



Executive Committee

Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 12:15pm
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 609

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:	Tom Reed, Willie Johnson, Jr., Walter Lanier, Chris Abele, Michael Hafemann, Mallory O'Brien, Niel Thoreson, John Chisholm
Delegates Present:	Danielle Decker (on behalf of Tom Barrett), Sheldyn Himle (on behalf of Derek Mosley), William Lipscomb (on behalf of Matthew Krueger), Nick DeSiato (on behalf of Alfonso Morales), Ted Chisholm (on behalf of Earnell Lucas), Scott Brown (on behalf of Margaret Daun)
Members Excused:	Maxine White, Mary Jo Meyers
Other Attendees:	Connie Kostelac (MCW), Erin Perkins (CJC), Rob Henken (WPF), Andrew Yaspan (MCW), Mandy Potapenko (CJC), Alyssa Doman (CJC/WPF)

- 1) Call to Order and Introductions** – In Chair White's absence, for which she sent her regrets, Vice-Chair, Tom Reed called the meeting to order at 12:20pm. Those present provided introductions.
- 2) Review and Approve July Meeting Minutes** – Chair Reed asked committee members review July 2019 minutes and make any suggested changes via email to Director Potapenko. Director Potapenko asked the committee to confirm the language related to the renewal of the Chair term.
- 3) Membership Transition and Updates from the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission / Welcome to Constance Kostelac** – Long time committee member, Dr. Mallory O'Brien announced she has stepped down from her position as Director of the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission and DataShare to serve the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) and Bureau of Justice Assistance's Comprehensive Opioid-Abuse Program (COAP). Dr. Constance Kostelac will be replacing Mallory in her roles at the Medical College of Wisconsin (Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission and DataShare), as well as on the CJC Executive Committee. Dr. Kostelac introduced herself and comes to this role from the Wisconsin Department of Justice as the Data and Research Director. Committee members welcomed Dr. Costelac.
- 4) Director's Report** – Director Potapenko distributed a two-page report outlining some of the Director's activities and committee updates over the past month. Director Potapenko highlighted the breadth of work occurring under the umbrella of the CJC that often doesn't get conveyed during Executive Committee meetings due to time limitations. Director Potapenko encouraged ongoing feedback and dialogue from members on what is most helpful and important to them.
- 5) Presentation for Feedback: New Homicide Review Commission Annual Report Data Visualization** - Andrew Yaspan, data analyst with the Medical College of Wisconsin, presented and demonstrated the latest Homicide Review Commission data visualizations. Historically, the



Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission created lengthy annual reports, this year's narrative will be supplemented with interactive data visualizations that allow for users to manipulate data, as desired. Committee members provided feedback and expressed enthusiasm about the new tool.

- 6) Legislative Update** – Danielle Decker, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, City of Milwaukee, provided a briefing on pending legislative updates relevant to public safety and the CJC. This update will be provided on a regular basis to keep stakeholder informed and allow for collaborative discussion. Handout distributed.
- 7) Generative Thinking/Discussion** – In response to conversations with members and the National Network of CJCCs survey results, Vice-Chair Reed and Director Potapenko informed the group that there will be time allocated in agendas moving forward to allow for agency specific updates, including pressing issues/successes/new opportunities for partnerships, organic idea generation and open discussion in meetings moving forward. The committee discussed visioning and planning for the upcoming DNC. This committee will regularly check-in on the status of the DNC planning and work to develop a communications plan around the state of criminal justice system collaboration and efforts.
- 8) Any Other Business, Member Updates or Requests** – Rob Henken highlighted the release of their research on Wisconsin's shortened [life expectancy](#), which is attributable to alcohol, suicide and the opioid epidemic. Andrew Yaspan informed the group of a local Code for America group ([Code of Milwaukee](#)) brings together "data-geeks," who are interested in using their skills for social good. Andrew invites anyone from the public sector who is interested in using technology or data to solve a problem to reach out to see if their group can assist ([contact info](#)). The group also discussed interest in exploring or learning more about the efforts underway to resolve the homeless encampments.
- 9) September Executive Committee Meeting** – Director Potapenko informed the group that September's meeting will focus on Women in the Criminal Justice System. The meeting will have guest presenter, Elizabeth Swavola, from the Vera Institute of Justice. Director Potapenko will work with each agency to prepared local data to supplement Ms. Swavola's national perspective. Ms. Swavola will also be presenting at the Benedict Center annual luncheon the following day. All committee members were encouraged to attend both events.
- 10) Adjourn** – the meeting adjourned at 1:40pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 12:15pm.