



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council - Racial Disparities Sub Committee

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

12:00 PM

City County Building - Room 351

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by McNamara at 12:03 pm.

- Present** 6 - SHELIA STUBBS, RON CHANCE, NICK MCNAMARA, DOROTHEA WATSON,
JUNE GROEHLER, and WESLEY SPARKMAN
- Excused** 1 - JOHN BAUMAN
- Absent** 2 - ISMAEL OZANNE, and RICHELLE ANHALT

Staff present: N. Reyes and C. Hanson

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017
MIN-018](#) CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL - RACIAL DISPARITIES SUB
COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 3-28-17

Attachments: [2017 MIN-018 CJC-RD Minutes of 3-28-17](#)

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

[2017
RPT-115](#) REGISTRATION BEFORE COUNTY COMMITTEE FORMS - CJC RD

Attachments: [2017 RPT-115 REGISTRATION BEFORE COUNTY COMMITTEE FORMS - CJC RD](#)

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

C. Hanson presented on Gender Responsivity in Jail

1. Gender Responsivity In Jail

[2017
PRES-011](#)

BRINGING GENDER RESPONSIVENESS TO THE DANE COUNTY
JAIL

Attachments: [2017 PRES-011 Bringing Gender Responsiveness to Dane County Jail](#)

E. Reports

1. Community Restorative Court Update

1. *Innovation fund timeline:*
 - a. *In the middle of expansion*
 - b. *Meeting in Denver on Sunday, May 7th to meet with other recipients*
 - i. *Timelines and objectives*
 - ii. *Identified peacemaker training in June, Sept, November and Feb*
 - a. *16 hours in 4 hour segments*
 - b. *Welcoming referrals for peacemakers*
 - iii. *Educational seminars for PMs and communities abreast of current issues in RJ and CJ trends*
 - iv. *4 community service days*
 - v. *Discussion ensued about rate and locations of expansion*
2. *CRC database in process*
3. *Discussion ensued on Social Worker Position update*
 - a. *Job posting in July*
4. *Discussion ensued about Peacemaker trainings and refresher trainings for existing peacemakers.*
5. *Discussion ensued regarding youth restorative practice expansion.*

2. Grants Update

1. *Innovation fund will be implemented soon, getting some details worked out and the funds*
2. *Discussion of other grant opportunities regarding justice reform. Vera recently sent out a request for letter of interest for Safe Cities Grant (Deportation Defense for Immigrants).*
3. *N. Reyes and C. Clark-Bernhardt 3rd training in Chicago and final (Grant Funded activity)*

F. Agency Updates

1. *Internal racial disparity impact committee will meet regarding on retail theft*
 - a. *Discussion Judge letter to retailers encouraging CRC involvement*
 - b. *Merchants and retailers going after civilly for 2-3 times value of what was taken*
 - i. *Look at best practices instead of bringing someone into the judicial system*
 - ii. *Discussion regarding CRC participants being pursued civilly and even in cases where person did not take merchandise out of the store – the store still has the right to get 2-3 times value via civil proceedings*
 - c. *Looking at getting vendors to change policy.*
 - d. *Discussion ensued about locations of most retail theft arrests and ways businesses are handling it.*
 - e. *Discussion ensued about programs around the nation that target retail theft in a restorative matter.*
2. *PSA officially launched, no report yet on how things are going. Would be interested to hear from public defender*
 - a. *Discussion ensued on the implementation of the PSA and updates from the last month*
3. *GARE Conference in Oakland*
4. *Discussion ensued on the loss of lawyers for public defenders office and how it is affecting their office and caseloads.*

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be held Tuesday,

Discussion regarding changing the meeting time from 12:00P.

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

1. *McNamara made a motion to note the passing of Community Leader and dedicated citizen Mark Hoover. Stubbs, second this motion with special note of involvement with the community through his commitment to criminal justice issues*
2. *We note the untimely death of dedicated community reformer, Mark Hoover, and extend condolences to his family. Mark was an intelligent, compassionate and persistent citizen activist. We will miss his presence, advice and steady guidance in finding ways to improve criminal justice in our community.*

J. Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice L. Lee, subject to council approval.