



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council - Racial Disparities Sub Committee

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

12:00 PM

City-County Building Room 321

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A. Call To Order

Captain Anhalt was in attendance as Sheriff Mahoney's designee; Lt. Groelher was in attendance as Chief Koval's designee.

Others present: Colleen Clark, Barbara McKinney, Ron Johnson, Paula Graves, Amy Brown, Pat Hurbesky, Karin Peterson Thurlow

Present 9 - ISMAEL OZANNE, SHELIA STUBBS, JOHN BAUMAN, DAVE MAHONEY, RON CHANCE, NICK MCNAMARA, JEFF KOSTELIC, DOROTHEA WATSON, and MIKE KOVAL

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

C. Consideration of Minutes

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Attachments: [2014 MIN-325 - CJC RD Minutes August 26 2014.pdf](#)

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

D. Action Items

No action items were before the subcommittee.

E. Presentations

1. Racial Justice Improvement Project Update

District Attorney Ozanne made a presentation regarding the Racial Justice Improvement Project - Deferred Prosecution Unit Child Abuse Initiative. He distributed a paper summarizing the initiative to date, including goals, objectives, and measures. He presented a flow chart and indicated the length of the deferred prosecution agreement was generally between 9 months and 2 years. Discussion ensued regarding a conference next fall, the DA's initiative to have a "no hit" zone in his office, eligibility for the program, and the on-going evaluation. Watson expressed an interest for the Office of the Public Defender to be involved in the deferred process, and indicated the need for people to be involved in the program pre-charging/pre-CCAP. Discussion ensued.

Clark spoke of the webinar being held by the ABA - the funder for the Racial Justice Improvement Project. The webinar will be October 10th.

2. Community Restorative Court Update

A presentation regarding the Community Restorative Court was before the subcommittee. Ron Chance introduced Ron Johnson, the community restorative court coordinator. Discussion ensued regarding the development of a protocol document, a database, and a website. Chance spoke of the two focus groups already held. A community forum will occur in November.

Clark mentioned a program begun by the YWCA for 17 to 25 year olds called YWeb - which offers technical training and a link to employment. Ozanne suggested partnering with DMI.

3. 2015 Priorities

Discussion ensued regarding possible priorities for 2015, including a 17-18 year old pilot court for those still in high school using the drug court model and wrap around services. Clark noted that Judge Geovese had expressed interest in this initiative. Stubbs indicated that funding for services associated with the community restorative court would be a priority for her. Watson invited subcommittee members to visit the LaFollette High School youth court in December.

F. Reports to Committee

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be October 28th.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

There was no other business.

I. Adjourn

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

Minutes respectively submitted by Karin Peterson Thurlow, recorder.