



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council - Racial Disparities Sub Committee

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

12:00 PM

City County Building--Room 351

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A. Call To Order

- Present** 8 - ISMAEL OZANNE, SHELIA STUBBS, JOHN BAUMAN, RON CHANCE, NICK MCNAMARA, DOROTHEA WATSON, RICHELLE ANHALT, and TAMARA GRIGSBY
- Excused** 1 - JUNE GROEHLER

Others present: Amy Brown, Ron Johnson, Karen Reese, Kira Stewart, Nico Rodriguez, Emmanuel Scarborough, Nate Farmer Eden, Jonathan Scharrer, Ann Pooler, Johnnie Phiffer, Colleen Clark, Karin Peterson Thurlow

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Ann Pooler, representing MOSES, addressed the subcommittee, expressing interest in eligibility criteria for alternatives to incarceration programs. Captain Anhalt indicated the Sheriff has not received a request for this information and invited MOSES to make a request.

Johnnie Phiffer registered in support of the conversation.

C. Consideration of Minutes

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

D. Action Items

There were no action items.

E. Presentations

There were no presentations.

F. Reports to Committee

1 Racial Justice Improvement Project Update

Clark provided a project update. Project completion date is at the end of June. DA Ozanne announced that the next conference will be November 19 and 20, with a community conversation on the 19th and national speakers on the 20th. Ron Chance offered support in getting people to the community conversation, as did Supv. Stubbs. Discussion ensued regarding messaging and outreach. i

2 Community Restorative Court

Community members who have been trained to be peace keepers for the Community Restorative Court addressed the subcommittee.

Manny Scarborough, Karen Reese, Kira Stewart, Nino Rodriguez, and Nate Farmer Eden spoke of the need for resources to compensate people from the neighborhood who volunteer. They are excited to begin the process, are interested in seeing how the pilot affects services, and appreciate the focus on accountability and responsibility. They said 30 people went through the 3 nights of training and spoke highly of the process.

Jonathan Scharer, UW Madison Law School Restorative Justice, addressed the subcommittee. He led the training and indicated that two ideas came out of the process: 1) the Madison Police Department has offered information on police procedures and will provide CRC volunteers the opportunity for a ride along; and 2) the training is building bridges between communities of different professions.

The peace keepers indicated a need for information regarding confidentiality and resources to deal with emotional situations. Judge MacNamara offered to provide context for what a case looks like in the court system, and Captain Anhalt said the Sheriff's Office would provide tours of the jail.

3 2015 Priorities

Priorities will be discussed at the next meeting. Public Defender Watson suggested working with MUM to provide food at the cafeteria in the Courthouse and the CCB. DA Ozanne spoke of interest in a re-entry court patterned after the Harlem model. He indicated that 600 individuals return from corrections each year and 80% are at high risk of offending. Capt. Anhalt spoke of some sort of program on minimum work release for federal inmates.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be on February 10th.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

There was no other business.

I. Adjourn

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karin Peterson Thurlow, subject to approval by the subcommittee.