



Executive Committee

Wednesday, February 17, 12:15pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tom Reed, Mary Triggiano, Constance Kostelac, Niel Thoreson, John Chisholm, Willie Johnson Jr., Chantell Jewell, David Crowley, Margaret Daun, Shakita LaGrant McClain, Walter Lanier, Jeffrey Norman, Earnell Lucas, Tom Barrett

Other Attendees: Steven Johnson, Steve Caballero, Derrick Lashua, Rick Frohling, Chris Freedy, Jordan Primakow, Kent Lovern, Nick DeSiato, Branden DuPont, Mary Jo Meyers, Luann Anderson, Pam Matthews, Theodore Chisholm, Jeff Roman, Rob Henken, Korynna Lopez, David Muhammad, Stephanie Garbo

Staff Present: Mandy Potapenko, Erin Perkins, Alyssa Doman

- 1) Call to Order and Introductions:** Chair Triggiano called the meeting to order at 12:18 pm and proceeded with roll call. The committee welcomes Rick Frohling, Acting US Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin beginning Saturday, February 20, 2021.
- 2) Brief Committee Check-In – Any pressing items to note before diving into the agenda?:** None noted.
- 3) Marijuana Possession Arrest and Conviction Trends over the Past 10 Years:** ([presentation](#)) The Medical College of Wisconsin briefed attendees on marijuana possession arrest and conviction trends. Governor Evers recently proposed legalizing marijuana. The most common convictions are drug paraphernalia. Wisconsin arrests trends remain unchanged statewide over ten years but Milwaukee county arrests for possession have been cut in half since 2010. Overall criminal convictions have decreased but Milwaukee convictions have dropped. Felony only marijuana convictions have seen the largest drop. When Milwaukee County is excluded, convictions remain the same across the state. Racial Disparities persist in possession of marijuana arrests. Black people are 4.2 times more likely statewide and 3.2 times more likely in Milwaukee County than white people to be arrested. Data from 2010 showed that Black people were 9.5 times more likely to be arrested.
- 4) Public Health + Public Safety Partnership (PHAST) Updates:** Regular updates will be provided as the work moves forward regarding the COSSAP grant. Milwaukee County has among the highest rates of overdose deaths in Wisconsin and twice the Wisconsin rate from 2014-2019 in opioid overdose fatalities. A collaborative effort by the CJC established COSSAP to respond to the crisis. A three-year grant will bring \$1.2 million to the county. The Overdose Public Health and Public Safety Team will be drawing from existing work across the country. The team aims to better understand fatal overdose risk factors, provide resources to connect to the families, and expand delivery and analysis of data and include aggregate data. The Medical College of Wisconsin, Institute for Health and Equity will serve as the research partner and coordinate and facilitate both the OFR and DST. The team will also perform regular review and analysis of data and develop recommendations to the CJC.

The City and County of Milwaukee had unprecedented levels of violence in 2020 with more than 940 victims of homicides. The trend appears to be continuing into 2021 and is considered an urgent situation. A small team is working to develop a framework for a more operational and immediate public health and safety partnership to respond to the violence. PHAST



has been adding additional partners to help respond to the uptick in violence and respond to what is happening in the community.

- 5) **MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Initiative Update:** The SJC provided updates on the MacArthur initiative. Milwaukee has been awarded a grant by the MacArthur Foundation to continue its work on racial equity and move into a sustainability phase. The end goal is to move away from MacArthur funding to self-sufficiency. Planned partnerships will allow the CJC to achieve its goals and continuation of dashboards on the jail population. The CJC plans to maintain a mental health diversion program to bring people back into community supports that provide needed services to the individuals, including early identification efforts. Allocated funds will help bring on additional staff to help with the work needed to advance these initiatives. The CJC additionally put forth a proposal with Everyday Democracy for reentry council strategic planning and stakeholder trainings around facilitated dialogues. A meeting is scheduled at the end of March for Executive Committee members and Everyday Democracy staff. Additional materials will be forthcoming.
The CJC decided it will not be utilizing the Greater Milwaukee Foundation as a fiscal agent for its subgrants awarded by the MacArthur Foundation, but the Zilber School of Public Health may be interested in acting as a fiscal agent in place of GMF.
- 6) **Kellogg Foundation – Racial Equity 2030 Opportunity and Proposal Update:** Jeff Roman, Executive Director for Milwaukee County’s Office on African American Affairs, provided an overview of the Kellogg Foundation’s Racial Equity 2030 grant opportunity. Director Roman will be leading the effort and will engage core partners to ensure sure that assets are connected, aligned, and able to mobilize.
- 7) **Any Other Business or Requests:** None noted at this time.
- 8) **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm. The next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2021 at 12:15 pm via Zoom. The next CJC Community Meeting of the Whole is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 9:30 am via Zoom