



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council

Thursday, July 27, 2017

12:15 PM

City-County Building Room 351

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Present 5 - JOE PARISI, DAVE MAHONEY, CARLO ESQUEDA, ISMAEL OZANNE, and NICK MCNAMARA

Excused 2 - SHARON CORRIGAN, and JUAN COLAS

Other members present: Meurer, Weirsma and Ackerert

Others present: Representatives from MOSES: Bambi Jackson, Diane Norman, Sr. Fran Hoffman, Paul Saeman, Marilyn Townsend, Jeanie Verschay, Lynn Butorns, Karen Julesberg, Carol Rubin

Representative from DCSO: Jeff Hook

Representative from Department of Corrections: Constance Hewitt

Representatives from Division of Hearings and Appeals DOC: Sally Pederson and Rachel Pings

Representatives from Public Health Madison & Dane County: Jerrett Jones

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2017 MIN-182](#) MINUTES OF THE 6/22/17 CJC MEETING

Attachments: [2017 MIN-182](#)

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

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

1. Re-Entry Court

L. Weirsmas from DOC along with Community Corrections and the Division of Hearings and Appeals provided a history of the re-entry court concept. Ozanne added information regarding the Harlem example.

DOC hopes to start their pilot in Dane County in September. Weirsmas stressed that this is not a formal "court" and that it will utilize administrative law judges.

The Public Defender's Office has been involved in shaping this initiative. The goals of the program will be to improve safety and accountability, reduce recidivism, improve compliance, provide treatment and reduce revocations.

The team running the pilot will be comprised of Administrative Law Judge, Sally Pederson, a probation and parole agent, a public defender, a case manager and an employment coordinator. Participation in the program will be voluntary. The pilot will begin with revocation cases and focus on those with high risks, Dane County connections and identifiable service needs.

The Department has identified service providers who may take cases on referral. Parisi asked if those services are accessible when needed. Corrections indicated that wait lists may exist for some services. DOC identified mentoring as a need.

Parisi asked if DOC had approached the Safety and Security Committee that oversees operations of the Courthouse for permission to use space. DOC said they would follow up on that suggestion.

2. National Data Platform

3. Immigration and Refugee Task Force

E. Reports to Committee

1. Grants

Clark reviewed three grants.

- 1. The first pertained to pre-arrest diversions and is focused on behavioral health professionals and law enforcement.*
- 2. The second grant is from Data Driven Justice and will focus on those who have frequent encounters with law enforcement to help determine what strategies help reduce the frequency of those encounters.*
- 3. The third will focus on implicit bias and racial anxiety training for law enforcement.*

A. Vera Institute

Dane County is pursuing a grant from the VERA Institute for deportation defense assistance. Dane County's creation of an immigration assistance fund and an immigration ombudsman may help secure this grant.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 28 at 12:15 p.m.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

P. Saemen from MOSES discussed a diversion proposal that would create a mental health crisis facility. He also supports the elimination of cash bail as was done in New Jersey. He said that MOSES continues to review the latest recommendation from Mead and Hunt regarding the construction of a new jail facility.

Carol Rubin from MOSES asked questions regarding the DOC proposal that was presented earlier in the meeting. She will follow up with DOC representatives after the meeting.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Cardiff Model of Violence Prevention will be discussed at a future meeting.

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by MAHONEY, seconded by OZANNE, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:35 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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