

Community Correction Coalition Public Forum Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday October 27, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Virtual

I. Attendance – Taska Welters, Shawn Sorrell, CJ, Danette Buskovick, Stacey Walls, Valarie Estrada, Joseph Deckenbach, Tori Stone, Dee Baskin, Rick Cousins, Tim Sayon, Larry Posey, Richard Demming, Brita Higgins, Lynne Crockett,

II. Community Corrections Overview – provided by Catherine Johnson

Purpose to advise and influence policies and practices, particularly as they relate to racial disparities and service gaps, as well as to support the building of relationships between community members and the department. This group includes a diverse group of members.

III. Exploration of Juvenile Assessment & Triage process presentation

Jill Hermanutz, Director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) provide and overview of the CJCC and presentation regarding the Exploration of Juvenile Assessment & Triage process.

CJCC is examining the juvenile assessment & triage process from the Juvenile Supervision Center (JSC) & Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) for strategies to:

- Improve juvenile pretrial pathways
- Improve juvenile and family service connection
- Reduce auto theft and robbery crimes

9 Potential Improvements were discussed:

1. Direct triage & physical direct connection to service prior to release
2. Expand pretrial case management
3. Offer incentive pre-trial diversion
4. Explore staff secured areas at Juvenile Supervision Center
5. Enhance current space to include family waiting areas, day reporting center, non-profit provider office space
6. Identify additional culturally specific programs
7. Identify barriers to promote case management services
8. Promote family unification & involvement in pretrial services
9. Expand youth emergency shelter Worn Camera Policy update

Additional discussion was held around needs assessments including family of juvenile, funding issues for community providers, social workers included in assessment and case management, management of the JSC and identification of other barriers for juveniles. Some expressed discouragement around the lack of emergency services, such as homelessness and early intervention for repeat offenders.

IV. Open forum

Comments were shared regarding the need to expand youth emergency shelters and housing youth at the JDC due to safety concerns, including trauma assessments and clarification of the definition of risk assessment whereby JDC assess risk to reoffend and JSC risk of needs not being met.

Finally, it was recommended that juvenile voices are included in the final examining of the juvenile assessment and triage process.

V. Adjourned: Next Meeting November 24, 2020 (members only)