



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council - Racial Disparities Subcommittee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

12:15 PM

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:16 by Ozanne

** Sheila Stubbs (joined at 12:25, left at 12:55), Matt Tye (joined at 12:25)*

Also Present: Lisa MacKinnon, Sarah Jensen, Stephanie Marino, Colleen Clark-Bernhardt; Andre Johnson

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

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020
MIN-453](#) 1-26-21_MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL-RACIAL
DISPARITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Attachments: [1-26-21_MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL-RACIAL
DISPARITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
REGISTRATION REPORT 1-26-21_CJC-RD MTG](#)

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

C. Action Items

SUBCOMMITTEE BRAINSTORMING SESSION: POTENTIAL CJC-RD INITIATIVES FOR
SUBCOMMITTEE WORK IN 2021 (subcommittee members should come prepared with
ideas to discuss) (ALL)

Subcommittee members discussed potential initiatives for the CJC-RD in 2021. Potential ideas include: data dashboard and accessibility to public; development of a multi-discipline review board to work with the jail population manager; violence reduction (focused on gun violence); examine technology usage and best practices during COVID. Discussion will continue in the April 2021 meeting.

D. Presentations

NONE

E. Reports to Committee

1. COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE COURT UPDATE (CRC Staff)

*Presented by CRC Staff: Stephanie Marino
See attached document.*

The Community Restorative Court continued successfully throughout the pandemic. There was a 70-case decrease during the pandemic, with only 9 terminations for all of 2020. The CRC is also doing its first circle with only Spanish-speakers, led by Spanish-speaking peacemakers. The CRC plans to transition trainings to in-person, rather than remote, as full vaccination increases. There are a number of police departments that have signed onto the CRC MOU but have not referred defendants. CRC staff have followed up with those agencies.

[2020
RPT-796](#)

CRC REPORT MATERIALS--2/23/21

Attachments: [CJC-RD CRC report 2020 data by agency 2.15.2021](#)
[CJC-RD mtg 2-23-21_CRC - Monthly Referrals by Source 2020](#)

2. AGENCY COVID-19 RESPONSE AND FUTURE PLANS

Discussion: What has changed in subcommittee members' processes and practices in response to the pandemic? What has worked well? How can the CJC-RD Subcommittee help transform the beneficial changes in process and practices into long-term, sustainable changes?

Discussion of policy changes during the COVID pandemic. Out-of-custody video visits seem to be successful, and may be continued into the future for brief appearances, as they are more convenient for defendants and reduces concerns about scheduling, missing work, childcare, etc. This has had an increased appearance rate in juvenile court as well and enables more people to attend meetings. This also has benefits for the Community Restorative Court, especially for volunteer peacekeepers. In-custody defendants must be allowed to make in-person appearances, particularly for substantial hearings. Law enforcement discretion on warrant enforcement may be worth revisiting. There may be more future deflection opportunities through these mechanisms.

Public Comment from Laura Berger regarding virtual appearances.

3. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING: NEXT STEPS (STAFF)

The deadline for proposals for the Community Justice Center Needs Assessment RFP was February 24th, 2021. The evaluation team, composed of Ozanne, Clark-Bernhardt, Kostelic, and Chance, reviewed proposals closely and made a unanimous decision with one vendor scoring consistently high. They are currently drafting a contract with the vendor. Once the contract is signed, this information will be publicly available; this should occur in early April. Seven nonprofit groups testified at the last CJC meeting, and their testimony was compiled into a short YouTube video (linked).

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/8IXody-Ky-A>

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The upcoming meeting will discuss 1) violence reduction through Public Health Madison Dane County; 2) Continue to brainstorm potential CJC-RD initiatives for 2021; 3) ongoing discussion of the Community Justice Center needs assessment process.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, April 27th at 12:15pm.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

NONE

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

NONE

I. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p .m.

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

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