

Buncombe County Safety + Justice Challenge Racial Equity Action Plan As of October, 2019



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Goal 1. To improve the cr	ioal 1. To improve the criminal justice system understanding of, and commitment to achieving racial equity within the Criminal Justice System								
All community members benefit from fair and equitable policies practices and	Provide education, training, dialogue and other learning opportunities among criminal justice professionals to increase understanding in critical race analysis, normalizing, operationalizing and organizing to eliminate racial disparities in communities	 PD Office COA Office of Equity and Inclusion United States Defenders Office BC Public Health 	October 2019 – September 2020	Trainings attended Educational opportunities provided	-% of groups represented -# of activities	Milestones: Held # of trainings Average # of attendance # agencies represented Next Steps: Host large REI Phase 1 training for key stakeholders, Develop Racial Equity Training			
results.	Use a race equity tool to guide the development, implementation, evaluation of policies, initiatives, programs, and budget issues to address racial disparities	 PD Office COA Office of Equity and Inclusion United States Defenders Office BC Public Health 	August 2019 – September 2020	Adoption of RE Tool in all workgroups	-How often the tool is used	Milestones: Racial Equity Tool drafted Next Steps: SJC Case Processing group to use tool			

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Goal 2: To improve collaboration among systems that impact the racial and ethnic disparities in the criminal justice system									
Local systems/institutions work together to address race-based	Define systems that impact the criminal justice system	 City of Asheville Office of Equity and Inclusion District Attorney Office 28th Judicial Superior Court Pretrial Services Housing Authority 	August 2019	Clear Understanding of systems impacting the criminal justice system through documentation	Documentation and adoption of document by workgroup	Milestones: Stakeholders defined local systems to include education, Public Health, DSS, CPS, Criminal Justice, Superintendents, School Boards, Education (Special & early Education, UNCA, ABTECH), Business / Chamber, Health Care System (Mission, MAHEC), Juvenile Justice, City, Economic Development, Housing (MHO, HACA, City, County Land Use, etc.), DEC Next Steps: Convene cross sector group			
disparities that impact our communities	Create collaborative space for systems that impact criminal justice systems to be solution-focused and share data across systems Develop a shared analysis of	 City of Asheville Office of Equity and Inclusion District Attorney Office 28th Judicial Superior Court Pretrial Services Housing Authority City of Asheville Office of Equity and Inclusion District Attorney Office 	January 2020 August 2020	-regular meetings -shared data and analysis -understanding the data reported -Established shared	-Majority representation systems identified are represented -Completion of	Milestones: In progress Next Steps: Drafting Invite and save the date			
	qualitative and quantitative data to determine root causes for institutional racism in local community	 28th Judicial Superior Court Pretrial Services Housing Authority 		definition -Define measures of developments (RRI)	task -Majority of analysis of systems	Milestones: Not started Next Steps:			

	 City of Asheville Office of Equity and Inclusion District Attorney Office 	January 2021	-Brainstorm		Milestones: Not Started
Develop and implementation strategies to reduce disparities	• 28 th Judicial Superior Court		-Pilot -Control Strategic plan	-Completion of task	
based on root causes	• Pretrial Services		form		
	 Housing Authority 				Next Steps:

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Goal 3: To reduce racial a	nd ethnic disparities in our local det	ention facility				
	Develop understanding of qualitative and quantitative data (to include information learned through SJC community engagement activities)	 Buncombe County Performance Management District Court District Attorney's Office Public Defender's Office Sheriff Office RHA 	August 2019	-Develop Relative Rate index through a Decision Point Analysis	-Completion of task	Milestones: In progress Next Steps: Presentation to workgroup related to decision point analysis and relative rate index
Jail disparities decrease between people of color and whites.	Develop a shared analysis of qualitative and quantitative data to determine root causes for jail disparities	 Buncombe County Performance Management District Court District Attorney's Office Public Defender's Office Sheriff Office RHA 	November 2019	-Identification of potential causes through brainstorming techniques	-Completion of task	Milestones: Not started Next Steps:
	Develop and implementation strategies to reduce disparities based on root causes	 Buncombe County Performance Management District Court District Attorney's Office Public Defender's Office Sheriff Office RHA 	February 2020	-Develop prioritize list through impact and effort technique	-Completion of task	Milestones: Not started Next Steps:

