITNER, McCARVILLE, KOLAR, RUSK, SOLBERG, ZWEIFEL, HENDRICK, KRAUSE, PAN, MATANO, DYE, LEVIN, MILES, SALOV, CLAUDIUS and de FELICE

Attachments: [2013 RES-284.pdf](#)

Res. 284, 13-14 Dane County Equity Initiative was before the Council for their information. Russell spoke of the City of Madison effort. Discussion ensued regarding the development of an equity impact analysis tool, and the need to identify a equity leader in each department. Bayrd indicated an interest in having a joint meeting and presentation regarding the City's work. No vote was taken.

2. Consideration of the Recommendations from the Racial Disparities Subcommittee regarding the Community Court

Clark-Bernhardt provided background regarding the community court effort. Factors that lead to the subcommittee's recommendation that the restorative justice initiative be in South Madison include support at the MPD precinct and from community officers, strong community stakeholders, and a seasoned JFF staff. The Department of Human Services is in the process of hiring a coordinator. The next step will be a series of meetings in the neighborhood.

The Council approved the recommendation of the Racial Justice Subcommittee that the Dane County community justice initiative be located on the South Side of Madison.

E. Presentations

1. Presentation on Dane County Jury Selection and Demographics

Esqueda made a presentation on jury selection and demographics. To be representative, a jury must be selected at random and individuals must have an equal opportunity to be selected. He reviewed a number of statistics, indicating that the array is the master list, the pool is 300 people a week, a panel is a group of 30 jurors, and then 6 to 14 jurors are chosen. Under optimal conditions, Esqueda would predict 1 African American per jury. Discussion ensued regarding the small number of jury trials, and whether jury composition has an effect on disposition.

2. Data and Evidence Based Decision Making

The Council set aside discussion of this item for another meeting.

3. Discussion of Municipal Forfeitures

Parisi indicated an interest in reaction to the range of cost for municipal forfeiture for marijuana possession. He suggested a survey of municipal courts to determine the range of fines and surcharges. Watson would be interested in fines for all misdemeanor offenses. Discussion ensued regarding how wages are garnished to pay fines, and the effect that can have on employment.

4. 2014 CJC Priorities

The Council set this aside to the next meeting.

F. Reports to Committee

1. Agency Updates

The Council set this aside until the next meeting.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.