Minutes
November 1, 2019
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

• Welcome and Introductions
  o Welcome to guest panelists and Judge Pope.

• Moment to honor the memory of Chief Assistant District Attorney, Rodney Hasty

• Approval of November agenda and September minutes. No changes to agenda. If anyone has any changes to the minutes from September, notify Tiffany. The minutes will be posted on the website on Monday.

• Announcements:
  o Commissioner Beach-Ferrara thanked those that worked on and/or attending Opioid Town hall. Had over 250 attendees and it was standing room only.
  o Rachael Nygaard thanked everyone who attended the School – Justice Meeting earlier this week.
  o Sylvia Clement – Raise the Age begins December 1st. Madison County will begin taking juveniles on December 1st. For overflow, they will go Alexander County.
  o APD implemented written-consent policy.
  o BCSO is hosting the NC Sheriff Association Conference next week.

• Old Business:
  o Jail Population Review
    ▪ Timeframe: November 1, 2017 – April 20, 2018
    ▪ Contract beds removed
    ▪ Baseline: 385
    ▪ Target: 327
    ▪ Bookings:
      ▪ October: 1077 (excludes rebooks)
      ▪ YTD: 10,342
      ▪ Last YTD: 10,250
      ▪ YOY Change: 0.9%
    ▪ October – OFA for FTA Only
      ▪ Number of Bookings: 223
      ▪ Percent of Bookings: 23%
    ▪ Releases:
      ▪ October: 1,026
- Average Pretrial LOS
  - October: 15.8 days (excludes those released after processing)
  - 78% of October releases spent 7 days or less in the detention facility
  - Average daily population increasing at end of summer is a typical pattern.
  - Continue to see slight increase in bookings
  - 23% of bookings in October had an OFA for Failure to Appear – no other chargers
  - Pretrial ALOS dropped by two days from September to October
  - Currently doing forecasting for data
    - Is using historical data from January 2014 to date
  - November forecasted at 441, which is a decrease over last November
  - Average of 4.2% decrease forecasted
  - Female population remain steady
  - The forecast for people of color is trending upwards
  - Predictions do not yet include the impacts we expect to see with implemented grant initiatives.
  - Staff will add a line in the future for population growth in the county.
  - Vivian and Lee will have some calculations for the next meeting that addresses the impact of the grant-related activities.

- Safety and Justice Challenge
  - Tiffany provided updates for the 7 SJC strategies.
    1. Deflection – citations and summons on hold
    2. Diversion
      a. Safe Beds on hold.
      b. Familiar Faces Enhancement
    3. Enhancing Pretrial
      a. Hiring Pretrial Screeners
      b. Implementing PSA late January
    4. Case Processing
      a. SJC ADA and APD – Cases in custody
      b. Court Reminder Card
      c. Prioritizing Court Efficiency Tactics
    5. Data Utilization
    6. Community Engagement
      a. PSA Community Meeting
      b. Big Ivy Listening Session Report Out
      c. Pisgah View Listening Session
    7. Racial Equity
a. Meeting Next Tuesday at 12:30 pm
b. Training Exercise and Data Review
   ▪ Tiffany provided a budget update for end of year 1.
   ▪ SAVE THE DATE: November 13th from 12:00-2:00 pm – Safety and Justice Challenge Summit. Please RSVP to Vivian’s invite.

• New Business
  o Restorative Justice Presentation and Discussion
    ▪ Kyle Garrett, School Partnerships Manager, United Way
    ▪ Jim Lewis, Principal at Owen Middle School
    ▪ Karen Thompson for April Dockery, School Counselor at Asheville Middle School
    ▪ Jon Powell, Restorative Justice Clinic, Campbell University School of Law
  o Restorative Practices are a system of principles and processes that build and sustain a culture of respect, responsibility and accountability. Restorative Practices emphasize the importance of trusting relationships as central to building community and the importance of repairing relationships when harm has occurred.
  o Restorative Practices are grounded in the traditions of indigenous cultures around the world that underscore the value of respect, compassion, dignity and inclusion of all members of the community. Everyone is an equal member of the community and everyone has a contribution to make.
  o Building and Sustaining Trusting Relationships
  o Repairing Relationships and Restoring Community
  o Currently in Phase I – Relationship building

• Questions and Answers:
  o How did you become involved in Buncombe County?
    ▪ Through the Johnnie Rush/Chris Hickman Case. Process is ongoing with goal to address both harm to Rush as well as harm to the community. John Powell is currently working with community members to understand harm to community and explore ways to repair the harm.
  o What is the process long-term and as a whole?
    ▪ That will be up to the community leaders. Hope is for a task force to be created.
  o Recommendations and thoughts on delivered approach for task force:
    ▪ Task force is a collaboration between Justice System and Law School. Could use similar knowledge here.
  o Kyle - Have you been introduced to Melissa Enclave who runs the Juvenile Misdemeanor Diversion Program?
- No, but will make that connection
  - What charges qualify?
    - It needs to be initiated by victims, needs to be voluntary for all parties, must be confidential, must be done with trained facilitators. It can be for any charges.
- Departmental updates – email any departmental updates to Tiffany

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