

Citizen Advisory Committee
10.30.14
8:00 am
CJC (179 S. Winooski Ave.)
Notes

In attendance: Richard Kemp, Debbie Thibault, Bruce Bovat, Eileen Blackwood, Marija Valencak

Staff: Karen Vastine and Stuart Recicar

1. The CAC reviewed, added one item and then approved the agenda
2. Notes from 9.18.14 were reviewed and approved.
3. *Confidential discussion of offender reentry cases:* The CAC discussed the overall caseload and an individual who has been recommended for release to Chittenden County. Karen will be sending the COSA referral process to Debbie Thibault .
- 3.1 *(Added item) Confidential Discussion of Personnel Matter:* The CAC discussed the personnel matter and ultimately tabled the discussion to the November meeting.
4. *Act 195 – Pretrial services: Update on proposal –* The CJC was party to a state-wide application for CJC’s and Court Diversion Programs to provide pretrial services coordination. The application requested sufficient funds to staff and support these efforts.
5. *Review BCJC’s role with 2nd Chance Act grant:* Stuart Recicar provided an update on the progress of the new grant. He will start collecting information for the report in November and has scheduled a “Lunch and Learn” with the Probation and Parole Officers to give them an overview of the grant programs. The Offender reentry services provided under this grant include: COSA, Resource Navigation, Educational Workshops, Restorative Reentry Panels and Family Support.
6. *Restorative Justice and Schools:* The BCJC is working with BHS and a number of local partners to support restorative justice at BHS. The BCJC worked to help place an MSW intern at the school to focus on restorative practices at the school. So far, many teachers are interested in restorative justice and a number of different restorative approaches have been tried.
7. *Department for Children & Families – Systems Improvement RFP –* The CAC discussed this possibility and approved the BCJC going forward with a local proposal and/or participating in a state-wide proposal if sufficient funds are available.
8. Additional Items/Confirm next meeting: 11.21.14 at 8:15am