

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL

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## CJCC STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 12, 2010, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

LRC Meeting Room B, Hogback Road Service Center, 4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

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**Members in Attendance:** Jerry Clayton (Sheriff), John Shea (CJJ Chair), Verna McDaniel (Dep. County Administrator) Lloyd Powell (Public Defender)

**Members Absent:** Brian Mackie (County Prosecutor), Bob Guenzel (County Administrator), Kirk Tabbey (District Court Presiding Judge), Judge Shelton (Circuit Court Presiding Judge)

**Others in Attendance:** Barbara Bergman (Community Corrections Advisory Board), Kristin Judge (Judiciary and Public Safety Committee of MAC) Sheila Blakney (Public Defender's Office), Gregory Dill (Sheriff Administration) Rick Kaledas (Sheriff's Administration) and Kathy Wyatt (Sheriff Administration).

(Note: Mr. Powell provided handouts on the Office of Public Defender and the Public Defenders: A Weakened but Indispensable Link,)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

7:36 a.m. by John Shea, Chair

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

At Barbara Bergman's request, the minutes were corrected to reflect that Barb Bergman is here not as a BOC member, She is here representing the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Kristin Judge is here as a member of the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee of MAC who is interested in looking at this and how it is funded.

January 8, 2010 Steering Committee Minutes were approved by the CJCC Steering Committee.

**2. ENDORSEMENT REQUEST:**

(State Representative Warren's request that we endorse a statewide funding/oversight model for providing indigent defense services presented/discussed at the 1-15-10 Full council meeting.) Barb Bergman's motion was tabled to February's Full Council meeting. John anticipates that Barb will call up her motion next week. Mr. Powell has

presented an alternative/counter proposal. Rep. Warren will be here next week, probably with staff. John suggested we wait for discussion until next week. Sheriff inquired exactly what Rep. Warren wants? John answered Rep. Warren just wants an endorsement of the general concept. John says she may come back with something more specific in the future. Sheriff says if we are in agreement with the concept, then is this something that we put on CJCC Agenda for future or maybe have County address in some way. Barb Bergman said this is very important matter, which affects the CJCC and it is important to have reform. The Sheriff wants to know what the appropriate process is for the CJCC. The minutes need to go on the web. Barb: The discussion should go on the web, even Sub-Committee minutes. Barb says in the past the CJCC has not really gone to the BOC. Sheriff says this is an important systems issue. Sheriff: should we have a Sub-Committee that explores what position the CJCC might take in the future? Mr. Powell has been involved in the reform movement back to the early 1980's. However, Mr. Powell was unaware of the legislative working group that brought a proposal out last year (that his staff has concerns about). Mr. Powell has asked to be a part of the legislative group. Mr. Powell expressed concerns with the way that group has operated. John says we are talking here about the over-all concept of the State funding and supporting oversight of an indigent defense system. Mr. Powell supports reform so long as it doesn't take away local control. Barb says the State has a set of standards we must adhere to. Mr. Powell says what he means is that instead of State level concentrated power; counties should be able to apply for funding and have local control. John Shea said this would not be State level oversight—would allow opt out for local jurisdictions. Mr. Powell says that the State can set standards. Says how this is funded is going to be very important. Mr. Powell wants to support a public defense act but not giving up local control.

Sheriff says that so long as everyone is comfortable with supporting the concept, then the details will be drilled down and determined later. John asked if this supports forming a CJCC Sub-Committee. The Sheriff says he would like to know what happens and thinks would be good to have a Sub-Committee. John says that next week the discussion will be about approval of Rep. Warren's request for general concept support and then we could recommend a Sub-Committee to drill down. John says he was a member of the working group and does not agree with Mr. Powell's assessment of the group. John believes that Campaign for Justice is a legitimate group—but legislators introduced the bill, not the group. John thinks Mr. Powell and he agree on a lot. John doesn't want the Washtenaw County system to be a loser in the process of reform—thinks we can work it out. Barb thinks since John sits on this group, that this can help with communication. John agrees that everyone should have a say—all the counties—and certainly Mr. Powell. Mr. Powell says that committee existed for two years before

John was even asked to join. Mr. Powell and John have known each other 20 years. Mr. Powell expressed concern about communication. John says that the group was in an early stage and he felt he had an obligation to not talk about the work in progress. Mr. Powell is concerned that the resolution is not confused in any way with the house bill. The Sheriff absolutely agrees. As we move forward we support the concept (word carefully).

The Sheriff appreciates John's and Mr. Powell's willingness to communicate and Mr. Powell's concerns. Mr. Powell is glad Kristin Judge is here. Mr. Powell noted that he has been meeting with Rep. Warren. Rep. Warren wants CJCC endorsement of general concept of Public Defense reform.

### **3. SOCIAL JUSTICE CAMPUS**

Sheriff's thoughts and updates: How do we want this handled next week? John says there is no specific committee—the government Initiatives Committee could start the discussion. John said he will either send out an e-mail or we can discuss beginning the process next Friday.

### **4. FULL COUNCIL AGENDA FOR 2-19-10**

John, the Sheriff, and Kathy will generate, and send out this week.

### **5. ADJOURN**

8:15 a.m. by John Shea, Chair

**NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:** March 12, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. in the BOC Conference Room (basement) at 220 N. Main St. in Ann Arbor.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 12, 2010 CJCC STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES BY STEERING COMMITTEE:** April 9, 2010