

HANDOUTS

- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Minutes 03/20/12
- Mecklenburg County Justice Reinvestment Timeline
- Citizen-Initiated Warrant Review
- Review of Summonses
- Analysis of Population Drivers 2008 – 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:42 AM

Welcome

Tom Eberly (Criminal Justice Services) opened the meeting. Members approved March minutes by consensus.

Mecklenburg County Justice Reinvestment

Richard Stroker (Center for Effective Public Policy) reviewed the Justice Reinvestment Timeline, highlighting project milestones from the June 2011 kickoff to today's presentation of focus areas. Selected by the JRI Workgroup following preliminary data analysis, the focus areas are: low level offenses, jail returns, and citizen-initiated complaints. Each of these areas consumes a large proportion of system resources. In June, the workgroup will bring to CJAG for approval recommendations to address these inefficiencies. Upon their approval, the recommendations will be submitted for consideration by the Bureau of Justice Assistance for grant funding (Phase II of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative).

Kevin Baldwin (Applied Research Services) presented his report, *Analysis of Jail Population Drivers 2008 – 2011*. The report addressed volume of jail bookings and releases; race and gender of arrestees; crime types and classes; types of releases; most frequent offenses; and average length of stay. Mr. Baldwin's report also briefly examined the characteristics of the most frequently arrested offenders and their impact on jail resources.

Mauro Messina (Criminal Justice Planning) presented the outcomes observed during a review of CY 2011 citizen-initiated warrants and summonses. A general discussion followed. The Honorable Lisa Bell (District Court) suggested exploring the placement of dispute resolution services in district police stations to reduce introduction of disputes to the criminal courts. In addition, Judge Bell introduced the concept of Teen Courts, which utilizes a peer arbitration approach to resolved disputes.

Mr. Stroker discussed the next steps of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative: analyzing and reviewing the data (arrests, jail, and court); presentation of findings and recommendations to CJAG in June; and, in July, completing the Phase II application for funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to implement the approved recommendations.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:40 AM