Minutes for Criminal Justice/Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board (CJATI)

Date: 05/26/2021
Call to Order: 12:03pm

Attendees (25): Harmony Ayers-Friedlander, Tammy Baker, Deana Bodnar, Marie Boyer, Karla Brackett, Travis Brooks, Ray Bunce, Deanna Carrithers, Suzi Cook, Dan Cornell, Deb Dietrich, Mark Dresser, Henry Granison, Judy Griffin, Lisa Holmes, Jessica Janssen, Rich John, Louise Miller, Scott Miller, Taili Mugambee, Bridgette Nugent, Sue Robinson, Benay Rubenstein, Lance Salisbury, Angela Sullivan, Matt Van Houten, Jerry Wright

Guests (4): Bonnie Bingelli, Chelsea Halstead, Laurie Miller, Gavin Mosley

Attendees made introductions and brief announcements.

Minutes: 04/28/2021 meeting minutes were accepted.
Moved: Rich John
Seconded: Louise Miller
Ayes: 25

Chair's Update:
a. One of our members, Francie Saunders, representing CDRC, has accepted a position elsewhere. The Executive Director of CDRC, Paula Wright, will be appointing a liaison within the next few months.

b. Tompkins County Administrator has announced he is leaving, and Lisa will be filling in as Interim County Administrator. Deanna Carrithers, Chief Equity and Diversity Officer will be filling in as CJ/ATI Chair on interim.

Updates:

a. Reimagining Public Safety- Deanna Carrithers, Rich John
Rich John-The Legislature has passed resolution to form Community Justice Center. Working on a resolution with more specifics as to creating job positions and organizing. Deanna has been liaising with the City to make sure we are proceeding in an organized way. Four of the recommendations involve lobbying at the State level, civil service law and other items. We believe the State could do a better job facilitating reform of our public safety system. Health and Social Services Committee needs to help with issues related to mental health. Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee will have work to do as well.

Deanna Carrithers- The community will be involved in all aspects of the implementation of the plan which is planned to begin within the next month or two. Reset all of our structures whether it is website planning and setting up town halls and forums or transitioning from virtual to in-person. Encourage everyone to watch the PowerPoint that Rich and Deanna did for the Public Safety Committee meeting discussion. We hope to have full approval between the City and the County by June 15th.

b. - Data Collection Management and Effectively Measuring ATI Outcomes- Cornell Institute for Public Affairs - Bonnie Bingelli, Chelsea Halstead, Gavin Mosley

Chelsea Halstead- Project Introduction- How evidence-based API programming and other contexts data management and data organization principles and communication framework centered on data sharing could inform and enhance efforts both the city and the county level. The Reimagining Public Safety Plan has a lot of proposals in it, or expanded programming, and we created the structure that will allow to both connect interventions to outcomes, but also drill down on data collection so that you can demonstrate the efficacy of these programs. We selected ATI metrics for comparison to what was already being done in the county and they had to satisfy at least one of these two conditions: that they are data driven and they are an evidence-based metric that has demonstrated success in other contexts. The County is implementing 18 evidence-based API interventions. We made sure we represented an analogous program or an intervention that was already being used in in Tompkins County so that we could pair them together. We grouped the ATI metrics under these large categories: Recidivism, Housing Mental & Physical Health, Education and Employment, Legal, Addiction & Drug Services. We took a holistic view when looking at the ATI from a service provision perspective but also following the person from the point of contact with law enforcement, all the way through incarceration and after. We did drill down on the evidence-based ATI metrics, which you will be able to see in our report. The study that we drew them from the category of intervention, and we matched them with what was happening in the county, and we also aligned it with the county's Results Based Accountability system for potential future funding opportunities, but also to enable better data collection and reporting on programs.

Gavin Mosley-Communications Plan- The focus was on internal facing communication strategy, as well as an external communicate strategy. We know that the needs of the urban parts of Tompkins county and the needs of rural parts of the county are different. We have to find a way to send that message out to find out what those commonalities are and make a plan that touches all those needs. So, the external side just means identifying who the stakeholders are. We know that we have multiple databases spread across various municipalities, and we have to find a way to get that data, and the data related to criminal justice. We need to get all of those things out of silos and into a database where it can be shared amongst the different stakeholders. What does that look like on the internal side? There needs to be a structured directory of who is who within each portion of government. We have to make sure that we have a structured directory to communicate ideas and perspectives. While also making sure there can be collaboration and cohesion, making sure that we are bringing all of those individuals to the table is definitely going to be part of a communications plan to mapping. We also saw that there is a lack of formal communication strategy around what the goals are going to. We do not want mixed messaging on any side, that means that we are going to have to sit down and come up with an internal strategy for what is going to be said, about what the goals are, about what the issues are, about how you are going to move towards those goals. So those are just the basic things that we came up in relation to internal and external communications.

Bonnie Binggeli-Data-Clear Impact- The county is currently using Clear Impact database to house data. The database can serve as the basis for a public facing data dashboard. The basis for a public facing data dashboard is really important given that as frameworks are being implemented in every single program regardless of whether it is ATI programming or youth services, it will have standardized practices so that way on everything that is contained in the database can be easily turned over to the public and they will be able to understand what is being measured; how beneficial is it for tax dollars, etc. Another thing on Clear Impact is that it really tracks the progress of ATI related programming, and the main emphasis is that as progress is being tracked in the clear impact database, it can also be translated to a public facing

data dashboard, demonstrating how successful the CJATI programming is within Clear Impact and through the community data dashboard will provide more opportunities for funding in the future. It will demonstrate hard facts with what is working and not working, what can we do to fix it and standardizing those practices to visually see what is happening with the programming.

Preliminary Recommendations- the programming outlined in the City's reimagining public safety plan can be built within Clear Impact as framework to be implemented to standardized practices. So, regardless of your background knowledge of certain programming or different material you'll be able to come in as an outside observer and understand the progress and what the program is about.

Second is tailoring specific programming for vulnerable groups, and this is in relation to youth, women, transgender individuals, people with mental health, and this is really addressed in the section of our report, when we did a deep dive into evidence based practices and ATI programs that were implemented in other contexts.

The third recommendation is a centralized directory of all stakeholders and in ATI programming. Having a directory of stakeholders will make it easier for beneficiaries to understand which programs they may be eligible to receive or more information about the programs that they are interacting with.

The last recommendation is for a formal communication strategy synergizing different elements of government.

c. Long-Term Inmate Report

Matt Van Houten- Most individuals on the list are parole violations that are holding, and in most cases the individual is in jail. Less is More Legislation is pending and will have the effect of minimizing a lot of parole violations, specifically technical violations, but it would really be a welcome reform to the parole system as it exists now. Out of the 62 District Attorney's across the state, there are six that will be supporting that legislation, Matt is one of them.

Lance Salisbury- We see individuals sitting a long time due to the impact of COVID. There are a couple cases with significant mental health issues that take a long time to work out. The list will look much different by September.

Adjourn: 1:24
Motion: Matt Van Houten
Second: Rich John