

Criminal Justice Advisory Group – CJAG
March 5, 2013
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Name	Position/Agency
Jessica Ireland	Pretrial Services
Jamie Privuznak	Criminal Justice Services
Hope Marshall	Criminal Justice Services
Tangela White	Criminal Justice Services
Robyn Withrow	District Attorney’s Office
Todd Nuccio	Trial Court Administrator
Tracy Lee	Department of Community Corrections
Bart Menser	District Attorney’s Office
Felicia McAdoo	Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office
Mauro Messina	Criminal Justice Services
Kevin Tully	Public Defender
Michelle Lancaster	Mecklenburg County Manager’s Office
Tom Eberly	Criminal Justice Services
Richard Stroker	Center for Effective Public Policy
Kevin Baldwin	Applied Research Services
Peggy Burke	Center for Effective Public Policy
Kerr Putney	Charlotte–Mecklenburg Police
Chipp Bailey	Mecklenburg County Sheriff
Phil Potter	Huntersville Police
Bud Cesena	CMS Police
KeShawn Stevens	CMS Police
Karen Johnson	Magistrate
Brian Sturgill	BSSA – IT
Lisa Bell	Chief District Court Judge

HANDOUTS

- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Minutes 12/18/12
- Justice Reinvestment in Mecklenburg
- Justice Reinvestment Strategy Ranking Summary

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:45 AM

Welcome

Michelle Lancaster opened the meeting. Members approved the December minutes by consensus.

NCAWARE Update & Phase II

Brian Sturgill informed members NCAWARE went live on January 16. Since implementation approximately 4,100 arrests have been processed; 95 percent of which were successfully processed on the first attempt. A major update was recently completed and another smaller update is scheduled this week to correct record sharing errors with CMPD.

A mobile client is under development to allow officers to enter and validate arrest information from their vehicles prior to delivering the arrestee to the processing center. This will improve the speed which officers return to the street. Full implementation is expected to be completed by November 2014; smaller modules may be available sooner during the development phase. A Technology Reserve funding request for \$420,000 has been submitted to the County to support Phase II in FY 2014.

Felicia McAdoo briefly addressed arrest processing delays which have occurred following implementation of NCAWARE and the new AP system. Improvements in times are evident and the agency continues to monitor the situation. Renovation of the arrest processing center is “on-track.” Representatives of the Sheriff’s Office and law enforcement agencies recently met to discuss the AP system and tour the facility. With the exception of the arresting officer presenting to the magistrate on the front end, the arrest process will remain the same. The goal remains to return officers to the street as quickly as possible. Before the renovated center is opened, MCSO will simulate processing to test procedures and work out any issues that may be discovered; anyone wishing to observe the testing is welcome to attend. Information about the testing process will be sent to members in advance.

Pretrial Restructuring

Jessica Ireland advised members that beginning in the new fiscal year, Pretrial Services will scale back operations to more traditional business hours. It will continue to operate 7-days a week; is increasing its focus on providing information to the courts; and shifting its resources to those who are unable to secure their own release. Supervision of eligible defendants will continue. Pretrial Services has been working towards restructuring since implementation of the 2010 bail policy and has been careful to ensure changes made do not negatively impact its criminal justice partners.

Additionally, Pretrial will begin screening defendants for indigency affidavits. Obtaining affidavits prior to first appearance will expedite the hearing process.

Justice Reinvestment Phase I Completion

Richard Stroker presented and discussed the eleven strategy recommendations identified and priority ranked by the Justice Reinvestment Workgroup. The recommendations address four policy areas: low-level offenses, mental illness and homelessness, recidivism, and citizen-initiated complaints.

Kevin Baldwin discussed the criminal justice costs associated with the policy areas as well as potential cost impacts for implementing the strategy recommendations. Substantial cost savings may be realized over multiple years if strategies are successfully implemented.

Mr. Stroker informed members the next step was to form groups to lead implementation and that today he was seeking their approval of the strategies and advancing the project into the second phase. With the group's approval, a more detailed analysis of the resources required would be conducted. Based on the analysis, application for "seed funding" to support implementation of certain strategies would be submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for consideration. Following a brief discussion about the legislative challenges to implementing a residential re-entry center, members approved, by consensus, the strategies and rankings.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:53 AM

Action Items:

- 1) Tom Eberly will contact the various agencies to identify representatives for the strategy leadership groups.