



Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Members Present: Lawrence M. Campbell, Vernon Taylor, A. R. Marsh Sr. Gudrun Parmer, Judge Marcia Morey, Clarence Birkhead, Umar Muhammad, Michael Becketts, Clarence Maynor

Member Absent: Shannon McCabe, Jeffrey S. Clark, Raheem A. Aleem, Rogers Echols, Gayle Harris, Commissioner Brenda Howerton, Celeste Kelly, Ann Oshel, Damion Moore, Kristen Rosselli, Marcia Owen, Sherry Honeycutt Everett, Candace Rashada, Jackie Brown

Guest: Drew Doll, Eric J. Ireland

Staff: Peter L. Baker, Roshanna Parker, Spencer Able, Celia Jefferson

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Lawrence M. Campbell opened the meeting with a welcome and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Review and Approve March Minutes

Mr. Campbell asked the committee to review the minutes. Judge Morey moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Gudrun Parmer properly seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports

Stepping Up Initiative – Peter Baker reported that the Sequential Intercept Model help them when identifying services in the community in each intercept in regards to community services. Two things that were presented at the last Stepping Up Initiative meeting - a new company RI International/Recovery Innovations is taking over Durham Center Access (DCA). Abigail Coffin, Nurse Practitioner at DCA presentation helped the committee to clear up a lot of questions they had. Also, Lao presented on the Governor's Task Force regarding Mental Health and substance Abuse. She noted that this report shows the Governor's perspective. The partner agencies were asked to give an update as it relates to where they are with their goals and funding for next year based on the Sequential Intercept Model. The next Stepping Up Initiative meeting will meet on May 9, from 1-2:30pm at CJRC.

Reentry - Lao Rubert reminded everyone that reentry top three priorities are employment, housing and coordination. They had a lot of discussions with Nicole Sullivan from the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Coordination was the major piece that was talked about regarding how Durham would connect to people in the prisons prior to coming out. Lao shared that DPS is planning to change their system of release, and that clients are coming back to Durham from 56 different units which DPS is planning to compress dramatically. A case manager will be needed to go into 3 or 4 of the institutions to collect information prior to the prisoner's release.

Roshanna Parker noted that in response to DPS, they decided as a standing committee to CJAC to make preparations to submit a RFP. She talked about how the committee envision the local reentry council to be structured and their flowchart on how they will feed individuals once they are coming out of their department. The RFP will be advertised soon, and they have all the components that DPS require. Nicole Sullivan indicated that the reentry council is aligned with what they are looking for, and Durham is on the short list to apply. Durham has proposed to have a coordinator and a case manager. A job developer is also needed. The Adult Provide Collaborative (APC) in Durham has a job developer and is headed by the Office of Economic and Work Force Development. The APC priority, is offender court and they have an employment piece. Roshanna noted that some of the CJAC committee already sit on that collaborative. She would like to see APC work together with the reentry council. The reentry council have been invited to attend the Office of Economic and Work Force Development next meeting on April 5th at 2pm. They will discuss what each group is doing and what each group should focus on.

Lao asked the committee to look over the partner list and add more agencies that they think should be on the list. The list is found on page 2 of the Durham's Local Reentry Council sheet that was distributed at the meeting. The reentry subcommittee next meeting is April 20 at 3:00 pm.

Domestic Violence – In Sherry Everett absence, Gudrun reported on domestic violence. She shared that the committee met once and is schedule to meet again in early April. They had 4 groups of individuals working in domestic violence. She noted that Sherry position is similar to the Sequential Intercept Model to map the services that are available or not available and hopefully build the spectrum. Judge Morey noted that the Sheriff department committed more people to get out and serve these domestic violence protective orders. Service has increased tremendously. They are also working at the court to get a one stop shop, a one place agency for domestic violence response team for officers to get information out for victims coming to legal aide.

Conversation – Community Violence – Eric Ireland, Durham County Department of Public Health presented on Community Violence. They are trying to bring partners to the table to help public health implement a Cure Violence Model Program. Cure Violence (CV), the Evidence Based Public Health Campaign to stop shootings and killings. The goal of CV is to stop violence by working with those most closely associated with the problem. It has been evaluated in multiple locations and found to be effective at reducing violence. CV is a learned behavior, and caused by social forces (lack of opportunity, racism, poverty, etc.). Gun-related homicides and aggravated assaults also tend to occur in the same areas with high poverty rates, low educational attainment and communities of color. Other important details can be found in the PowerPoint that was emailed to the committee.

Election of Officers – Gudrun asked everyone to look at the slate of officers in their packet. The officers on the slate are the current ones. Everyone on the slate had agreed to continue to serve in their current position. She asked if there were any additional nominations from the board. There were no additional nominations, and the nominating process were closed. She asked for a motion to approve the entire slate. Judge Morey motion that the entire slate be approved. Lao properly seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments - Judge Morey shared that last week a school of government, a judicial management, and senior resident group met. Lawrence presented that the criminal justice sent out a real concern about the criminalization of poverty. Judge Morey shared that people are being held in jail on bonds, and because of poverty they can't get out, along with court cost, fines, fees, they are often prohibited. Because that takes away their freedom and their licensure. When people go to court they are charged with a \$180 per cost and attorney fees. The Durham group decided that close attention should be made to the criminal justice memo, and that the courts cannot keep putting people in jail to pay fines and fees unless there is a meaningful hearing on their ability to pay. Lawrence noted that the memo that came from the Department of Justice were sent to all 50 states including the chief justice of each other and directed them to issue the memo to all the judges in each of their state. The memo is very clear about what is currently going on in the community with the general assembly or the legislatures trying to finance the court system on the backs of poor people is unconstitutional. They have been threaten with civil suits. Gudrun will send the memo to the committee. The next meeting is on May 24th.

Meeting adjourned.