

The background is a dark blue gradient with a starry, nebula-like texture. On the left side, there are several overlapping circular elements. A prominent one is a large, semi-transparent scale with tick marks and numbers ranging from 140 to 260. Other circles include dashed lines, solid lines, and arrows, some pointing clockwise and some counter-clockwise, suggesting a sense of motion or a process. The overall aesthetic is technical and futuristic.

VISION VS. REALITY

COMMUNITY COURT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AUG

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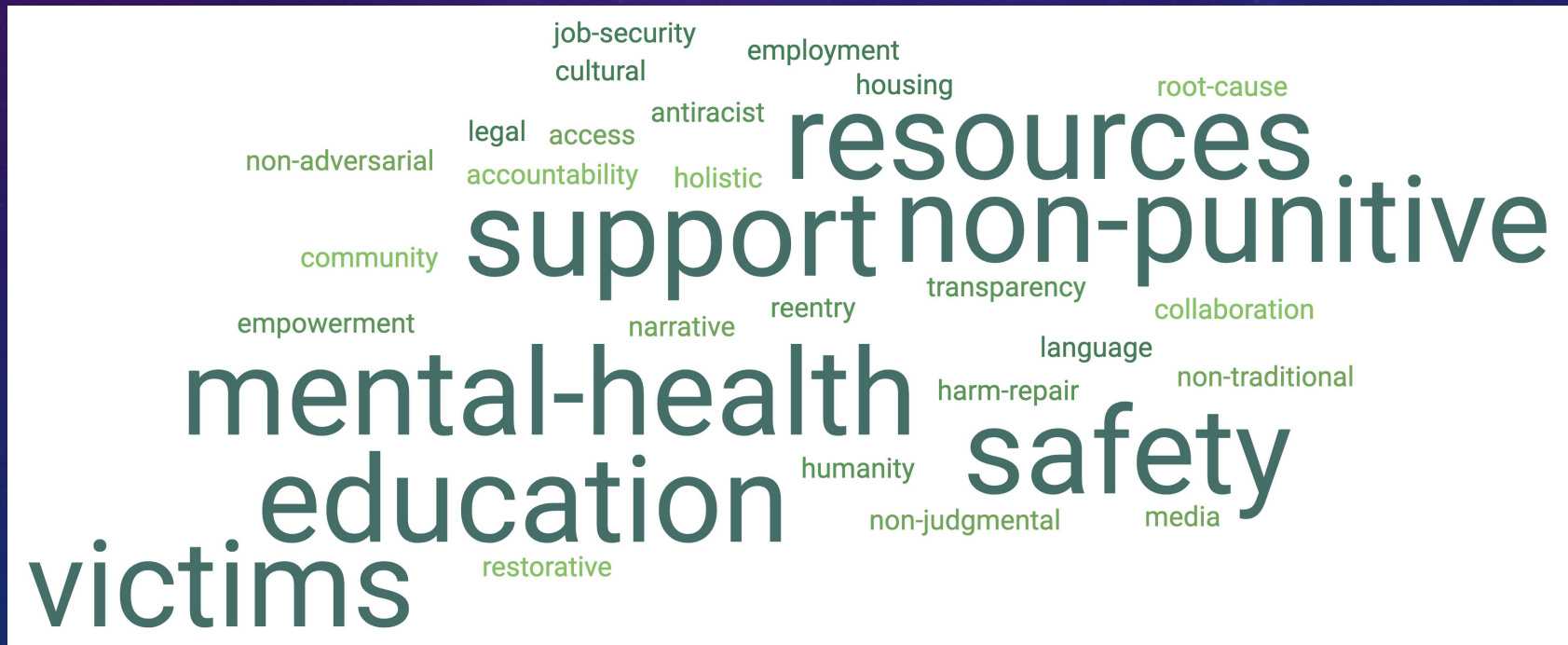
SETTING THE STAGE

- Reviewed data and disparity gaps in misdemeanor and felony cases in Dane County, WI
- Clarified Bureau of Justice fiscal guidelines in terms of Community Court Clients and service provisions.
- Learned about procedural fairness, community courts around the country, and subcommittee members perspectives and needs.
- Learned about Dane County deflections and diversions including Community Restorative Court and Pretrial Services.
- Engaged with Center for Justice Innovation
- Learned about the Cook County Community Court—Avondale Restorative Justice Community Court

VISION VS. REALITY

- Peter Senge, author of *The Fifth Discipline*, says creative tension is the “gap between vision and current reality. It is a source of energy. If there were no gap, there would be no need for any action to move towards the vision.”

VISIONING



REALITY

- Limited staff: awaiting hiring of Community Court Coordinator until Office of Justice Reform Director hired.
- Limits on use of funds from BJA.
- Judge(s) need to have security and court safety measures in place, therefore law enforcement presence likely.
- Space may not start out as a grand facility, but rather a small , secure location that is in community.
- Start small and build successes
- The program will and should evolve

REQUIREMENTS OF SUBCOMMITTEE WORK IN THE NEXT MONTH

- Initial offense list: refined to specific cohort
- Recommendations for pilot community court location(s) and age range
- Service array : prioritization of services
- Review of Planning Report as prepared by Prof. Jonathan Scharrer for presentation to the Dane County Community Justice Council at the September meeting.

TIMELINE—SUMMARY: AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

August 29

- Vision v. Reality
- Refining Offense Lists
- Service Array and Providers

September 12

- Offenses and Service Array Continued
- Tracking outcomes:
 - What data is important?
Community?
Agency?
BJA?

September 26

- Jonathan Scharrer initial report
- Closing exercise
- Next steps