

Milwaukee County Community Justice Council
Data Subcommittee - Demographics - Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 14, 2014
9-9:50am Courthouse Room 609

Attended: Michelle Naples (Delinquency & Court Services Division), Danny Henken (Homicide Review Commission), Erin King (DOC), Nate Holton (CJC), Nick Sayner (JusticePoint), Mallory O'Brien (Homicide Review Commission), Carmella DeLucia (CJC), and Tom Reed (SPD)
Regina Howard (MPD)

Incorporating Age, Race & Gender Into the Dashboard

- Mallory informed the group that they'll be populating the dashboard with components of information from each agency that includes age, race, and gender. They'll be creating one large excel sheet with different tabs for each of the different agencies presented in the data hub. There is going to be different measures for each agency that will be broken down by each cell - for example by age, one cell would be 10-20, next cell would be 20-30 years old. Each of the cells would break down race, age, and gender. Someone can request information from their agency with an easy way to look at these specific categories.
- Michelle Naples added that the Children's Court has a Relative Rate Index which documents these specific components and reports back to the Federal Government. She also stated that race is tracked in various ways and that she will share that information with the group. Tom added that City Health data might also help us in this project. The group also suggested looking into MPD and MPS data to try and answer some questions.
- The group discussed various questions that the committee could possibly answer with this type of data- for example, how many Latinas are booked with substance abuse issues and a lack of permanent residence in the last year? How many black men are booked with mental health issues? This data would help us get an overall clearer picture of what populations in what context make up our System.
- Nick Sayner added that the Sentencing Project did a report in 2013 on Reducing Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System. The report focused on key decision points in decision making which provided disparity ratios, highlighting African Americans. This looked at the System in terms of how many African Americans were arrested, how many were taken to the proceeding decision point, and so on so you can highlight the points of concern as people are taken through the decision-making process.
- Mallory concluded the game plan; which is to find patterns by looking at arrest data and decision points that are concerning. She described the next steps which is to look at the data we have currently and see if we can create a front page in the data hub, review the Sentencing Project Report, see if we can form conclusions about the racial disparities and decision points, and identify points of concern to take our next steps as a subgroup.

Next Meeting will be on February 24, 2014 in the Courthouse Room 609 at 8:30am