



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, July 28, 2020

12:15 PM Remote Meeting: Call (toll free): 1-866-899-4679; Access
Code: 336-448-981

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:18 p.m. Also present: Stephanie Marino, Andre Johnson, Julie Ahnen, Jackie Hammond, Staff: L. MacKinnon, Sarah Jensen

Present 8 - JOHN BAUMAN, RON CHANCE, CATHERINE DORL, ISMAEL OZANNE, JOSANN REYNOLDS, WESLEY SPARKMAN, Supervisor SHELIA STUBBS, and MATT TYE
Excused 1 - JONATHAN TRIGGS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#) 2-25-20_MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL-RACIAL
[MIN-507](#) DISPARITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Attachments: [2-25-20_MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL-RACIAL DISPARITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING](#)

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

C. Action Items

NONE

D. Presentations

NONE

E. Reports to Committee

1. Update on Community Justice Center Initiatives

Limited update, as Dane County had to step out of grant competition because agencies did not have the capacity to operate in the time frame required due to COVID. Discussion of needs assessment funding allocated by Board of Supervisors. Additional conversation needs to occur by the full body of the Criminal Justice Council, rather than its subcommittees, regarding Resolution 145 and the potential halting of the jail consolidation project. This subcommittee requests that the CJC place Resolution 145 and the jail consolidation project on their agenda for discussion.

2. Update on Dane County Developments in Criminal Justice Reform since June 2020

Presented by Stubbs

See attached file.

Review of the fourteen criminal justice reform developments and next steps. Discussion of the importance of committing toward reform moving forward. Discussion of incorporating victims' rights into future drafts of these developments.

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DISC-024](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM PACKAGE-COUNTY BOARD JUNE 2020

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Attachments: [Press Release 14 Criminal Justice Reforms 6-29-20](#)

3. Community Restorative Court Report

- COVID-19 response and actions to date

- Discussion of virtual circles, new space, open lattice, etc.

Presented by Marino and Hammond

See attached files under this item.

CRC moved to a new space directly before the COVID pandemic. Program was moved to remote, using Zoom for restorative justice circles. Remote work is going smoothly, as the participating 17-25 year-olds are comfortable with the technology. Plans to hire new staff member have been paused due to hiring freeze. CRC is using creative alternatives to in-person community service requirements. There is still approximately the same number of new participants entering services, even during COVID. CRC is also tracking data at an increased capacity through a partnership with OpenLattice. MOU was passed by McFarland. Discussion regarding municipalities that still need to pass the MOU to refer to CRC. Subcommittee asked for an updated list from CRC.

[2020
RPT-157](#)

CRC UPDATE 7-28-20

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Attachments: [CRC cases Jan-July 2019 v.2020 doc](#)
[Community Restorative Court Update for CJC Mtg 7.28](#)

4. Agency Responses to COVID-19 [Each CJC-RD member give a 5 minute report]

Sheriff's Office: Presented by MacKinnon, using presentation and notes provided by Triggs

Slideshow attached

Review of slideshow provided by Lt. Triggs of Dane County Sherriff's Office. 3-phased approach to respond to COVID-19 and reduce its spread. Approach includes continuity of operations plan, input by public health and medical providers, partnerships with external agencies to reduce new admissions to the jail, and reduction of vulnerable populations. Reduction of the jail population was only possible because of a collaboration between criminal justice agencies across Dane County.

Judicial: Presented by Reynolds

Slideshow attached

Courts extended the reporting date for individuals who must go to jail such that they do not enter during peak of COVID-19 pandemic. Sentencing was also delayed. Courts implemented relief from warrants related to low-level offenses. Resuming court may lead to an increase in jail population since some individuals were just delayed from entering due to the pandemic. The court is currently working on a reopening plan with physically-distanced jury trials.

Juvenile Detention—Presented by Bauman

Slideshow attached

Discussion of presentation. Emphasis on decrease in new intake by making a policy not to take in juveniles who are not at significant community protection risks.

Community Restorative Court: Presented by Marino

Slideshow attached

Community Restorative Court update (previous Report to Committee) covered much of this material. Discussion of remote training. Discussion of need for increased staff in order to expand caseload.

District Attorney: Presented by Ozanne

District Attorney's Office moved the majority of operations to remote work, but some employees have to go into the office for discovery. Restarting in-person court will have a large impact on operations and potentially on decarceration, since there are questions about whether the jail population remains low due to lack of bench warrants for non-appearance. Marcy's Law is also leading to a readjustment of resources in order to remain in compliance by alerting victims to initial appearance and bail hearings of offenders. This also leads to increased redaction between district attorneys and defense attorneys to preserve increased privacy for victims.

MPD: Presented by Tye

MPD consulted with doctor/public health professional about strategies to respond to COVID pandemic and protect officers and the public from spreading the virus. MPD utilized additional protective equipment and implemented decontamination protocols, in-house contact tracing, and quarantine periods. Back-end staff work remotely, although patrol officers must continue to work in person.

[2020](#)
[DISC-025](#)

MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Attachments: [Dane County Sheriffs Office COVID brief \(CJC-RD\)](#)
[Judicial Response to COVID-19 \(002\)](#)
[JCP Covid response 7-28-20 pres](#)
[Community Restorative Court PP slide for 7.28 CJC mtg](#)

5. Discussion: Racial Disparities Related to COVID-19

Presented by MacKinnon

See attached report.

Discussion of disparate impacts of COVID across racial and ethnic groups. Discussion to be continued at a future meeting, potentially with updates from the Public Health Madison/Dane County or faculty from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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[DISC-017](#)

REPORTS AND MATERIALS ON COVID-19 RACIAL DISPARITIES
<https://covidtracking.com/race/>

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Attachments: [SAMSHA report_covid19-behavioral-health-disparities-black-latino-communities](#)

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

PUBLIC REGISTRANT:

Barbie Jackson, member of MOSES, representing self, City of Madison, speaking in support of Community Justice Efforts focusing on youth justice impacts.

I. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jensen, subject to subcommittee final approval.