



Executive Committee

Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 12:15pm
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 609

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:	Tom Reed, Earnell Lucas, Connie Kostelac, Niel Thoreson, Mike Hafemann, Mary Jo Meyers, Chris Abele, John Chisholm
Delegates Present:	Nick DeSiato (on behalf of Alfonso Morales), Sheldyn Himle (on behalf of Derek Mosley), Scott Brown (on behalf of Margaret Daun), Danielle Decker (on behalf of Tom Barrett)
Others Present:	Liz Swavola, Ted Chisholm, Luann Anderson, Daniel Rivera, Mark Mertens, Adam Stephens, Paul Mozina, Raisa Koltun, Gabe Charles, Brianca Gales, Stephanie Garbo, Jeanne Geraci, Meagan Winn, Katie Lynch, Nochia Perry, David Muhammad, Mandy Potapenko, Erin Perkins, Alyssa Doman

- 1) Call to Order and Introductions** (Tom Reed) – Vice-Chair, Tom Reed, called the meeting to order at 12:17pm. Those present proceeded with introductions.
- 2) Review and Approve August Meeting Minutes** – No requested changes noted during meeting. Members were asked to send any requested changes to Mandy Potapenko within the next 7-days.
- 3) Women and the Criminal Justice System** – Liz Swavola, from the Vera Institute of Justice, presented research on the intersection and impact of women in jails, which included local data provided by Milwaukee County to the Institute for State and Local Governance (ISLG) for purposes of the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC). Director Potapenko also distributed a report prepared by the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Analytics Division (LEAD), outlining YTD data on women in the Milwaukee County Jail and HOC. The committee further discussed the intersection of opiates, women who are pregnant, domestic violence, and other factors that criminal justice leadership have found to be common concerns amongst women involved in the local system. This conversation will continue into the Jail and Huber Committee, and other committees, as appropriate.
- 4) Local Act 185 Update** – Mary Jo Meyers shared that Milwaukee County's proposal passed the grants committee and has been passed along to joint-finance. The committee also discussed programming and placement for girls.
- 5) Law Enforcement Update** – Nick DeSiato indicated that MPD is currently working through budget-related challenges, which could impact patrol operations and community-engagement/partnership initiatives. He and Sheriff Lucas also noted a notable increase in road rage incidents involving firearms, as well as a higher than usual volume of encounters with firearms present during patrol and traffic stops.
- 6) Legislative Update** – Due to time limitations, members were asked to review handout and send any questions to Danielle Decker.
- 7) Director's Report / Hand Out** – Due to time limitations, members were asked to review hand out and send any questions/comments to Director Potapenko. Director Potapenko quickly highlighted the recent hiring of two new Public Allies (10-month contracts), and the selection of the Race, Equity conference date in February 2020.



- 8) **Any Other Business, Member Updates or Requests** – none noted.
- 9) **Adjourn** – meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for October 16, 2019.