



Dane County

Minutes - Final-revised

Criminal Justice Council - Racial Disparities Sub Committee

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

12:00 PM

CCB - Room 354

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A. Call To Order

Supv. Stubbs called the meeting to order at noon.

Present 6 - ISMAEL OZANNE, SHELIA STUBBS, JOHN BAUMAN, NICK MCNAMARA,
DOROTHEA WATSON, and RICHELLE ANHALT

Excused 3 - RON CHANCE, TAMARA GRIGSBY, and JUNE GROEHLER

Captain Balles attended the meeting representing MPD.

Others present: Colleen Clark Bernhardt, Ron Johnson, Karin Peterson Thurlow

B. Consideration of Minutes

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The Minutes were approved on a voice vote.

C. Action Items

There were no action items.

D. Presentations

1. Community Restorative Court

Ron Johnson, Community Restorative Court Coordinator, addressed the subcommittee. He said there are 38 trained volunteers. For staffing, he has had an undergrad intern this summer and will have 4 masters level interns throughout the school year.

There have been five cases to date, and three of first 5 cases involved alcohol abuse. Johnson tries to place individuals with community service. Each has a peacemaker/monitor who makes sure they are following the sanctions. The next group will be ordered in late in August.

Balles spoke of the process of identifying those eligible for the community restorative court. He said he could not be more proud of how it is going.

Discussion ensued regarding state statutes and municipal charges. Members debated civil violations and misdemeanors and the ramifications of each. There was concern about charging with a misdemeanor simply to make someone eligible for the CRC. Watson expressed interest in participants who need to be diverted from being charged and from CCAP.

The subcommittee continued to discuss measures of program success, particularly if the eligibility is expanded. McNamara noted that there is agreement in where the program is ultimately headed. He expressed concern about making citations into misdemeanor.

Discussion ensued regarding approaches to expanding the initiative. Ozanne indicated he has an assistant district attorney interested in working with the CRC. Watson noted that the priority needs to be keeping people off CCAP.

Clark pointed out that the Center for Court Innovation could offer assistance in the discussion.

The subcommittee briefly discussed the need for resources for the program, and program capacity.

2. Review of the 2009 Task Force Recommendations

Clark distributed an update on implementation of the recommendations of the 2009 task force on criminal justice. Discussion ensued regarding the criminal justice workgroups and their recommendations. Several members of the subcommittee either serve on a workgroup or have attended meetings. McNamara noted that there will be several recommendations that are similar to those of the pretrial services and diversion subcommittee.

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3. Future Initiatives/research areas

The subcommittee discussed how the recommendations from the workgroups would influence future work of the subcommittee. McNamara mentioned the possibility of using the Arnold Foundation pretrial assessment tool, the work of measures for justice, and other initiatives.

E. Reports to Committee

There were no reports to the subcommittee.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be on September 22nd at noon.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

There was no other business.

I. Adjourn

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

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