

Draft – Minutes – Criminal Justice Alternative to Incarceration Meeting

Date: January 26, 2022

Time: 12:00 – 1:30p

Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Karla Brackett, Mona Smiley, Keyanna Vann, Tenitayo Sansui Parkinson, Jessica Janssen, Maria Vargas, Harmony Ayers Friedlander, Angela Sullivan, Martine Gold, Benay Rubenstein, Mark Dresser, Suzi Cook, Marie Boyer, Jenn Olin, Bridgette Nugent, Donna Fleming, Matt Van Houten, Ray Bunce, Ryan Harriott, Henry Granison, Judy Griffin, Louise Miller, Sue Robinson, Scott Miller, Richard John, Lance Salisbury, Taili Mugambee and Deanna Carrithers

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** - Deanna welcomed participants to the meeting and thank them for their support of the CJATI committee and the community. Everyone introduced themselves.
- II. **Changes to Agenda** – Deanna asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Travis Brooks was not present, so his presentation was removed from the agenda.
- III. **Minutes** - The minutes for the December 14, 2021, meeting were approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. **Reimagining Public Safety**–The work with the CJC continues. Rich reports that CJATI and CJC can work together on what the changes to law enforcement responses will look like, how to introduce more comprehensive MH service responses to emergency calls as well as a healing plan for police. These are a few of a wide range of goals. Deanna added that there needs to be a focus on intergenerational work within the black community between law enforcement and citizens. There is also a focus on WRAP plans in HHS. The outreach can reach village departments as well to serve all county residents.
- V. **Centralized Arraignment Process (CAP)** – Mark gave a brief history of the process for arraignment before CAP was implemented in January 2022. Now when a subject is arrested outside of regular court hours there are two arraignment times available at 8 am and 8 pm. The person being arraigned has access to counsel. This has freed law enforcement to be able to return to patrol sooner. Judges in the county have an on-call schedule to address emergency arraignment needs.

The corrections division has also handled the booking process when needed which allows officers to return to patrol sooner.

Regarding whether the city will be participating in this program it was pointed out that they have had a CAP program implemented since 2014.

2022 CJATI Goals and Objectives – Deanna asked for input regarding which goals should stay and need adjustments. Goals surrounding the impact of COVID-19 are still relevant as mandates continue to change based on the number of cases in the county.

Benay spoke about how bail reform affects the ability to connect services to people who have been arraigned and released. Suzi talked about the need for an evaluation metric to measure the impact of drug and alcohol dependency on the jail population. Rich agrees that there needs to be a way to connect with people that are ready for ATI services and there needs to be funding for CJATI activities that help ATI programs. He went on to say that the goal of having lower numbers of incarcerated

people is good there also needs to be a focus on lowering crime rates particularly regarding nuisance crimes.

Taili said that a focus on work incentive programs and other activities that can prevent crimes would help the success of bail reform.

Lance noted that statewide there is still opposition to bail reform but in TC, opposition is not an issue that the legislature feels is a priority. Lance feels that bail reform has contributed to an increase of people not appearing for their court date. Scott says that he does not agree that this is an issue in the city court. Rich suggested that analysis is needed to get a sense of this and should be a goal of 2022.

Suzi asked what is being done for victims of crimes. Judy agrees that victims need services. There is a lack of long-term services to meet their needs. Louise said that there is a recruiting and retention issue in non-profit, helping-service professions. The funds are not available to compete with private and county employers pay rates. Harmony asked that there be data collected regarding inmates with MH history in the jail population. There needs to be some expansion in who is providing services to inmates in need. There also needs to be supports in the workforce for people with lived experience to succeed.

Keep Reimagining Public Safety as a goal. Add that there needs to be more understanding of the “Less is More” Parole program. Keep jail numbers low should stay as a goal. More work on #5 Disproportionate Impacts on Racial and Ethnic Minorities. Goal #6 Fulfill Duties of CJATI Board under NYS is required. Taili asked that the evaluations be based on racial and ethnic disparities not just employment needs.

Deanna recapped all the above regarding goal setting for 2022 and added that we need to continue to highlight what works well while finding and fixing gaps. The next meeting the modified goals will be reviewed and adopted.

- VI. **Long Term Inmate Report:** Ray Bunce said that there is one person on the list that was recently sentenced and ready to move to a state facility. Some people that have been convicted are waiting for sentencing. The long-term inmate population will decrease as cases are resolved.
- VII. **Adjourn** – The meeting is scheduled Wednesday, February 23rd and a Zoom link will be sent to the committee.