

MINUTES

Monday, December 17, 2018 3:00 P.M.

Community Engagement Team

West Palm Beach Police Department
600 Banyan Blvd., West Palm Beach 33401



Members Present:

Co-Chair Barbara Cheives, Converge and Associates, Co-Chair Chief Sarah Mooney, WPBPD, Dr. Angela Bess, SDPBC, Dallisa Green, SDPBC, Anthony Hoskins, The Lord's Place, Captain Todd Baer, PBSO, Major Chris Keane, PBSO, Lauren Zuchman, Healthier Delray Beach, Kristin Corsterphen, Healthier Delray Beach, Carrie Browne, Healthier Jupiter, Carmelle Marcelin-Chapman, Healthier Lake Worth, Jeanette Marshall, Healthier Neighbors, Adam McMichael, US Attorney's Office, Ricky Petty, Healthier Boynton Beach, and Cheo Reid, State Attorney's Office

CJC Staff Present: Kristina Henson, Executive Director, Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Jonathan Hackley, Criminal Justice Analyst, Rosalind Murray, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, and Bert Winkler, Manager Criminal Justice Programs

- I. **Welcome** - Meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm. The Co-Chairs presided, Barbara Cheives, and Chief Sarah Mooney.
- II. **Approval Agenda**
The agenda was approved in the form of a motion by Dr. Bess, and seconded by Cheo Reid.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
There was a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, held on August 13, 2018. The motion was made by Major Keane and seconded by Jeanette Marshall.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. **Recap Meet the Experts** – positive feedback was received from those that attended the event. Adam McMichael suggested that the experts not wear suits at future events. The group also thought it might be beneficial to have smaller sessions with focused areas of discussion such as federal or state prosecution.
 - B. **MacArthur Foundation Update** - The focus could center on the strategies in the MacArthur Project such as; pre-trial assessments, court reminder system, FUSE, and Case

Processing. Other ideas include an analysis of crime to determine who remains in jail and why. The question remains, can we safely reduce jail population in the county jail? The Racial Equity Institute (REI) with the Burns Institute is a data driven process-helping identify where disparities exist. Burns Institute will assist in analysis of the following: a) theft b) failure to appear and c) possession of marijuana. The bond schedule will also be under review. A goal is to build data capacity. There will be a stress test on county jail population on January 31, 2019, 16.7% or 369 less persons per year by September 2019.

- C. **Community Engagement Grant** - Kristina Henson shared that the \$400,000 grant application was still pending. If approved, the CJC will hire a consultant to assist in community engagement. Other components include a University of Florida survey with a focus group and Implicit Bias Education.

V. **New Business**

A. **Strategic Planning Update**

The Co-Chairs explained the strategic planning process to the members of the group. The group agreed that it was preferred to use the name of Community Engagement Team instead of Community Engagement Task Force.

Need a better system that says where crime occurs; where defendants reside.

Make sure we determine law enforcement interest before we host a program.

Pop-Up events, CJC would partner with others.

Healthier Jupiter is very interested in the brochure, "What to do if stopped by Police". Requested the brochure be translated into Spanish and Creole.

B. **Amendment 4**

Kristina Henson discussed the webinar she recently watched that was hosted by the League of Women Voters on Amendment 4. In summary things are on hold. There will probably be a legal challenge.

VI. **Member Comments**

Cheo Reid stated that if we just focus on jail, we would miss other relevant topics in criminal justice. He suggested adhering to a menu of approaches and issues.

Adam Mc Michael noted that our goal should be education and having positive interaction with the public. We should open the door. It was requested that Lake Worth be the next site for a Community Engagement Meeting. Major Keane stated that research on robbery and violent crime is under review now.

Anthony Hoskins provide insight into Re-Entry.

The PEACE organization should be added to our list as we seek to build relationships and raise educational awareness.

It was also suggested that the Community Engagement Team should be clear on our objectives and goals.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.