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Goal 4: To increase acces	Goal 4: To increase access and referral opportunities for people of color into criminal justice diversionary and supportive programs offered in Buncombe County								
All members of the community can benefit from diversionary and supportive programs	Develop understanding of service adopt in the communities of color (to include information learned through SJC community engagement activities)	 Sunrise US Attorney's Office Superior Court Asheville Police Department Buncombe County Health and Human Services 	March 2019- September 2020	-Data collection through quantitative analysis	-Completion of task	Milestones: *Completed task for Felony Drug Diversion Program of BC, via other sub-goals for GOAL 4 of this action plan. Next Steps: *Waiting on consolidated information (informative data) from CE Workgroup's listening sessions/events *Utilize CE Workgroup's data (from listening sessions and events) to inform content of RE 101 training (goal 1's task), ANDBRAINSTORM action item for this goal as it relates to diversion and supportive services.			
that holistically address the needs of an individual	Develop understanding of current state of program, including data analysis of referral, service adoption, program enrollment, and program completion (if applicable)	 Sunrise US Attorney's Office Superior Court Asheville Police Department Justice Resource Center Buncombe County Health and Human Services 	March 2019- September 2020	-Data collection through quantitative analysis	-Completion of task	Milestones: *Completed for the Felony Drug Diversion Program of BC. *Presented Process, findings, and actions (program changes) of Felony Diversion to 6 other Diversion and supportive services of the county. *Received 5 commitments to help facilitate the same RE Lens process/analytics from diversion and supportive services team leads.			

					Next Steps: *wait for GOAL-1 to complete RE 101 training and utilize. *Replicate Process of Felony Diversion analysis and change (beginning with RE 101 training) in other diversion and supportive services in BC. One program/service at a time.
criteria for entrance, access to services, and barriers that exist for communities of color	 Sunrise US Attorney's Office Superior Court Asheville Police Department Buncombe County Health and Human Services 	March 2019- September 2020	-Identification of potential causes through brainstorming techniques	-Completion of task	Milestones: *Completed for Felony Diversion Program Next Steps: *Select ONE (one at a time) Diversion or Supportive service from those who already signed "commit" form, train them in RE 101. *Meet with program for program data gather and RE lens analysis PRIOR to brainstorm. *Brainstorm causes of inequity for program selected.
Conduct educational opportunities, especially in communities most impacted by disparities	 Sunrise US Attorney's Office Superior Court Asheville Police Department Buncombe County Health and Human Services 	March 2019- September 2020	-Educational activities held with most impacted communities	-Completion of task	Milestones: *Created RE Presentation to show diversion program and services team leads. *Presented RE PowerPoint to diversion program/services team leads and gained commitments for further RE work in those programs. Next Steps: *Partner with Community Engagement Workgroup to inform the community of the RE changes in the county diversion programs AND to

	train community members on diversion and supportive
	services offered by the
	county.

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Goal 5: To ensure the communit	Goal 5: To ensure the community, including those most impacted by disparities, are engaged in community change discussion and decision making								
All residents have access and opportunities to engage in public decision-making	Partner with SJC Community Engagement Workgroup to receive feedback regarding the community experience of the justice system, especially those most impacted by disparities.	 Buncombe County Community Engagement 2 Community Members Dept. of Juvenile Justice 	September 2019- September 2020	Community Engagement Sessions: -Community Surveys -Listening Sessions -Focus groups -Community Meetings Next measure: -Most impacted	-Percentage of responses, both pre & post survey -Changes in perception pre & post survey	Milestones: Hosted 1 listening session and 1 community meeting. # individuals attended listening session # individuals attended community session Next Steps: launch of Criminal Justice 101, launch of survey, listening session in Pisgah View Apartments			
	Status	Not Started	At Risk	In Progress	Completed				
	Priority	High	Medium	Low					