

**Burlington Community Justice Center (BCJC)  
Citizens' Advisory Committee**

12.15.16

Notes

*Vision: A safe and resilient community where everyone is supported when crime and conflict occurs*

*Mission: To create opportunities with the community to address the effects of crime and conflict*

In attendance: Jan Wright, Liam Corcoran, Gabe Dixon, Sara Giannoni, Debbie Thibault

Absent: Eileen Blackwood

Staff: Anneke Hohl

Guests: Henri Sparks

1. Reviewed agenda, added discussion on shoplifting and approved agenda.
2. Reviewed and approved notes.
3. CAC Recruitment Update – Anneke updated CAC on recruitment efforts.
4. Confidential Discussion of Offender Reentry Cases – CAC engaged in confidential discussion. Raised interest again in a general, preventative community forum on situational awareness—what to be aware of and look out for, and how to stay safe. Anneke will look into this.
5. Youth Restorative Justice Work: Opportunities & Challenges – Anneke described capacity limitations and unmet needs of youth restorative justice work and discussed potential funding opportunities. CAC expressed support for a full time dedicated youth position if funding were available, and a separate position for RICC, noise and reporting. Anneke also described a possible early truancy intervention pilot in collaboration with (and with funding from) Court Diversion. Details remain to be worked out, but CAC expressed support for pursuing this work.
6. Shoplifting – Discussed article that appeared in Seven Days. Possible legislation will be introduced in the coming session. The legislative committee of the Community Justice Network of Vermont (CJNVT) will be following this. Article raised need for better education about what CJC does and potential for follow up with Seven Days. Also discussed moving forward with an outcome evaluation of the CJC's Retail Theft Awareness & Prevention class. Anneke will reach out to Crime Research Group.
7. Transition & Major Projects Check-in – Anticipate hiring process for new CJC director to start in the New Year. Accreditation will be major focus for Anneke and CAC over next few months.
8. Confirmed next meeting will be 1.19.17 at 8:15 am. Accreditation will be on agenda.