



## Executive Committee

Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 12:15 pm via Zoom

### Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Mary Triggiano, Tom Reed, Tom Barrett, Connie Kostelac, John Chisholm, Chantell Jewell, Maggie Daun, Willie Johnson Jr., Niel Thoreson, Luann Anderson, Walter Lanier, Shakita LaGrant-McClain

**Delegates Present:** Mary Jo Meyers (on behalf of David Crowley), Sheldyn Himle (on behalf of Derek Mosley), Nick DeSiato (on behalf of Jeff Norman), Denita Ball (on behalf of Earnell Lucas), Christopher Ladwig (on behalf of Richard Frohling)

**Other Attendees:** William Lipscomb, Andrew Rodriguez, Stephanie Nowak, Steven Johnson, Stephanie Garbo, David Muhammad, Eric Collins-Dyke, Rhonda Reid, Gabrielle O-Keefe, Pam Matthews, Jeanne Geraci, Lisa Vlatch, Amy McKinney, Erich, Jordan Primakow

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

- 1) **Call to Order and Welcome** – Chair Triggiano called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. Roll call was completed.
- 2) **Presentation: MPOWER Initiative** – Jeanne Geraci (Benedict Center), Eric Collins-Dyke (Milwaukee County Housing Division), and Connie Kostelac (Medical College of Wisconsin) provided an overview and update on the MPOWER Initiative, a systems-level project to support women in the street-based sex trade, including victims of sex trafficking, who utilize illicit or prescription opioids or other drugs, and divert them from the streets into housing, treatment, and other wraparound services. This initiative was made possible through funding from the Federal Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance. To-date, Milwaukee County’s Housing Division has reported over 185 women being placed in temporary or permanent housing through partners including Housing Navigation Services and Sisters Warming Room since 2019. The next quarterly stakeholder meeting is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Anyone interested in attending can contact Stephanie Nowak ([stephanie.nowak@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:stephanie.nowak@milwaukeecountywi.gov)).
- 3) **Member Check-In**
  - **Public Forum Request** - Earlier this month Reggie Moore requested a public forum from the CJC. Attendees were asked for their input on the criminal justice system related to race and how to thoughtfully continue the conversation and create dialogue. Holding an educational mini-series of sessions to provide opportunities for people to discuss the issue and get the facts of what options the judge and DA’s office have in cases to understand the system was mentioned as a possible starting point.
  - **American Rescue Plan Act Update** - State and federal budget allocation updates were provided from the Rescue Plan Act. The county will be getting its first distribution on May 11<sup>th</sup> and the second will come a year later. A summary will be distributed to the group to see which aspects of the legislation may impact respective areas. Some of the funding includes \$500 million in WIC, \$1.5 billion in SNAP funding, \$450 million for programs for victims of domestic violence and rape, \$24 billion in child care stabilization, \$450 million in grants towards Community Behavioral Health, \$5 billion towards homelessness assistance and support services among many other items. Any questions on the funding should be directed to Jordan Primakow. There is a gridlock as the state legislature and governor grapple with putting together a budget.
- 4) **Director’s Updates and Announcements** - Director Potapenko provided brief updates and reminded everyone on the CJC Meeting of the Whole/Community Town Hall next widely. April is National Reentry Month and the Reentry Committee has grown over the years into its own council and a presentation will be forthcoming at the town hall event. Many of the



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committee members have been involved in the creation of VR- and OD-PHAST meetings and recommendations will eventually be brought to the Executive Committee. The meetings have officially launched within the last few weeks. The county has been selected by and accepted into the IMPACT Network as the CJC/SJC moves into the sustainability phase of funding. Policy Research Inc. has been a close ally in the Network, helping Milwaukee connect with other SJC funded sites and meet with other jurisdictions to share and learn knowledge. The focus within the network is to focus on community engagement, strategic planning, and racial equity. CJC strategic planning will occur in the fall and work on launching some racial equity decision point analysis work in the summer. A Trinity Fellow from Marquette is incoming, and contracts are being finalized with UWM to get subgrants out.

- 5) **Any Other Business or Discussion** – None at this time.
- 6) **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:29pm. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2021, at 12:15pm via Zoom. The Next CJC Meeting of the Whole Community Town Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 9:30am via Zoom.