

Citizen Advisory Committee
6.11.15
Meeting Notes

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

1. Reviewed agenda and notes
2. Membership discussion – Anneke recommended Julian Portilla, Director of the Masters in Mediation and Applied Conflict Studies Program at Champlain College, to join the CAC as a new member. The CAC approved this nomination. There was also discussion of further expanding membership. Specific suggestions were made about the possibility of a UVM student who is steeped in Restorative Practices, such as a Resident Advisor, as well as someone who has been through the process at the CJC.
3. Community Notification Protocol – discussion and identification of next steps – Work on the draft is continuing. Next step is meeting with Debbie, Jan, and Anneke.
4. Introduction to CJNVT accreditation process – On March 2, 2015, the Community Justice Network of Vermont (CJNVT) adopted an accreditation process for assuring quality of practice across CJs and Restorative Justice Programs (RJPs). It includes standards in seven different activity areas that are required, important, or desirable for becoming accredited. Anneke and Stuart attended a training on Tuesday. It is anticipated that the roll out of this accreditation process across all CJs and RJs will take at least two years. A pilot accreditation process has been completed with Springfield CJC. BCJC does not anticipate going through this process in the near future, but important for CAC to be aware of as relates to strategic planning, common understandings of the work we do, and in reviewing and revising our bylaws.
5. Review of FY16 goals – Each City department has been asked to submit goals for FY16 to the Mayor's Office. Draft goals were quickly reviewed by the CAC and touched on some of the updates below, including the Restorative Justice Liaison position, which Anneke has requested approval to fill and will be working with the youth panel and RJ in schools initiatives, as well as RICC and the Restorative Noise Program.
6. Updates: Restorative Justice Liaison position, move to 200 Church St, Restorative Justice in Schools, pilot youth case, VOCA, JAG 15 – It's confirmed that the CJC will be moving (along with HR and payroll) to 200 Church Street. Staff visited the space yesterday. Target move date is week of July 27th. VOCA and JAG 15 applications are underway.
7. Confirmed Next Meeting: 7.16.15 at 8:15 am. Discussed possibility of hearing from staff about Pretrial Services.