Minutes
January 10, 2020
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

- Welcome

- Approval of January agenda and December minutes. No changes to agenda. If anyone has any changes to the minutes from December, notify Tiffany. The minutes will be posted on the website early next week.

- Old Business
  - JRAC Strategic Planning Progress
    - Complete: Mapped out current portfolio (see December 2019 minutes)
    - Next Steps: Proposal to work with outside consultant that to yield us a vision, strategic directions and action areas. Commitment from steering committee, as well as entire JRAC.
  - JRAC Project Updates and Quarterly Performance Measures
    - JRAC has requested regular updates regarding the jail population, program/services performance measures, and Safety and Justice Challenge. Staff currently working effective ways to present information to JRAC. JRAC will continue to receive updates as requested and as new updates are available.
    - Once implemented, steering committee will work to effectively manage request for new projects, programs and/or services.
    - Since SJC Summit didn’t happen last fall, the different workgroups will be presenting data/updates to JRAC during regular meetings.
  - JRAC Governing Document
    - Final draft was presented and the following was reviewed and confirmed:
      - By-law format that remains in place until time if ever JRAC dissolves
      - Membership as outlined in draft, update move Pretrial Services to membership by representation
      - Chair and Vice Chair
      - Steering Committee
      - JRAC meets bi-monthly
      - Must follow North Carolina Open Meetings Law (G.S. 143-318.9)
      - Special meetings added (standard procedure)
      - Membership Responsibility section taken from JRAC MOU and added to By-law
    - Items introduced to JRAC members, discussed, and voted included the following:
• Article II Section 2: Membership by representation: Staff will send out an invitation to the membership organization asking them to reply in writing with their designated representative.
• Article III: Chair and Vice Chair: Chair appointed by County Manager. The group will vote for the Vice Chair.
• Article V Section 1: Standing Committee Purpose: Staff will send out a proposal for standing committees.
• Article VI Section 1b Steering Committee Meetings: Steering Committee will meet bi-monthly on months opposing JRAC meeting
• Article VII Section 3- Submitting Items for Formal Discussion or Vote: The steering committee has the authority to make decisions on behalf of the JRAC.
• Committee/workgroup meetings will be open to the public, unless there is a need for a special closed meeting
• Will provide the opportunity in the JRAC meetings for public comment. Will use the same guideline as Commissioners. No specific cases will be discussed.
• If a JRAC member is unable to attend, they will send a designated proxy. If JRAC member by appointment misses 4 consecutive meetings or more than 75% of the meetings in a year, they will resign their position.

  ▪ Next steps: JRAC will meet in February for approval of bylaws, invitation for new members and nomination call for membership by selection by nomination and appointment

• New Business
  o Racial Equity Presentation – LeAnn Melton presented data from the Racial Equity Workgroup including their definitions, shared analysis, timeline, accomplishments, data, goals, and next steps. A copy of the presentation is included in the meeting documents.
    ▪ There is a request drill down further on the probation violation data. Would like to see bond levels for these people. Also want to know why blacks are booked 3 times more than the average population. Would also like to see income data in comparison to racial demographics. Would like to review data between arrests and bookings.
  o Jessica Smith with the School of Government is coming to talk about Bond Reform on February 6th at 12:30 pm at 200 College St. JRAC is invited.
  ▪ Effective ways to collect data in which Law enforcement can measure arrest data vs diversion data.
  ▪ In the jail management system, ethnicity data is significantly missing, making it difficult to establish baseline date.
Currently data can be parsed out for those who are arrested, booked, fingerprinted and released without a bed assignment.

- Amnesty Day Planning
  - DA office is currently down 3 ADAs. Should be fully staffed in March, so would like to do an Amnesty Day in March or April. If there are minor offenses, people can contact them outside of Amnesty Day.
    - Are there collaborations available to help with this effort (i.e. free parking, free bus passes, satellite locations, etc.)
  - Driver License Restoration – Rodney was working on this effort. This has been implemented in Mecklenburg County and they are willing to come here to share their process and successes with us. The DAs office would like to have it in conjunction with the Amnesty Day if possible. Durham has also implemented DL Restoration and they are having a 10 week webinar series and JRAC members are encouraged to participate and learn about their processes and successes.
  - There are likely some attorneys in the community that is willing to do pro-bono work on this project. We need to get some info out to the bar and the Pro-Bono Association.
  - Will likely create an ad-hoc workgroup to plan this
  - Would like to add Charlotte to the February JRAC meeting if possible

- Announcements:
  - Vaya Health – Began contracting with a new provider, Daymark Recovery for the child and adolescent crisis center- Cayalyn Burrell Child Crisis Center, 277 Biltmore Ave, Asheville NC. They are trying to get the word out that local beds are available.
  - Sheriff – thank you for hosting SaulPual event
  - Juvenile – Raise the Age is in place. In the process of hiring some new staff.
  - Pretrial – PSA training next week. If you haven’t signed up, please do so. Will implement internally in January and will be moving the PSA to the Magistrate level in February. Kim will be retiring February 29.
  - Next Racial Equity is February 4th at 200 College St at 12:30 pm.
  - Community Engagement will be reporting out next month.
  - Be on the lookout for a survey from the SJC workgroups.

- Adjourned

Next meeting: February 7, 2020 at 12:30 pm, 200 College St, Ground Floor Conference Room.