



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council - Racial Disparities Subcommittee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

12:15 PM

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:21 p.m. Also present: Lisa MacKinnon, Sarah Jensen, Lauren Kuhl, Michelle DeForest (DCSO), Andre Johnson, and Stephanie Marino.

Present 5 - JOHN BAUMAN, RON CHANCE, ISMAEL OZANNE, Supervisor SHELIA STUBBS, and MATT TYE

Excused 3 - CATHERINE DORL, JOSANN REYNOLDS, and WESLEY SPARKMAN

Absent 1 - JONATHAN TRIGGS

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2020 MIN-394](#) 11-24-20 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL-RACIAL DISPARITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Attachments: [11-24-20 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL-RACIAL DISPARITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING](#)

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

C. Action Items

NONE

D. Presentations

NONE

E. Reports to Committee

1. COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE COURT UPDATE (CRC Staff)

Marino and Chance presented.

The Community Restorative Court (CRC) is moving along very strongly, continuing to receive referrals, and continuing to do intakes and circles remotely. Ron Johnson recently retired, so there is currently no coordinator but the CRC hopes to hire one soon. The CRC database will likely be completed by OpenLattice by March 2021; data is currently being transferred to the new database. The CRC is also working on virtual peacemaker engagement events to focus on the current peacemakers and improve retention. Additionally, the CRC is working with agencies and jurisdictions that have signed onto the MOU but have not sent referrals to support and provide additional education about the CRC as needed.

Discussion ensued about the impact of COVID on referral numbers; CRC staff confirm that the referrals in 2020 were off by approximately 30 fewer cases than expected, and data will be shared more thoroughly once the database is set up.

2. UPDATE ON PRE-ENGAGEMENT AROUND THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER (Lauren Kuhl and Sup. Stubbs)

Supervisor Stubbs presented and Lauren Kuhl provided additional information.

Public Comment: Barbie Jackson, speaking in support.

Full statement of Barbie Jackson:

*Dane County Criminal Justice Council - Racial Disparities Subcommittee
Personal Statement of Barbie Jackson, Member of MOSES
January 26, 2021*

"Good afternoon. I am Barbie Jackson, a member of MOSES, speaking as an individual about considerations for a Community Justice Center.

I have spoken with you many times previously in support of expansion of the Community Restorative Court and appreciate the intentions of Resolution 180 to accomplish that. My statements about the CRC stemmed from my previous long-term membership in MOSES Diversions focus area within our Justice System Reform Initiative task force.

As I informed you a few months ago, MOSES launched a new initiative in July 2020 and formed a task force called Racial Justice for All Children, which I co-chair. The focus of this task force is prevention, to eradicate the childhood to school to prison pipeline. My statement today and future statements will be based on that focus. Others within MOSES will continue to carry forward our advocacy for Diversions, including support for the CRC, among other areas.

Because the RJAC task force is new, we are in the early stages of analysis that will serve as a basis for our future positions and advocacy. We have begun with a focus on education improvement in Dane County, with specific concerns for trauma informed programs and literacy. We are working with the Madison Metropolitan School District as we clarify current conditions, our support for suitable programs and advocacy for change as may be discovered in the future. Our second area of focus, which is more pertinent to the CJC-RD Subcommittee, is to examine a wide array of family supports including foundational support for children's needs such as safe, stable, reliable housing, early childhood development and mental health, and support for children in need of protection and services.

It is with this focus for the well being of our children that I wish to address the exploration of a Dane County Community Justice Center. I spoke at your community briefing before the holidays and indicated then my support for this effort. As reflected in the minutes of the November CJC-RD, "There was a general discussion around inclusion of youth and youth data collection as a part of the needs assessment and planning for a community justice center. Subcommittee members were in agreement that youth data should be included in moving forward with the RFP."

I would like to strongly support inclusion of youth considerations in the development of a center. The RFP posited this question: "What are the options for getting youth connected to resources through the Community Justice Center before they leave detention? What are considerations for and feasibility of serving youth that self-refer and/or have family referrals?" I would like to solicit a clarification of the second point and emphasize that youth needs extend beyond youth engaged in a law enforcement action,

and that the earliest possible delivery of services to our youth is essential to prevention and their successful lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today."

The CJC and community engagement staff are working with seven community organizations to do outreach and amplify the message of community members. Selected audiences are intentionally different between groups in order to share information across Dane County and receive broad level of input. Initial meetings with the selected organizations were held on December 8th, and organizations are completing outreach from December 8th through the end of January. Individual reports are due at the end of January. Group meetings will be held in the first week of February to discuss findings from community meetings. Each organization had a minimum of three sessions with at least seven community members, and organizations received \$7,500 each to complete this outreach.

Discussion ensued. Kuhl clarified that participating community organizations will answer a common set of questions and discuss the same topics.

The community groups involved in this process will present their findings to the CJC at its meeting on February 25th.

3. UPDATE ON RFP FOR COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING (Lisa MacKinnon) NOTE: RFP 121018 is now available for viewing at <https://www.danepurchasing.com/bids>.

Presented by Lisa MacKinnon

RFP can be accessed here: <https://www.danepurchasing.com/bids> (search for RFP #121018)

The Request for Proposals (RFP) has been posted for the community justice center. MacKinnon reviewed the RFP with the subcommittee. Discussion of project objectives within RFP. Community engagement is crucial within the RFP. Looking for a consultant who can create a community justice center that responds to specific Dane County community needs. Consultant should suggest interim actions on piloting collaborative efforts and provide information about how other communities have evaluated success of similar programs.

Discussion ensued about challenges of finding the strongest consultant for this RFP given it's very targeted and complex subject. Deadline for proposals is February 24th.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: February 23, 2021 from 12:15-2pm

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

NONE

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

NONE

I. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

A motion was made by STUBBS, seconded by BAUMAN, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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