

Minutes – Criminal Justice Alternative to Incarceration Meeting

Date: March 23, 2022

Time: 12:00 – 1:30p

Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Deanna Carrithers, Ryan Harriott, David Sanders, Ray Bunce, Taili Mugambee, Bridgette Nugent, Benay Rubenstein, Karla Brackett, Marie Boyer, Suzi Cook, Daniel Cornell, Deana Bodnar, Angela Sullivan, Rich John, Keyanna Vann, Jenn Olin, Judy Griffin, Harmony Ayers-Friedlander, Temitayo Sansui Parkinson, Mark Dresser.

I. Welcome and Introductions –

II. Changes to Agenda – None

III. Minutes – Approved

IV. CIU (Benay)-

- a. CIU is a program that creates pathways to and through college for people that are a part of the criminal justice system. They work with the courts, other non-profits, probation and assigned council to connect with people that would ne interested in and benefit from CIU.
- b. After seeing a down tick in enrollment they are starting to see the numbers go up again.
 - i. Though the pandemic has made arraignments virtual and bail reform has caused a breakdown in the ability to reach people, Benay said that the numbers are starting to rise as they work on more avenues for connection.
 - ii. Judy said that she has realized that she has recently been more aware of the opportunities she has with clients to mention programs that are available to them, like CIU.
 - iii. Ray Bunce offered to have CIU come to the jail to reach out to the inmates about how this program can benefit them.
 - iv. Currently CIU is working with 10 students on college prep. Connections with these students were made through Probation, Felony Drug Court, Wellness Court, Arthaus, Sunflower House, OAR, IHA and FL Reuse.
- c. CIU is in its 6th year, this spring semester there will be 37 graduates total for that time: participants have earned 26 associates degrees, 8 bachelors, and 3 have gone on to receive master’s degrees. 70% of the graduates are going to work in the HS field.
- d. Angela let the group know that there are funds available to help people with barriers to employment. She is looking for more information about how the funds can be used and will make sure that information is shared to the group when she knows more.
- e. Ryan asked if youth in centers in TC would be good candidates for the program. Benay said that the success of the participants is based on having some stability, she said that any person released locally from the youth

centers in the area that stay here are welcome to explore their options in this program when they have settled.

V. Chair Update (Deanna Carruthers)-

- a. 2022-2023 State ATI Grant Funding Allocation.
 - i. Deanna called for a vote to use the funds for CIU, the motion passed.
- b. 2022-2023 CJATI Committee Goals Next Steps.
 - i. Goals were assigned as follows: Goal 1- Fulfill Duties of CJATI: Deanna, Judy, Taili (1a & 1b), Benay (1b). Goal 2- COVID Impacts: Deanna & Judy. Goal 3- Reimagining Public Safety: Rich & Mona. Goal 4-Parole: Dave & Benay. Goal 5- Bail Reform: Rich, Lance, Matt & Dave. Goal 6- Disp. Impacts on Racial and Ethnic Minorities: Taili, Dave & Mark. Goal 7-Awareness & Engagement: Taili, Dan, Rich, Ray, Jenn & Suzi (7b). Goal 8- Victim Advocacy: Dan, Louise & Rich.
- c. **Long Term Inmate Report (Ray Bunce)-**
 - i. There are currently 2 people on the list that have not had contact with their lawyer in some months. Ray will review their status. Matt and Lance were absent from the meeting but would be able to report better on the status of court proceedings for those individuals. The number of inmates is higher than normal now, again, Lance or Matt may be able to help understand the increase in arrests. Karla from the Probation Department said that there is an increase in probation violations that have increased arrests and that may be a contributing factor. Dan pointed out that with the lift of the mask mandates the number of arrests from warrants may be up as people are recognizable now.

VI. Adjournment- The next meeting will be on April 27, 2022