



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council - Racial Disparities Sub Committee

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

12:00 PM

City County Building Room 357

A. Call To Order

Anhalt was present as Mahoney's designee; Beaudoin was present as Ozanne's designee.

Others present: Clark, Babal, Scharrer, Thurlow

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM.

Present 6 - ISMAEL OZANNE, SHELIA STUBBS, JOHN BAUMAN, DAVE MAHONEY, RON CHANCE, and DOROTHEA WATSON

Excused 3 - NICK MCNAMARA, JEFF KOSTELIC, and MIKE KOVAL

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

C. Consideration of Minutes

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL - RACIAL DISPARITIES
SUBCOMMITTEE - MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2014 MEETING

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

D. Action Items

None.

E. Presentations

1. Community Restorative Court: Best Practices and the Dane County Model

UW Madison Law School Professor Jonathan Scharer addressed the subcommittee. He spoke of goals and national best practices. Most work with restorative justice has been done with juveniles. Restorative justice has been proven as an evidence based model.

Scharer spoke of the Baltimore model and how it relates to the Dane County approach. In Baltimore 96% of participants are minority youth; 97% of them African American. The focus of the program is based on criminal activity. When compared with control group, those in the restorative justice program show a 60% reduction in recidivism. The largest success in Baltimore is in reducing auto thefts, where there is a defined victim. Because of including a personal story, there is a transformative element. Baltimore does no cases without victim willing to participate; that is different than how Dane County anticipates proceeding.

He addressed the need for data collection and evaluation of the effectiveness of the initiative. By using assessment, Dane County will be able to figure out next steps a year after up and running. The program could be duplicated elsewhere and adapted based on what is working. One key is the availability of a suite of services. Intake and assessment will be done to identify needs. A goal is to provide targeted intervention. It will be important to track compliance with agreements that specify expectations.

Scharer also spoke of the importance of training. The goal is for officers to receive training. Scharer also discussed the need for key stakeholders and an advisory board that meets quarterly.

He also indicated the importance of community support for a successful program. What does neighborhood view as a problem? Focus groups will be useful.

Scharer said that the referral process is also key to program success: it should not become a net widening process; but that it be people who would otherwise be charged. The point is not to refer individuals to the community restorative court who would otherwise just be getting a citation.

He spoke briefly about the timeline for a restorative justice process. He said that ideally it would be completed within a few weeks. The initial contact would happen within a couple days; assessment within a couple weeks.

2. Identification of 2014-15 Initiatives

This item was postponed to the next meeting by unanimous consent.

F. Reports to Committee

Update on the Racial Justice Improvement Project

This item was postponed by unanimous consent.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

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

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