



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council - Racial Disparities Sub Committee

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

12:00 PM

CCB Room 357

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A. Call To Order

Others present: Amy Brown, Ron Johnson, Pat Hrubarsky, Paula Graves, Jonathan Sharrer, Collen Clark-Bernhardt, Karin Peterson Thurlow

Present 6 - ISMAEL OZANNE, SHELIA STUBBS, JOHN BAUMAN, RON CHANCE, DOROTHEA WATSON, and JUNE GROEHLER

Excused 3 - NICK MCNAMARA, RICHELLE ANHALT, and TAMARA GRIGSBY

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

C. Consideration of Minutes

[2014
MIN-603](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL - RACIAL DISPARITIES - MINUTES OF THE
FEBRUARY 10, 2015 MEETING

Attachments: [2014 MIN-603 CJC-RD Feb 10 2015.pdf](#)

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

D. Action Items

There were no action items before the committee.

E. Presentations

There were no presentations before the committee.

F. Reports to Committee

1. Community Restorative Court Status Update

Ron Johnson, Community Restorative Court (CRC) Coordinator, addressed the committee. He provided an update regarding community service needs, and the completion of training with the District Attorney's Victim Witness program. Discussion ensued regarding development of a data base of participants for case management, the status of community outreach, the community survey, and development of a restitution project.

There was continued discussion regarding eligibility for CRC participation, particularly regarding prior history. The protocol document was discussed further, and there was agreement to provide the research basis for restorative justice in the document.

There is an interest in continuity between CRC and deferred prosecution.

2. 2015 Initiatives

Topics discussed included jury composition.

Ozanne indicated an interest in a re-entry court and spoke of the work he has done in this area. He said 600 people per year return to Dane County and 80% of them are at high risk to re-offend.

Discussion ensued regarding the children of incarcerated parents and the need to include this group in future work.

Other topics included employment for youth, particularly in 2nd and 3rd shift jobs, the need for immediate sanctions, and a restorative justice approach prior to re-entry.

Further discussion included the need to reach children in 4th through 8th grade, the need for data regarding services children receive, and gang issues. There was agreement to reach out to the schools to coordinate efforts.

Last year, Judge Geovese mentioned a proposal for 17 and 18 year olds. The Race to Equity data could be updated.

Clark reviewed pending grant applications.

3. [2014 RPT-656](#) RACIAL JUSTICE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT JANUARY 2015 REPORT

Attachments: [2014 RPT - 656 ABA-RJIP Jan 2015 Report-Dane County.pdf](#)

The RJIP interim report has been completed. An ABA-organized conference for all the RJIP participants is in the works. The corporal punishment project lifts up Dane County and the initiative.

Ozanne announced the Conference on Corporal Punishment is scheduled for November 19th and 20th.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by OZANNE, seconded by CHANCE, 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.