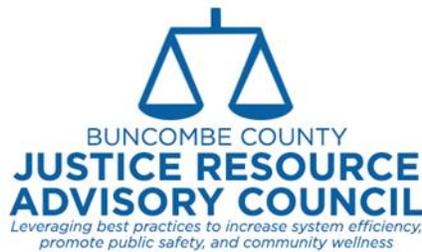


Minutes  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Welcome to Dakisha (DK) Wesley, new assistant County Manager
  - Welcome to Chris Bailey, new Asheville Police Chief
  - Welcome Diversion Staff
  
- Approval of August agenda and July minutes. Will begin publishing minutes on website.
  
- Old Business
  - Diversion Program Update and Review
    - Adult Misdemeanor Diversion Program. Goal is Dismissal of charges and preventing future criminal involvement. Enrolled 498 since January 2018, 236 successfully complete, 218 currently in progress. Expanding eligibility criteria: Can now have previous nonviolent felony conviction, previous misdemeanor convictions and previously enrolled and completed.
    - Felony Drug Diversion Program – 65 successful completion and 53 currently enrolled. Expanding eligibility criteria to be more inclusive. Since expanding criteria, 400% increase in referrals, including three times as many African American clients.
    - Moving forward, they will combine AMDP and FDDP Stakeholder meetings and will present in February to recap the data since implementing expanded criteria.
  - Jail Population Review and SJC (stress test and workgroup updates)
    - SJC – baseline is 385 daily population (minus contract holdings), based on November 2017 – April 2018
    - June and July have shown slight decrease, significantly over last year's data for the same months.
    - Bookings are down year to date. Average length of stay is decreasing.
    - Five most serious charges (January through July) per length of stay data was presented.
    - Probation Violation (January through July) – down 14% over same months last year. Average length of stay is 25.1.
    - Pretrial population continues to be the driver of population increase.
    - Will continue to present monthly updates to JRAC



- Stress Test Overview
  - Was held July 22 to do case based review
  - 40 cases were selected for review which included 212 dockets. 15 cases were reviewed on the day of the meeting.
  - Some findings and key takeaways: Average daily population = volume of entry + length of stay
  - Some topics to focus on: Continuances, Failure to Appear, Low Level Felonies, Probation Violations, DOC Backlog.
  - Next steps include following-up with stakeholders' individual participants and case processing workgroup.
- New Business
  - Waynesville NC LEAD Presentation: Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion. Diversion pre-arrest (before booking). Utilizes Officer and District Attorney Discretion. Harm Reduction Framework. Public Health Approach. Referral to Services. 2 Types of referrals: Charge Diversion (restrictions agreed upon by MOU stakeholders) and Social referral – based on history and knowledge. Have MOU partners that cover 24/7. Meet monthly with MOU partners to do case reviews. Participants have 14 days from initial diversion to go through LEAD intake clinical assessment. If they fail to the clinical assessment within 14 days, they face the original charges. Overall referrals have been approximately 30. Currently have 8 active participants.
  - Procedural Justice – CAYLA interns' presentation. Four categories: fairness, voice, transparency, impartiality. Observations from their time here: Public's unawareness of how to come to court, how slow the system moves, members of lower wealth not having access to certain information, lack of empathy expressed by judicial members and staff, lack of unity in Asheville as a whole. What can we do better as a system: connecting with community more, being responsible with authority given, keeping everyone involved and up to date about what's going on, building trust, informing the community of proper court proceedings, do better by younger generations, more bus routes, more crosswalks, street lights, recreation centers. Our voices are stronger as one.
  - JRAC Next steps (Priority Setting) – Reviewed currently projects. Had members vote on their priorities to determine how to set future priorities. Tiffany will gather input from members not here and share results with the group.
  - Departmental updates – email any departmental updates to Tiffany

*Next meeting: September 6, 2019 at 12:30 pm, 200 College St, Ground Floor Conference Room.*