



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council - Racial Disparities Sub Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

12:15 PM

City County Building, Room 351

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Stubbs at 12:20 pm.

- Present** 5 - SHELIA STUBBS, RON CHANCE, WESLEY SPARKMAN, CATHERINE DORL,
and MATT TYE
- Excused** 2 - ISMAEL OZANNE, and JOHN BAUMAN
- Absent** 2 - JONATHAN TRIGGS, and JOSANN REYNOLDS

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2019](#) Minutes of the 7/23/19 CJC-RD Meeting
[MIN-185](#)

Attachments: [2019 MIN-185](#)

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

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. [2019 RPT-226](#) Community Restorative Court Update

Attachments: [2019 RPT-226](#)

The Community Restorative Court update was given by Ron Johnson (Coordinator) and Stephanie Marino (Senior Social Worker).

Updates about the Community Restorative Court (CRC) were provided:

- 1. Staff will provide in-service trainings starting in early September until the end of December to the Fitchburg Police Department, Middleton Police Department, and the Madison Police Department regarding CRC.*
- 2. Expecting an increase in referrals to CRC after the trainings are complete. In 2018 there were 208 referrals to CRC; year-to-date in 2019 there have been 208 referrals; therefore, staff hope to secure additional resources in the 2020 budget to increase the number of staff to assist with the increase in workloads.*
- 3. Discussed moving from Centro Hispano to new location.*
- 4. There will be a Peacemaker training in November 2019*
- 5. Lost the Client Comm application that allows staff to respond to text messages from clients. Will be moving to a new system, OpenLattice.*
- 6. Peacemaker picnic was held in August; ~80 Peacemakers attended*
- 7. Supervisor Stubbs requested additional data regarding CRC funding for therapists, services, etc. and the needs the CRC is facing in order to best advocate for CRC during the budget process. Ron will research request.*
- 8. Reviewed 2015-August 2019 data for the CRC.*
 - 17 year olds are still the highest population served by the CRC. 46% of the clients are people of color; 55% are males and the largest offense is Disorderly Conduct. The CRC has had a total of 550 cases with 92% (506) of participants successfully completing CRC (signing a repair statement). City of MPD is the biggest referral source followed by the DA's office.*
- 9. There are 22 jurisdictions within Dane County; the CRC is missing MOUs from seven.*
- 10. Colleen will send the CRC an example of a brief mental health screener*

2. Community Justice Center discussion

In the early stages of brainstorming what is possible with a community justice center. Dane County may secure technical assistance for a needs assessment. A brainstorming session occurred for the three questions below:

What are the strengths/resources of the criminal justice system:

- MOUs
- Having a data analyst
- Removing "blame"
- Moving toward community engagement
- Embracing the concepts of restorative justice
- Action orientated
- Law enforcement in Dane County has worked to decrease arrest numbers
- Looking at alternatives to arrest "P.A.D"
- Mental Health Response
- Social Worker Capacity
- CRC
- Personnel
- Quality of life is improving
- Good at dealing with low-level people (low-level risk, crimes, and needs)
- CJC
- Decentralized service
- Trust in team

What are some of the pressing issues around our criminal justice system?

- Race
- Racial disparities
- Housing
- Community access to services
- Service Silos
- Community members with high needs and trajectory of people with high-level needs (case management)
- Waiting list for services throughout Dane County
- Are community issues a "need" or "press/news" (i.e., car thefts in community)
- High needs community members; not sure what to do next with them to help
- Immigration
- Budget process-renewing contracts over and over again w/out analyzing data
- Don't triage well

What resources are needed for a community justice center that we do not have now?

- Onsite services (alcohol, mental health, education, housing, drug misuse, mentors, case management that are available 24/7)
- Cultural Component groups
- Mentors/people available that share experiences; are they compensated or do they volunteer?
- Individualized service delivery
- Integrate with neighborhoods and local services
- Procedural Justice from doorway
- Tighter service integration
- Co-located service teams
- Faith Based organizations
- Funding (public and/or private)

-Space has to be right
-Training
-Prevention component
-People that are not connected with families or children, specifically adults with re-entry.
Not a lot of services for individuals with out a family

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting is September 24th at 12:15 pm

Future meeting items discussed include: What a needs assessment would look like for a community justice center.

Also, save the date for a conversation on front end justice: September 17th and September 19th

[2019](#)
[COM-003](#)

CJC SAVE THE DATE FOR COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Attachments: [2019 COM-003](#)

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lindsay Menard, pending sub-committee approval.