

Citizen Advisory Committee  
9.17.15  
Meeting Notes

In attendance: Eileen Blackwood, Richard Kemp, Julian Portilla, Debbie Thibault, Marija Valencak  
Absent: Bruce Bovat, Sara Giannoni, Jan Wright  
Staff: Anneke Hohl

1. Reviewed agenda
2. Reviewed and approved notes
3. Discussed ongoing Restorative Justice work with Burlington School District, including draft plan and proposed funding. CAC members expressed support for continuing this work.
4. Started discussion of CJC work with and regarding maxed offenders. This is coming up in the context of both Offender Reentry and Parallel Justice, with the Offender Reentry Team looking to create a protocol for working with high profile cases, and the Parallel Justice Commission considering a memo from the Mayor to take a victim- and community-centered approach to examining policies, practices and options around the release of maxed offenders. Both also might tie in to work the CAC has been doing on a Notification Protocol. Deb, Jan and Anneke are meeting within the next couple weeks to continue this work.
5. Stuart Recicar joined the meeting for confidential discussion of offender reentry cases. A COSA referral was discussed and accepted by the CAC. If anyone is interested, there is a COSA training coming up in Middlebury on October 1-2. Contact Anneke or Stuart for more information.
6. Updates: meeting with new BPD Chief, pretrial services, JAG 15.
  - a. Anneke and Clark (Parallel Justice Specialist based at BPD) met with Chief del Pozo. Two highlights from this conversation were CJC as possible location for people to file police complaints, as well as opportunity for Restorative Justice in these cases. Also, asked to think about role and services of CJC in relation to opiate addiction. Julian talked about Project Vision in Rutland, which includes agency collaborations in responding to calls, a different way of policing, focus on drug market intervention, and a big community engagement process, which could be where a CJC would fit in (bringing people together, facilitating, etc.)
  - b. Pretrial Services update is that Jacob has moved on to a new position and the CJC will be hiring someone new. The position remains temporary through 6/30/16.

- c. We received our JAG 15 award and are in the process of accepting it.
7. Future topics: bylaws, collaboration between programs
    - a. Bylaws Anneke sent out are believed to be newer draft (not yet approved). Eileen and Anneke will continue to look for older (approved) version.
    - b. Conversations are starting to happen within the CJC about increasing collaboration between programs. CAC members supportive while acknowledging potential need for protocols around confidentiality, etc.
  8. Additional Items – Julian updated the group on his and Anneke’s mediation efforts in the Five Sisters Neighborhood.
  9. Confirmed Next Meeting: 10.15.15 at 8:15 am. Discussed budget review being on agenda.