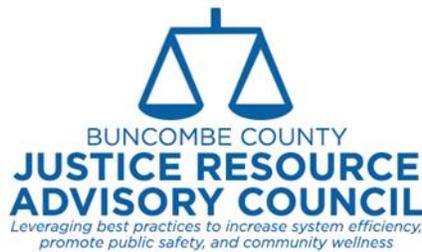


JRAC Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2020  
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

- Welcome
- Dakisha (DK) Wesley opened with roll call (see attachment)
- Approval of October's minutes and December's agenda with unanimous consent. The minutes will be posted on the website.
- New Business
  - Vote for vice-chair position:
    - Both nominee accepted nomination, Sheriff Miller and Joseph Hackett there were no more nomination.
    - Tiffany provided instructions on how to vote
    - An anonymous poll was open for panelist for voting
  - Discussion on the motion: Judge Young inquired about her capacity to serve on JRAC and recommended to be an ex-officio member.
  - DK discussed need to review and potentially update JRAC By-laws to reflect change in membership as it currently reads representation for district court is by Chief District Court Judge. Steering Committee to bring forth recommendation to amend the Bylaws.
  - Joseph Hackett raised concern about judicial membership being of great value and the concerning Judge Young statement.
  - DK recommended further discussion regarding all concerns before amending the bylaws.
  - Discussion closed.
    - Voting was closed and the results were given by Tiffany, 19 votes in total, 14 for Sheriff Miller and 8 votes for Joseph Hackett
    - DK announced that by majority vote the Vice Chair would go to Sheriff Miller, and as Vice Chair his main duties would be to convey meeting in the absence of the Chair as well as JRAC agenda development.
    - If a member has suggested agenda items they are welcome to send it to DK or the new Vice Chair.
- Old Business
  - Since the summer the JRAC has focused a strategic planning; Buncombe County Performance Management team Christina McEntee and Burnett Walz have facilitated this process
  - Christina and Burnett facilitated the strategic plan process and next steps (please see PPT attached).



- Recognition given to the Performance Management Team on facilitation of JRAC Strategic planning
- Announcements:
  - Amy Griffith: Jail Community Re-entry Program
    - Dogwood Health Trust grant to create an integrated public health-justice initiative to reduce recidivism and increase access to medical and mental health care for those exiting Buncombe County Detention Facility and prisons (Swannanoa and Craggy).
    - Develop a post-release team within the Justice Services Department to provide community linkage to care and support for up to 12 months post-incarceration for individuals with severe and persistent mental health conditions and/or substance use disorders in BCDF. This team will consist of a
      - community health worker position (prior history of incarceration),
      - registered nurse to assist with medication and medical appointment adherence,
      - human services professional to provide assertive case management and linkage, and
      - program manager who will provide direct oversight to the entire jail re-entry team to include the 3 case manager positions already embedded in the jail.
    - Add a Community Health peer to HHS's Community Linkage to Care program to handle the high volume of those with Opioid Use Disorder coming out of BCDF and prisons, and to take on the additional smaller number of individuals coming out with a primary chronic physical condition (high blood pressure, asthma, diabetes, etc.)
  - Tiffany Iheanacho acknowledged Amy Griffith is departing from the Director of Diversion Services position and recognized her work in Buncombe County for the past 10 years as well as her partnership and commitment to those in service.
  - Aisha Shepherd: The Justice Services Department released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for community-led initiatives that promote community safety and reduce community violence. The RFP is asking community organization (or organizations) to holistically promote community safety and reduces gun violence to include:
    - develop a comprehensive plan with justice stakeholders that that addresses community safety and reduces gun violence and provide support for implementation
    - implementation of a program/initiative working in communities most impacted by gun violence.
    - the maximum award amount is \$225,000 (if proposal includes both deliverables). Please see RFP for additional information.



- Donald Reuss: update regarding initiative across the county called NC Core; a new relationship between local residential facilities and the department of Health and Human Services for clients looking for support with employment across the region.
- Tiffany Iheanacho: will be working with Law Enforcement Judge Hill and other stakeholders to determine the needs of those 16-17. The Juvenile Diversion Misdemeanor Program position has not posted yet. Due to the raised of age and COVID-19 pandemic the program has not had referrals since the spring of 2020.
- No public comments
- DK Wesley motion to end the meeting, Jasmine Beach - Ferrara moved, Donald Reus second
- Adjourned

*Next meeting: February 5, 2021 at 12:30 pm, Zoom Link.*