

Draft – Minutes – Criminal Justice Alternative to Incarceration Meeting

Date: February 23rd 2022

Time: 12:00 – 1:30p

Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Deanna Carrithers, Mark Dresser, Angela Sullivan, Jenn Olin, Julia Hughes, Marie Boyer, Harmony Ayers-Friedlander, Bridgett Nugent, Karla Brackett, Scott Miller, Temitayo Sansui Parkinson, Donna Fleming, Deana Bodnar, Rich John, Jerry Wright, Judy Griffin, Sue Robinson, Amy XXXXX, Erica Cotraccia.

- I. Welcome and Introductions** – Deanna welcomed everyone and began the meeting.
- II. Changes to Agenda** – No changes.
- III. Minutes** - The minutes for the January 26, 2022, were approved.
- IV. Chair's Update- Goals and Objectives:**
 - a.** Louise Miller was not present but sent an email asking that the goal regarding the exploration of the impact on victim's advocacy be omitted as it should be a broader discussion.
 - b.** Ray Bunce was not present but asked Jenn to express his opinion that reimagining public safety should be moved further up the list as it is the main purpose of CJATI. Angela wants to make sure that services are available for people not only during incarceration but afterwards as well.
 - c.** Rich asked what role the CJATI will play as there are talks of creating policies that will affect the residents of the encampments. Services and shelter options for the people that will be affected by any policies that are created to close the encampments. Judy agreed that there are people that live there that feel there are no other options for them that are adequate for their needs. The people that live there and work with the residents there are going to be the best resource for helping the residents get what they need. Donna pointed out that encampment activities are often illegal and wonders how the CJATI and any plans for the encampment can be integrated. Rich agrees that some of the business owners and managers have concerns about safety from aggressive residents of the encampment. The CJATI needs to remain aware of any policies regarding the encampment. Mark expressed the concern about whether the residents of the encampment are local or from other parts of the country. The concern is that people that are not from the area and may have a history of violence that we are not aware of. More background about the residents is important. Deanna said that a goal will be added to stay informed about any changes that will affect the residents of the encampment.
 - d.** Bail reform goals have been approved.

V. Reimaging Public Safety-

- a. Jenn wants to make sure that any future for the public safety building expansion include CJATI and what services need to be considered as part of the expansion.

VI. Sequential Mapping-

- a. Jenn reports that the grant request to bring Crisis Intervention Training has been approved. In October of '21 Sequential Mapping was done to identify existing resources for MH resources in TC and where there are gaps. The CIT Committee was asked to identify the parts of the report they agree with, the parts that are priorities for them and if there are any needs that are not reflected. Jenn said that one of the gaps is that there is no data exchange between the jail and MH. To close this gap a HIPPA release form has been added to the intake process. The form is voluntary but will remain on file when it is completed. The goal of the CIT is to make sure there is a timely MH response to support law enforcement. There is a need for a crisis stabilization unit. There is a breakdown in the CMC ER that creates a gap in services for people with MH needs getting the support that they need. There is also a national system (988) that will be implemented in June to answer MH related emergency calls. Jenn acknowledged that there is a need for people with lived experiences to have representation in the CIT committee.
- b. IT at DOER worked to develop codes that can be used by officers when a call is closed to mark it as a MH call. This can help collect data from calls that are dispatched under other nature calls like disorderly, overdose, etc. to have way to later be identified as being MH.

VII. Long Term Jail Report-

- a. There are currently 42 inmates in TC with 2 boarded out to other facilities. 4 of the people are waiting for arraignment. Some are awaiting sentencing.

VIII. Adjournment-

- a. Deanna will send the updated goals. She asks that everyone think of ideas to help connect the College Initiative Program to people that can benefit from it.