



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 – 12:15pm
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 609

Attendees: Tom Reed, Jeff Wagner (on behalf of Chief Judge White), Chris Abele, John Chisholm, Richard Schmidt, Sheldyn Himle (on behalf of Judge Derek Mosley), Luann Anderson, Angelique Richards (on behalf of Niel Thoreson), Mallory O'Brien, Willie Johnson, Jr., Tom Barrett, Walter Lanier, Ron Malone, Stephanie Garbo, Raisa Koltun

- 1) **Call to Order** – Tom Reed, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:22pm. Chair White sends her regrets, as she is at the State Judicial Conference.
- 2) **Approval of October Executive Committee Minutes** – no immediate changes requested.
- 3) **Follow-Up From Previous Meeting(s):**
 - a) **Discussion on the future of Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission and Sentinel Event Reviews** – Tom Reed and Mallory O'Brien gave a historical overview of the MHRC and update on how the MHRC operates today. The scope of the Commission has widened over the course of time, and Mallory is currently looking to expand it beyond the City of Milwaukee to the County. It was noted that there is consideration for changing the name to be reflective of the widened scope. After discussions with different entities, it was suggested that the MHRC operate as a subcommittee of the CJC, allowing for the CJC Executive Committee to guide the direction and focus of reviews, as well as follow-through on proposed actionable recommendations. No members expressed opposition, thus deeper planning and discussions will occur in the coming weeks. It was suggested that Mandy connect with Rob Henken of the Public Policy Forum for additional input, and Tom requested that any members with concerns or opposition raise them as soon as possible for consideration.
 - b) **Reckless Driving and Auto Theft** – Immediately following the discussion the MHRC, John Chisholm raised concerns over the number of impaired driving cases his office is seeing. The DA's Office has charged over 300 impaired-driving cases, where detectable levels of heroin/opiates are in the drivers' system and children are in the vehicle. Often these incidents are occurring during the daytime and the mothers are the drivers. There was additional discussion on OWI's and wrong way drivers. Sheriff Schmidt also noted that as a result of last month's Executive Committee meeting, a multi-jurisdictional task force was created to target auto-theft suspects. Earlier this week, a prolific offender was arrested and charged by the DA's Office. Initial resources for this task force were allocated for thirty days.
- 4) **Committee Updates:**
 - a) **Community Engagement**
 - i. **Reconvening on November 30th at 12:15pm** – Mandy noted the Community Engagement Committee reconvened in early 2017 and has focused on addressing the communication needs for the Safety and Justice Challenge work. While that work will continue, Mandy is committed to creating a larger community engagement/advisory committee inclusive of community input. A meeting will be



held on November 30th in the County Executive's conference room to discuss the formation of this group further. All CJC Executive members are encouraged to attend or send another representative.

b) Mental Health Committee

- i. DHS Forensic Waitlists for Treatment to Competency – The CJC Mental Health Committee raised the concern of the growing number of individuals awaiting treatment to competency (at Winnebago and/or Mendota) but remain in jail due to capacity issues. Mandy reviewed the numbers with the group and

c) Reentry Committee

- i. **Reentry Summit: Instilling Hope, Enhancing Partnerships** – Mandy gave an overview of the two-day Reentry Summit that occurred on November 7-8, 2017. The CJC reentry committee played an integral role in assisting the US Attorney's Office in planning the event.
- ii. **SAMHSA GAINS Center Sequential Intercept Mapping Application** – Mandy informed the committee of the recent technical assistance grant application submitted. This opportunity would allow for the CJC Reentry Committee to develop strategic priority areas as it relates to individuals reentering the community from the jail and/or corrections. She thanked those members who wrote letters of support: Courts, Department of Corrections, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, and Milwaukee Police Department.

5) Status of Byrne JAG Funding Request/CJC Director Funding – For the past 4 years, the CJC Director position has been funded with Department of Justice [Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant](#) funding. Milwaukee County responded to the 2018 solicitation in spring of 2017, to fund the CJC Director position for 2018; however, grant allocations are currently on hold pending a lawsuit with Cook County, and a number of other jurisdictions, over the constitutionality of withholding federal grant money over immigration enforcement. Mandy will meet with Rob Henken to review the CJC budget to determine if or how much funding is available to cover employment costs while this situation is resolved.

6) 4th Annual “The Impact of Race within the Criminal Justice System” Event Reflection – the group discussed their reflections on this year's event. Overall, responses were very positive and appreciative of the space to have a conversation among criminal justice professionals regarding race.

7) Announcements/Other Business

- a) **Warrant Withdrawal Wednesday** – Milwaukee Municipal Court is hosting a WWW at Greater New Birth Church on December 6th, 2017. Registration opened today and over 150 individuals pre-registered by noon already. 20-25 resource vendors/employers have also agreed to be at the event.

8) Adjourn – meeting was adjourned at 1:38pm