

Criminal Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee- CJCAC

March 17, 2010

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

| Name | Position | Present |
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| Mr. Alan Adler | District 1 | YES |
| Mr. James Calvin Henry | District 2 | YES |
| Mr. Dennis T. Brown | District 3 | YES |
| Ms. Shaune Peterson | District 4 | NO |
| Mr. Bill Munson | District 5 | YES |
| Mr. Robert Raffety | District 6 | NO |
| Anthony G. Scheer | Bar Association | NO |
| Mr. Ray Wilson | Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools | YES |
| Mr. Douglas P. Allen | Faith Community | NO |
| Ms. Carolyn Green Logan | Law Enforcement | YES |
| Mr. Mark T. Sumwalt | CJCAC Chairman | NO |
| Ms. Myra Byarm | Rehabilitation | YES |
| Ms. Karen L. Worrell | Substance Abuse Professional | YES |
| Michelle Lancaster | Mecklenburg County General Manager | NO |
| Janet Payne | Staff: Assistant to the County Manager | NO |
| Tom Eberly | Staff: Court Services - County Manager's Office | YES |
| Jamie Privuznak | Staff: Court Services - County Manager's Office | YES |
| Mauro Messina | Staff: Court Services - County Manager's Office | YES |
| Jessica Ireland | Staff: Court Services - County Manager's Office | NO |

HANDOUTS

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Minutes from January and February

IST Draft Workplan for Technology and Active Projects Status Update Handout

Proposed Meeting Objectives:

- Approve Meeting Minutes from January and February;
- Nominate a new Secretary;
- Debrief on panel discussion; and
- Discuss next steps for BOCC report in June.

Meeting began at 5:35 PM.

Welcome

Bill Munson
District 5 Representative

Bill Munson welcomed the group and asked members to review the meeting minutes for January and February.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Group

Action Item: Members reviewed and approved by consensus the minutes for the Wednesday, January 20 and the Wednesday, February 17 meetings. Alan Adler made a motion to approve; Ray Wilson seconded the motion.

Select a new Secretary

Group

Bill Munson opened the floor for discussion and asked Jamie Privuznak to provide background on the role of secretary. She explained the secretary drafts a summary of the meeting minutes and manages attendance for the group which is stated in the CJCAC by-laws. At minimum, the meeting minutes must contain a list of all follow-up items and action items discussed by the group.

Munson asked the group if anyone would be willing to take on the role of secretary. Myra Byarm agreed to volunteer. Alan Adler made a motion to nominate Myra Byarm to fulfill the role of secretary; Ray Wilson seconded. The group approved by consensus the nomination.

Alan Adler asked about the process for replacing committee members that resign. Tom Eberly explained Robert Raffety and Doug Allen resigned from their roles as District 6 Representative and Faith Community Representative respectively. Eberly relayed staff is waiting on formal resignation letters from the individuals in order to initiate the process with Clerk Janice Paige for BOCC nomination and approval at a future business meeting.

Follow-up Item: Jamie Privuznak agreed to draft the meeting minutes for the March meeting and to review details of the secretary role with Myra Byarm.

Discussion and BOCC Report Items

Group

Bill Munson opened the floor for comments regarding the panel discussion with court officials. Panel themes discussed were considered as possible report recommendations to the BOCC.

Topic area(s) included

- Public safety generally;
- Individual work schedules and case scheduling in the District Attorney's Office;
- Incentives to promote efficiency in the court system;
- Twenty-four (24) hour court system and/or night court to ensure all cases docketed are reviewed;
- Technology generally and data integration as a possible recommendation;
- Focus attention and recommendations on items the BOCC can control;
- State v. county responsibilities for courts;
- Dollars committed to building a new jail and the current level of need in terms of reduced crime nationally; and
- Law enforcement/arrest processing and time away from patrolling the streets.

Dennis Brown referred to the group's Work Plan and emphasized the need to make recommendations that align to the six priorities identified in the Plan. Karen Worrell commented on how the group's Work Plan compliments and supports the vision provided by the Public Safety Task Force as part of their report recommendations.

Ray Wilson directed attention to focusing efforts and recommendations on social services, mental illness, school drop-out rate, aging out of foster care and substance abuse issues. Likewise, Karen Worrell promoted a focus on social work in schools, crisis intervention, mentally-challenged children, insurance, early intervention and adolescent programming generally. She emphasized the gap in the "system" for youth due to shrinking social service resources in schools.

Alan Adler then suggested inviting members of the BOCC Criminal Justice Committee to the April meeting. The intent is to seek direction, focus and feedback on possible report recommendations. The group agreed by consensus to this approach.

Tom Eberly suggested having specific questions prepared for the Board members at April's meeting. The group favored flexibility during discussion.

Finally, Dennis Brown asked if future meeting discussions will center on the needs of the districts each are representing and/or areas of expertise. Alan Adler provided an example of a need in his district which could be a report recommendation; house a Magistrate's Office or video conferencing unit in the north part of the county for efficiency and effectiveness.

Follow-up Item: Alan Adler to call Commissioner Dumont Clarke and to invite BOCC members to the April meeting. Discussion will be during the first 30 minutes of the meeting.

Closing Remarks & Adjourn

Bill Munson
District 5 Representative

Bill Munson asked the group for additional comments and adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Recap of Follow-up Items:

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Recap of Actions Taken:

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