

Criminal Justice Collaborative Council

CJCC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Administrative Building, Lower Level Conference Room
220 N. Main
November 9, 2007 -7:30 a.m.

Members Attending: Archie Brown (Circuit Court Chief Judge), Brian Mackie (County Prosecutor), J. Cedric Simpson (District Court Presiding Judge), Dan Minzey (Sheriff), Bob Guenzel (County Administrator)

Members Absent: Lloyd Powell (Public Defender)

Others Present: Scott Patton (CJCC Staff), Stephanie Jensen (CJCC Intern), Barbara Levin Bergman (CCAB), Kirk Filsinger (Jail Commander), Sheila Blakney (Public Defender's Office)

Meeting Convened: 7:36 am

Steering Committee Chair J. Cedric Simpson chaired the meeting.

Supporting Documents

Attendees were given the following documents:

I. Future Agenda Items

Patton requested the group help prioritize issues for future discussion.

Patton asked if the parole data that was requested would still be helpful. Mackie stated that they are useful and are good indicators of success rates. Discussion ensued. The group decided that this data would be beneficial for future discussion.

The group decided that data regarding MPRI would be useful.

It was decided to keep alternatives to incarceration as a future agenda item.

Patton asked the group how they would like to proceed with public engagement. Mackie stated that it is still needed. Brown added that our successes need to be reported. Blakney stated that it will be an obligation for the committee members. Brown also stated that the news of the jail expansion will be in the news soon. Simpson commented that we need to communicate that the expansion will not solve our current problems and that needs to be explained to the public.

Patton introduced the "white paper" group that would identify how we go to our current situation and what we are doing to address it. He stated that the group has not yet met and asked if it is still needed. Simpson stated it would be valuable. Brown commented that it has already been discussed but that needs to be formally presented for discussion.

II. Jail Population Reports

Patton stated that he anticipates questions and need for clarification on the reports. He added that a suggestion was made for a group to convene to analyze the data further. Discussion ensued. It was decided that a group with convene in a month.

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III. Full Council Agenda

Patton asked if there was a need for a briefing on the state budget for the full council. Simpson inquired what the purpose would be. Patton responded that it would inform the members of the CJCC who not as familiar with the information. Simpson stated that it should be brief; Mackie agreed. Bergman added that the information needs to be communicated so that people are aware of its impact on Washtenaw County. Patton stated that he would have Bob Guenzel or David Behen brief the CJCC.

Patton stated there would be an update on the information sharing and integration committee.

Adjourned: 8:58 am

Next Steering Committee meeting: 12/14/07.