



## **Executive Committee**

Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 12:15 pm  
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 609

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chris Abele, Niel Thoreson, John Chisholm, Walter Lanier, Earnell Lucas, Mary Jo Meyers, Tom Reed, Maxine White

**Designees:** Nick DeSiato (on behalf of Alfonso Morales), Sheldyn Himle (on behalf of Derek Mosley), Anne Kearney (on behalf of Margaret Daun), William Lipscomb (on behalf of Matthew Krueger), Jordan Primakow (on behalf of Tom Barrett)

**Sent Regrets:** Connie Kostelac

**Others Present:** Emily Mazzulla, Pam Matthews, Raisa Koltun, Carl Ashley, Ted Chisholm, David Muhammad, Sumiyah Clark, Carl Ashley, Luann Anderson, Pam Matthews, Lance Wiersma, Paul Mozina

**Staff:** Mandy Potapenko, Erin Perkins, Alyssa Doman, Gabe Charles

### **1) Call to Order and Introductions**

Chair White called the meeting to order at 12:24 pm. Attendees proceeded with introductions.

### **2) Review and Approve December Meeting Minutes**

December 2019 meeting minutes were approved without any concerns. Committee members can contact Director Potapenko if any amendments are requested.

### **3) Introduction and Guest Presentation by Dr. Emily Mazzulla, Marquette University / SWIM Initiative**

Chair White welcomed Dr. Emily Mazzulla, clinical psychologist and Director of SWIM Initiative at Marquette University. SWIM's leadership team will welcome NATAL, an Israeli-based trauma and resiliency center, to Milwaukee in mid-February to assist the initiative in advancing its mission in a thoughtful and effective way. Dr. Mazzulla and the SWIM leadership team would like CJC members meet with NATAL to deepen their understanding of the trauma-informed efforts underway in Milwaukee's justice system. Dr. Mazzulla agreed to pass along additional information following the meeting.

### **4) MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) Update**

Director Potapenko provided a number of updates on the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge strategies, crediting SJC project manager, Erin Perkins, for her ongoing commitment to shepherding multiple new projects forward. The average daily population for the combined jail and House of Correction has been trending downward over the past few months, approaching the benchmark reduction goal set by the MacArthur Foundation for Milwaukee County.

Judge Carl Ashley provided an overview of the planning effort underway for the sixth convening on the intersection of race in the criminal justice system. The criminal courts will be closed on February 28, 2020, to allow for all criminal justice system partners to attend. Leadership was encouraged to share widely and encourage attendance within their staff once registration is available.



**5) Democratic National Convention (DNC) Planning Updates**

No new information to report. Chair White reminded the committee that the Courts will remain open, however, with minimized operations. Jury trials and weddings will not be occurring the week of the convention. Committees are sharing information weekly regarding zones and needs and staff are responding internally to determine what operations need to happen. Several members stressed making a proactive effort on controlling the narrative and communicating effectively regarding the data on Milwaukee's criminal justice system.

**6) Any Other Business or Requests**

Director Potapenko shared that Dr. Connie Kostelac, MCW/MHRC/DS has been helping CJC staff and partners reinvigorate work on the CJC Executive Committee dashboard. More updates will be forthcoming.

**7) Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm. The next CJC Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 12:15pm in Room 609 of the Courthouse.