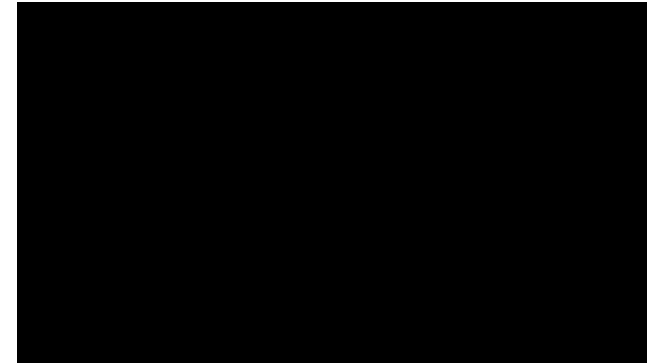

Community Justice Center Initial Community Conversations

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Community Justice Center Overview

Community Justice Centers: are focused on procedural justice and racial equity. Procedural justice speaks to the idea of fairness in the processes that resolve disputes and allocate resources, and the concept is commonly described as having four pillars: fairness, transparency, voice, and impartiality.



WHAT IT IS

Justice Center with procedural justice and procedural fairness as a central value

Person Focused: individuals are seen as key community members, the Justice Center succeeds when the community succeeds

Space that allows for Community Court(s), Community Restorative Court, restorative practices and wrap around services. Design is community focused

Services available for those involved in the criminal justice system, either as victims or offenders, as well as members of the community seeking services.

Design embedded in space, services, and outcomes using a racial equity lens.

WHAT IT IS NOT

Mass processing of cases

System Focused

Building that looks and feels like every other government building

Space reserved for those with court proceedings and services available only to those with a current case.

One size fits all space and services

Background

The 2020 budget included funding for a needs assessment, engagement, and initial planning for a community justice center.

The community conversations that took place over the last 2+ months were an initial step before the needs assessment to hear from the community.

The RFP for the needs assessment just closed today. The input collected through this process will be given to the consultant(s) selected.

Summary of Community Conversation process

Dane County partnered with seven organizations to begin initial conversations around a community justice center.

Groups include:

- Centro Hispano of Dane County
- Charles Hamilton Houston Institute
- Families Back to the Table
- JustDane
- Nehemiah
- The Hmong Institute
- Urban Triage

Summary of process

Each organization was given a Facilitator's Handbook

Completed:

At least 3 facilitated conversations per organization with at least 7-8 people at each meeting
- Approximately 240 members of the community participated among all sessions

2 group meetings held jointly with the other community organizations and County staff

1 report

1 final presentation

Organization Presentations

Questions/Discussion
