



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council - Racial Disparities Sub Committee

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

12:00 PM

CCB - Room 351

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A. Call to Order

Meeting was Called to Order by Sheila Stubbs at 12:05 pm

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

Excused 1 - TAMARA GRIGSBY

Others present: Andre Johnson, Ron Johnson, Stephanie Munoz, Colleen Clark-Bernhardt, Julie Anned and Karin Peterson Thurlow.

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2015 MIN-571](#) MINUTES OF THE 10/27/15 CJC-RD MEETING

Attachments: [2015 MIN-571](#)

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

C. Presentations

There were no presentations.

D. Reports to Committee

1. Community Restorative Court Update

Discussion ensued regarding the Community Restorative Court. There are currently 17 cases; the CRC just received one from District Attorney and one from the Town of Madison. There are five complete cases, with charges subsequently dropped.

The CRC is bringing a peacemaker judge, who is a Native American and professor from Stevens Point, as a speaker.

There was discussion of the Community Restorative Court Logic Model and summary of the Center for Court Innovation grant application. Clark-Bernhardt spoke of a day of community service for peace makers and respondents as a component of the grant application, as well as additional resources for the District Attorney and Department of Human Services.

Bauman asked about the process for evaluation of the outcome of the Community Restorative Court initiative. The Community Restorative Court wants to track data. Discussion ensued regarding to how we can track and access data bases. IT does not have programming support right now.

Stubbs asked, what the respondent gets upon completion. Chance suggests the possibility of an annual awards program, similar to juvenile justice.

There was discussion about whether respondents can participate in Community Restorative Court more than once. Additionally, there was discussion of how to evaluate the program: What is successful completion? Should track performance: what asked to do? How did they do? Clark-Bernhardt will reach out to Center for Court Innovation regarding how assess success in completion.

McNamara indicated an interest in providing legitimacy of the word "court". Ozanne suggests review of the name of the initiative.

Johnson speaks of Andre Johnson and the DHS 12-16 restorative justice effort. Briarpatch has a restitution system in place and Andre Johnson helped the Community Restorative Court use this connection.

[2015
RPT-802](#)

Community Restorative Court CRC Logic Model and February Report

Attachments: [DC CRC](#)
[CRC February Reporty](#)

2. Grant Update

Clark-Bernhardt continues to review local, state, and national opportunities.

3. Measures for Justice

Clark-Bernhardt spoke of Measures for Justice. She asked the subcommittee what they would like to see. The Bureau of Justice Assistance would like to support their work. In conversation with Measures regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with Dane County. Stubbs has asked for a comparison with other counties. Clark-Bernhardt will forward MOUs to co-chairs. Discussion ensued regarding access to CCAP and PROTECT data systems. Ozanne cautions comparison when diversion differs among counties.

McNamara relays information regarding redefining disparity. Measures focus was on disparities once in the system. Further discussion is necessary to articulate Dane County's request to investigate the relative rate index (RRI).

E. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Clark-Bernhard says Road to Equity has been released by Wisconsin Council on Children and Families. One benchmark was to reduce the arrest rates for arrests per 1000 by 2020. She will send the link.

Ozanne and Stubbs ask for a presentation from Wisconsin Council on Children and Families. March 29.

Bauman will give an update on the Diversion Work Group, and there will also be a Criminal Justice Council update.

F. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

G. Such other Business as Allowed by Law

Bauman indicated that the Diversion Work Group has begun meeting. There will be a survey of the diversion programs.

Bauman also said that Dane County is not looking to bring back the 16 youth who are currently at Lincoln Hills right now. Juvenile judges will be meeting with state officials next week to get an update. There are no substantiated issues with Dane County youth and no motions filed to move them. The number of kids sent to Lincoln Hills is trending downward.

The County Board would need to approve a resolution if they wanted to allow judges to send post dispositional placement in juvenile detention. A juvenile can be sentenced for 1 to 365 days. The system struggles with significant mental health issues, and it is difficult mixing pre-disposition and post disposition populations.

Bauman discussed the amount of intervention prior to sending youth to an outside facility. Once the decision is made to send to Lincoln Hills, it is because that is the secured choice and the youth need to be there. There needs to be a location available for the most dangerous kids. Andre Johnson says they will visit the Racine secure detention in coming months.

H. Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned by a voice vote at 1:33 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice L. Lee, subject to subcommittee approval.