

Milwaukee Community Justice Council
Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 27, 2014 at 12:15pm
Courthouse Room 609

Attended: Andrea Johnson (JusticePoint), Nate Holton (CJC), Tom Reed (SPD), John Connelly (LISC), Rose Scott (Prison Action), Nichole Yunk Todd (WCS), Peter Koneazny (Legal Aid Society), Carl Ashley (Courts), Annie Heaps (Centro Legal, Inc.), and Carmella DeLucia (CJC)

I. Introductions

II. Executive Committees Response to Outline

- The Executive Committee approved the Outreach Outline on Wednesday March 19th at the last Executive Committee Meeting. This gives the committee room to now focus on the implementation plan.

III. Committee Name Change

- The committee adopted a new name, the Community Engagement Committee.

IV. Action Item: Select Topics for future Whole Council Meetings

- The committee discussed the responses that were compiled which listed what each committee member suggested for future meeting of the whole topics.
- The group discussed the list and tried to narrow down some of the topics to guide our future Whole Council meetings.
- The group members discussed several issues that could be talked about at the next Whole Council meeting including discussing the Juvenile System and how it relates to the Adult System. The group discussed issues such as the Black Male Incarceration Rate and important topics that they feel the community and Milwaukee should be addressing at these meetings.
- Tom Reed suggested an information meeting where community members could understand the System and where to go to ask questions or who to ask.
- The group discussed the mission of these meetings which should be transparent, but also to provide a service.
- Nichole Yunk Todd suggested that our events could talk about an overview of trauma informed care, the idea of trauma and how that can impact ones life.
- The group discussed the role of advocacy, and the importance of making sure that more community members are present.
- The committee decided that the next CJC Meeting of the Whole would be a legislative update, with topics including Shotspotter, the Juvenile Bill, Driver's License Recovery, and the new Mental Health Board.
- Other potential meeting topics include:

- Mental Health
- Black Male Incarceration
- Juvenile Issues
- Reentry Issues
- Women in the Justice System (e.g prostitution, trauma, women at the HOC)
- Trauma (e.g impact of trauma on various populations; Community Building initiative)
- CJC Update
- Fatherhood
- MICHA Criminal Justice Initiatives
- Heroin
- Neighborhood Community Collaborations that Impact Public Safety and the Justice System
- Public Health Perspective of Criminal Justice
- The Municipal Court System (e.g how it works, how it interacts with the rest of the system etc.)

V. Update on Survey Subcommittee

- Andrea Johnson updated the group on the survey subcommittee. The committee is thinking over possible questions to ask on a survey, and have narrowed down the focus into two areas. The first is a telephone survey which would ask questions about perceptions of the System, and the second would be similar to a customer satisfaction survey. This survey would gather ideas from the community based on their concerns and what they would like to see improve. This could guide the Council as to keeping our focus on what the committee is most concerned about. The committee could send an electronic survey out to aldermen and at CJC Meeting of the Whole Events.
- The group talked about aligning the survey based on what we are currently working on including alternatives to sentencing and drug treatment. This survey could be based off of what elements are currently changing.

VI. Next Meeting is on Thursday, April 24th at 12:15pm in the Courthouse Room 609

Next Meeting of the Whole Dates:

- May 28th : Legislative Update (Mental health board, Shotspotter, Juvenile bill, Driver's License Recovery)
- July 23rd : TBD
- September 24th : TBD
- December 3rd : TBD