



## Executive Committee

Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 12:15 pm

### Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Tom Reed, John Chisholm, Margaret Daun, Walter Lanier, Willie Johnson Jr., Earnell Lucas, Rick Frohling, Niel Thoreson, Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Connie Kostelac

**Delegates Present:** Jordan Primakow (on behalf of Tom Barrett), Nick DeSiato (on behalf of Jeffrey Norman), Brandon Hutchins (on behalf of Chantell Jewell), Mary Jo Meyers (on behalf of David Crowley)

**Others Present:** Jamaal Smith, Steve Caballero, Kent Lovern, Margaret Honrath, Steve Gorodetskiy, Jeff Roman, David Muhammad, Chris Ladwig, Pam Matthews, Ted Chisholm, Unknown Phone User

**Staff Present:** Mandy Potapenko, Erin Perkins, Alyssa Doman

- 1) Call to Order and Welcome** – Vice-Chair, Tom Reed, called the meeting to order at 12:18pm. Director Potapenko proceeded with roll call. Chair Triggiano, Luann Anderson, and Chantell Jewell sent their regrets.

Tom began by providing brief remarks and updates that Chief Judge Triggiano had hoped to share. It was noted that the Courts anticipate opening three additional jury trial courtrooms in the beginning of May. John Chisholm was also recognized for his advocacy at the State to prioritize vaccinations for justice system professionals.

- 2) Presentation on the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program in Milwaukee** – Christopher Ladwig, PSN Coordinator and Assistant US Attorney with the Eastern District of Wisconsin, provided an overview of the current PSN program focused on addressing gun violence in six priority neighborhoods within the City of Milwaukee. The PSN resources create two additional ADA positions within the District Attorney's Office, as well as victim witness resources, and additional in-reach to improve reentry success. Chris anticipates a collaborative partnership between the PSN and the VR-PHAST work being developed. Members who have additional questions can reach out to Chris at [Christopher.ladwig@usdoj.gov](mailto:Christopher.ladwig@usdoj.gov).

- 3) Public Health + Public Safety Partnership (PHAST) Updates** – Connie Kostelac provided an update on the "Public Health and Safety teams" under development. Milwaukee County was the recipient of a FY2020 Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to create the OD-PHAST, to create a collaborative overdose public health and safety team. A planning team has been meeting to move forward with formalizing the "Data and Strategy Team," which will be tasked with reviewing aggregate overdose data and developing actionable policy recommendations from data and the expertise of individuals around the table. It was noted that there has been a notable increase in overdose deaths of African American males over the age of 50 who have a combination of cocaine and fentanyl in their toxicology reports. Connie agreed to share the PowerPoint slides with members so that members can share the information further.

Connie also noted the facilitation team for the VR-PHAST is scheduled to meet later this week. The VR-PHAST is a collaborative modeled after the UEOC response to address and prevent gun violence in the City of Milwaukee. Connie anticipates the official launch of VR-PHAST by the beginning of April.

- 4) COVID-19 and Operations Updates** – Tom Reed provided updates regarding vaccinations and operations at the beginning of the meeting. Jordan Primakow provided an update on the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package that was signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021. Wisconsin anticipates a \$3.2B, Milwaukee County \$140M, the



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City of Milwaukee \$405M. Jordan reported that at this time there are a lot of unknowns as to how the money will be prioritized and he will be happy to provide additional updates at future meetings.

- 5) **Kellogg Foundation Racial Equity 2030 Grant Submission Update** – Milwaukee County Office on African American Affairs Director, Jeff Roman, provided an overview of Milwaukee County’s RacialEquity2030 submission. Members were provided a copy of the submission. Award announcements are anticipated in Summer 2021.
- 6) **Director’s Updates** – Mandy Potapenko provided a brief overview of the current subcommittee work and upcoming meetings. Mandy thanked members for completing the scheduling poll to arrange a special meeting with Everyday Democracy, a national organization that supports local justice systems in increasing authentic community engagement and advancing racial equity work. The special meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at noon. Additionally, the CJC Data Analysis and Research Committee will be reconvening for the first time in 2021. All members are welcome to attend and encouraged to delegate a staff person to participate regularly. That meeting will occur on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 8:30am. All meeting information is posted on the CJC website and can also be accessed by contacting Mandy at [mpotapenko@milwaukeeecjc.org](mailto:mpotapenko@milwaukeeecjc.org).
- 7) **Any Other Business or Discussion** – It was noted that Connie Kostelac agreed to provide additional information and/or a presentation at a future meeting on the MPOWER project. Additionally, it was noted that outreach will be done to Joe Lamers or another point of contact within Milwaukee County to have an update on the federal stimulus allocation at a future meeting.
- 8) **Adjourn** – Tom Reed adjourned the meeting at 1:28pm. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 12:15 pm via Zoom.