

Burlington Community Justice Center  
Citizens' Advisory Committee  
3.17.16  
Notes

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

1. Reviewed agenda.
2. Reviewed and approved notes.
3. Confidential discussion of offender reentry cases. Revisited a case previously approved for COSA by the CAC.
4. Reviewed and discussed revised bylaws. Next step is for Anneke to make further revisions and send to the CAC along with a draft memo to City Council. Highlighted the change in this version from using Robert's Rules of Order to Consensus-Building and other restorative approaches. Observation that CAC currently spends a lot of time discussing offender reentry/COSA cases. Agreement that if City Councilor is serving on CAC, they are doing so as a community representative. Also noted change that any of the named entities with CAC membership could appoint member of public to that seat. Areas of further revision include: adding honorary members whose attendance is not required for quorum, but who would be included in consensus-building and voting when present; naming the desire for minority representation (e.g. race, ethnicity, socio-economic background, ability, sexual orientation, age).
5. Review of FY16 budget status and FY17 proposed budget moved to April meeting. Suggested that this be top of the agenda for that meeting.
6. Discussed next steps with Victims' Fund. Anneke requested approval to bring forward a proposal to the Community Justice Network of Vermont (CJNV), which is a 501c3 non-profit, to "house" the Victims' Fund. The CAC approved this request.
7. Quick review of upcoming training opportunities, including CBT, COSA, and CJNV Volunteer Conference. Anneke will send more information to CAC via email.
8. Next meeting is scheduled for 4.21.16 at 8:15 am. This meeting, and all meetings going forward unless otherwise will announced, will be held in the conference room shared by the CJC and HR at 200 Church Street. Go through the door to the right of the CJC entrance, down the hall, and the conference room is through the glass doors on the right.