

## **Minutes – Criminal Justice Alternative to Incarceration Meeting**

Date: November 30, 2022

Time: 12:00-1:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting

**Attendees:** Bridgette Nugent, Jerry Wright, David Sanders, Deana Bodnar, Harmony Ayers-Friedlander, Judy Griffin, Kate Shanks-Booth, Keyanna Vann, Kit Kephart, K Young, Lance Salisbury, Louise Miller, Mary Osario, Matt Van Houten, Mike James, Monalita Smiley, Ray Bunce, Richard John, Scott Miller.

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Bridgette welcomed everyone, and each person introduced themselves. Rich John said that at the Public Safety Meeting in December they will be considering asking the Legislature to add a major capital project to increase the functionality of the jail. Bridgette gave a synopsis of the agenda for this meeting.
- II. **Changes to Agenda:** No changes. Bridgette encouraged everyone to reach out to her with agenda suggestions any time.
- III. **Minutes:** Minutes from the October 26th meeting were approved.
- IV. **Updates:**
  - a. **Chair's Update: Bridgette Nugent**
    - i. **2023 CJATI Goal Development & Measurements of Progress-** Bridgette said that for 2023 she would like to know what goal areas the goals the group wants to carry into 2023, and how the goals can be measured throughout the year. She said she wants to make sure that the goals that are carried forward are things that can have an impact.
      1. **Survey to Group- December-** She will send a google doc or some other type of online survey by mid-December.
  - b. **Mental Health Treatment Court- Hon. Scott Miller-** First participant was in the Spring of 2019, Michelle Fulkerson from TCMH is the coordinator. Seth Peacock is the judge. Scott thanked the DA's office for being advocates for eligible participants that are going through the county court system. REACH, CARS and TCMH are all agencies that are part of the team that works with this court. There are currently 17 active participants. The court uses the Criminal Court Assessment tool (CCAT) to determine eligibility. The current participants have scored moderate to high for risk of recidivism. The participants report twice a month. There are 6 pending referrals for new participants. In 2022 only 2 participants have incurred a new arrest. One was a non-criminal ticket level offense, and the other participant has been deemed to need more intense MH treatment than this program provides.

Eight of the participants are nearing completion of the program meaning they have 60-90 days left. Graduating from the program means they have stable housing and employment. Dave clarified that one of the navigators in the program is from OAR. He had the opportunity to observe Judge Peacock as the presiding judge and that he was impressed with his compassion for the participants and his knowledge of the MH supports in the community. **Rich** has asked that Scott Miller present the information regarding MH to the Public Safety Community.

- c. Reimagining Public Safety- CJC Director, Mona Smiley** This is Mona's first time presenting to this group. The Center is tasked with creating localized solutions for community safety. The plans were passed by the city and county in 2021 and the CJC was created to help implement the reimagining public safety plans and the initiatives that are part of the plan. Mona shared a presentation that has information of the parts of the plan. There are many plans, some of the initiatives include developing a positive relationship between law enforcement and members of the community; CJC is also looking at MH support in police response as well as MH support for officers; Revision of the Civil Service Exams to help diversify law enforcement personnel. Mona gave updates for the plans that are in progress. IPD redesign, Sheriff's Pilot Program, Community Healing Plan, which may be redeveloped to cover the community and law enforcement rather than having two plans: and the data disclosure plan. Mona shared information about the reimagining public safety website [www.publicsafetyreimagined.org](http://www.publicsafetyreimagined.org). Mona said that they are still waiting for the city to approve the workplan and this has put a hold on some of the plans. She will be presenting to common council again next week. Dave invited Mona to present to the clients at OAR and get some feedback from them in person. Judy offered Mona an opportunity to meet with the peer advisory group at REACH Medical. Mona thanked Judy and said that this will provide valuable feedback as CJC develops different working groups.
- d. Long Term Inmate Report** Ray said that the records officer has many other duties during a time of low staff numbers so the report is not available. The numbers at the jail have stayed steady at around 50 inmates and things are moving through the courts now. They are still dealing with some COVID illness here and there. The jail is working with REACH on some counseling and re-entry supports for inmates. Judy thanked Ray for the partnership and the linkages to care. She did ask why the number inmates in the jail seems a little high. She asked if there are any factors that are contributing to that. Ray responded that the numbers are still lower than pre-COVID numbers. Lance said that historically this is a low number. Bail Reform did bring the numbers down but that the courts are more active in issuing warrants for people that have failed to appear, and those cases are bail eligible. Matt said that it is

cyclical, and it is something he monitors every day, who is there, why they are there and if it is necessary for them to be there. He said that the numbers in TC are lower than the national average. Rich said that there is a detox facility opening soon and that the Legislature is working with CMC to create a stabilization unit for people that are in a MH crisis. Judy said she appreciates the clarification but reiterated that it is something that important to keep an eye on. Lance said that there are a higher number of gun cases, and those folks are bail eligible and he said that this is something that is worth tracking what may be the most appropriate response. Matt said that Lance is right that there are people in the jail for gun charges and there is not a blanket policy for those charges, but those cases are taken very seriously. Matt said that there is a major distinction between a person that is licensed and regulated as a gun owner and most of the gun charges in the criminal justice system.

- e. **Kit** gave an update about the armed guard that will be at HSB. They are also adding a magnetometer as well. She will work with Dominick Recckio to develop communication around these changes. She asked for any feedback wants the changes are implemented. Judy clarified that the feedback will be directed to Deana and Kit said she or Deana are the best contacts.

- V. **Adjournment-** Bridgette adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm. The next meeting is on January 25, 2023 @ 12:00 via Zoom.