

MINUTES
Community Justice Council
Executive Committee

Meeting of:

Wednesday March 19, 2014

12:15pm

Location: Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 609

PRESENT: US Attorney James Santelle, Chief Judge Jeffrey Kremers, Public Policy Forum President Rob Henken, District Attorney John Chisholm, First Assistant Public Defender Tom Reed, Director of the Homicide Review Commission Mallory O'Brien, Director of Health and Human Services Héctor Colón, Milwaukee County House of Correction Superintendent Mike Hafemann, Fiscal and Management Analyst Veronica Rudychev, MCSO Inspector Richard Schmidt, Department of Corrections Regional Chief Niel Thoreson, CJC Coordinator Nate Holton, MPD Chief of Staff Joel Plant, Milwaukee Police Chief Edward Flynn, Corporation Counsel Deputy Colleen Foley, Public Policy Forum Senior Fiscal Researcher Vanessa Allen, Judicial Review Coordinator Holly Szablewski, County Supervisor Willie Johnson, CJC Community Liaison Carmella DeLucia

I. Convene and Updates - *John Chisholm*

II. Review of February 21st Strategic Planning Session – *Rob Henken*

- Rob Henken updated the group on the Summary document that was written by the Public Policy Forum for the Strategic Planning Session that occurred on February 21st. He noted that there were general one year goals that were talked about for the Council and three strategic priorities areas. These priorities include data objectives, PR goals, and programmatic priorities. The programmatic priorities include Mental Health, Juvenile Justice, and Justice Reinvestment.
- The Council adopted a new purpose statement that reads, “The purpose of the CJC is to function as an independent entity governed by key justice system leaders that is empowered to define broad justice system goals, monitor/analyze justice system performance, facilitate collaboration among justice system agencies, provide technical assistance and research, and act as a conduit between the justice system and the larger community without impacting in any way the autonomy or decision-making authority of any criminal justice agency.”
- The Council also dropped County from the name, so the organization is now named the “Milwaukee Community Justice Council.”
- One of the efforts currently taking place is the Mental Health Care Coordination Initiative. MPD generated a 2013 list of individuals who were responsible for five or more mental health-related calls for police service.

The Mental Health Subcommittee is also making progress pulling from other sources.

- Jim Kubicek has scheduled an event for case managers to be made aware of the Care Coordination Initiative, the collaborative partnership between BHD and the criminal justice system that allows for early identification, information sharing, and collaborative intervention relating to heavy utilizers of mental health and criminal justice services. The case managers have access to many of the clients who have been identified by the CCI and can encourage them to take part in the voluntary initiative.
- Chief Flynn spoke about MPD's efforts relating to juvenile crime. They are conducting juvenile network analysis and utilizing evidence-based policing to target that population of juveniles that are disproportionately responsible for juvenile crime. MPD needs assistance in receiving information on the juveniles that other entities possess. The mechanics of such information sharing are tedious and the system would benefit from a streamlining of this process.

III. Community Engagement Approach Document – *Nate Holton*

- Nate Holton updated the group about the Community Engagement Approach, which describes the mission of the Public Outreach and Education Committee as well as the overarching strategy for fulfilling that mission. The outline describes how the Public Outreach & Education Committee will gauge community perceptions and concerns as well as how it will respond to those concerns through presentations, events, and media.
- The group talked about the Website and working with IMSD. The group also discussed having more data reports and links to outside sources on some of the pages. The group suggested the need to identify what is safe to be put on the Website and social media that is relevant to their mission.

IV. Electronic Monitoring Audit Report - *Nate Holton*

- The group discussed the County's recommendations for measuring recidivism which include formally establishing a uniform definition or conceptual framework for defining recidivism, developing a strategy of tracking consistent annual recidivism rates, and developing a methodology for calculating the number of jail bed-days saved along with program measurement.
- The group discussed what recidivism meant to the Council and having a strategy to measure it. The Council discussed having a plan for this strategy by June or July so that they can present information back to the County Board.
- The group discussed possible collaborations with others who can assist in analyzing population and cost data to help with this effort.

V. Jail and Huber Committee Update - *Tom Reed*

- Tom Reed updated the Council on the Jail and Huber Committee's current focus. The committee talked about family visiting in the jail. Currently, visits are available by phone only. The County Board Judiciary Committee approved an RFP for a new visitation system that would allow for videoconferencing, with costs ranging from \$1.5 million to free depending on the system. The process of picking and instituting a new system should take 2-3 months.
- The committee also discussed PPS closing at MPD district stations. The closure is a short-term closures and is necessary as part of long-term capital budget improvements.

VI. Data Scorecard Update - *Mallory O'Brien*

- Mallory updated the group on the progress of the data scorecard. Following the recommendations after Strategic Planning, the group has narrowed down the scorecard to a couple dozen elements. She asked the group to send her feedback on the data scorecard in the next week or two. She also asked the group to let her know what is relevant and what they would like to see on a monthly basis. She noted that the scorecard will be populated by the next Executive Committee meeting.
- The group also created two additional scorecards, Mental Health and Juvenile Justice. The Mental Health Committee and Juvenile Justice Committee will be taking a look at those.