

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 – 12:15pm
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 609

Attendees: Tom Reed, John Chisholm, Mary Jo Meyers, Michael Hafemann, Tom Barrett, James Duff, Alfonso Morales, Sheldyn Himle (on behalf of Judge Derek Mosely), Walter Lanier, Ron Malone, Richard Schmidt, Mandy Potapenko, Raisa Koltun, Ken Gales (on behalf of the US Attorney's Office), Danielle Decker, Erin Perkins, Michelle Haese

- 1) **Call to Order** – Tom Reed called the meeting to order at 12:25pm. The group went through introductions for guests. Ron Malone introduced Milwaukee Women's Correctional Center (MWCC) Superintendent Michelle Haese.
- 2) **Approval of March Executive Committee Minutes** – no changes requested during the meeting. All members are asked to provide any amendments or changes to Mandy.
- 3) **Guest Presentation - Milwaukee County Division on Veteran Affairs (James Duff)** – Mr. Duff presented on the services available to veterans through the County's programming. Mr. Duff is expanding his reach by speaking with veteran inmates about services available to them upon release, with a goal of removing stigma related to corrections. Mr. Duff reports working with many agencies who are supportive of returning citizens and would like to help make those connections.
- 4) **Update on National Institute of Corrections Jail Inspection Report** – Sheriff Richard Schmidt provided a brief update on the event held a few weeks ago in the Milwaukee County Jail. On February 28, 2018, the National Institute of Corrections completed a several day, independent assessment of the Milwaukee County Jail. Since assuming his position in September, Sheriff Schmidt developed 5 key initiatives, one of which was assessing the status of the jail. There has been a lot of public attention on the jail, thus Sheriff Schmidt recognized the public needed to be included in the process of refining practices. Sheriff Schmidt has implemented a new command staff, new procedures, assigned 3 Captains as "Wellness Coordinators," who are assigned to monitor the wellness and interact with each inmate. Upon receiving the NIC Draft Sheriff Schmidt recognized that a number of the suggestions have already been implemented and he will continue to work toward accomplishing the other recommendations in the months ahead. [Copy of report linked here.](#)
- 5) **Update from Chief Alfonso Morales** – Vice-Chair Reed asked Chief Morales to provide an update on the status of the police department. Chief Morales provided a high-level overview of recent changes/promotions and upcoming collaborative initiatives. Chief Morales was invited to provide monthly updates from the police department as they progress through transitions and shifting of focus.
- 6) **Follow-Up From Previous Meeting(s):**
 - a) **CJC Director Funding** – Funding for the CJC Director position has historically been funded with Byrne Justice Assistance Grant dollars; however, FY2017 grants are currently on hold, which has caused a last-minute challenge to fund the position for 2018. Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr. sponsored a resolution on March 16, 2018, for



Milwaukee County to fund the position with contingency funds. The resolution is currently in committee awaiting approval.

- b) MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge Updates** - Milwaukee will be applying for Year 3 Funding through the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge in the months ahead. The administrative team is still unsure when that application will be released and what will be expected of each team. The committee discussed the status of the current strategies and performance to date. A no-cost extension has been submitted to the Foundation to extend current funding beyond the original proposed date and make a few budget adjustments. This will likely be approved in the near future.
- c) CJC Meeting of the Whole – Reentry** – Mandy quickly reminded the committee of the upcoming Meeting of the Whole and reviewed the agenda.
- 7) Announcements/Updates from Members and Other Business** – none noted.
- 8) Adjourn** – meeting adjourned at 1:50pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Meeting of the Whole: Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 9:30-11:00am, Clinton Rose Senior Center

Executive Committee: Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 12:15pm, Room 609 of Courthouse