

Criminal Justice Advisory Group – CJAG
 January, 18 2011
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Name	Position/Agency	Present
Eric D. Campbell	Charlotte City Manager's Office	Y
Curt Walton	Charlotte City Manager's Office	Y
Rodney Monroe	Charlotte–Mecklenburg Police Department	Y
Lisa Bell	Courts – Chief District Judge	Y
Andrew Murray	District Attorney's Office	Y
Robyn Withrow	District Attorney's Office	Y
Bart Menser	District Attorney's Office	Y
Phil Potter	Huntersville Police Department	Y
Rob Hunter	Matthews Police Department	N
Tangela White	Mecklenburg County Manager's Office	Y
Felicia McAdoo	Mecklenburg County Sheriff	Y
Michelle Lancaster	Mecklenburg County General Manager	Y
Pam Rikard	Mecklenburg County IST	Y
Gwen Simmons	Mecklenburg County IST	Y
Tom Eberly	Mecklenburg County Manager's Office	Y
Jamie Privuznak	Mecklenburg County Manager's Office	Y
Mauro Messina	Mecklenburg County Manager's Office	Y
Bill Connell	Pineville Police Department	Y
Jessica Ireland	Pretrial Services	Y
Kevin Tully	Public Defender	Y
Todd Nuccio	Trial Court Administrator	Y
Bud Cesena	Charlotte–Mecklenburg Schools Police Department	Y
Martha Curran	Clerk of Court	Y
Chipp Bailey	Mecklenburg County Sheriff	Y
Karen Johnson	Magistrate's Office	Y

HANDOUTS

- Meeting Agenda
- Minutes (11/16/2010)
- Arrest Process w/ NCAWARE Project Weekly Update
- Justice Reinvestment Initiative
- CJAG 2011 Meeting Dates

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:43 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Michelle Lancaster (County Manager’s Office) opened the meeting.

CJCAC Report Update

Michelle Lancaster informed members the police chiefs had met with the Criminal Justice Citizens’ Advisory Committee in December to discuss the CJCAC Annual Report draft. The committee has agreed to revisit their findings and recommendations. When revisions have been made they will be presented to CJAG for response.

Target AP / NCAWARE Update

Mike Tonsing (Mecklenburg IT) presented a handout outlining the progress to date on the Target AP and NCAWARE technology projects. It is expected that both the AP initiative and NCAWARE integration will “go live” September 1, 2011. Tonsing closed with a brief summary of the projects’ upcoming work phases.

Michelle Lancaster informed members that the Sheriff’s Office was initiating the renovation of its Arrest Processing Center. The renovation seeks to maximize the jail’s capacity to process arrestees. Completion is anticipated within 18 months. More details will be brought to the group at next month’s meeting.

IT Governance Committee Project Recommendations

Tom Eberly summarized three information integration projects identified by the IT Governance Committee and for which funding would be sought during the upcoming budget year (Target AP/KBCOPS Interface; Data Warehouse Expansion; and Document Imaging). Citing the lack of funds at state and federal levels, Eberly noted these projects were the group’s best options using locally available resources. An extended discussion took place regarding the contribution of the projects to present and future information needs and the possibility of duplicating the capabilities of COPLINKS and CJLEADS.

Michelle Lancaster stated additional discussion of the interaction of the projects would take place at the next CJAG meeting. She also asked that Governance Committee meeting minutes be distributed to all CJAG members.

Justice in the Community Committee

Tom Eberly presented a handout outlining the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) to be pursued by the Justice in the Community Committee. The initiative, which is supported by the U.S. Department of Justice and various other national programs, provides technical assistance and financial support to states, counties, and cities to promote the implementation of evidenced-based strategies to reduce corrections spending and increase public safety. North Carolina is currently sponsoring a state-level effort. If the committee is successful in having Mecklenburg County chosen as a local initiative site, the local criminal justice system will undergo a comprehensive evaluation leading to the identification of strategies to reduce costs and increase public safety.

County Budget Planning Update

Michelle Lancaster informed members that the County would issue budget instructions to its agencies in February. The City of Charlotte advises its budget retreat will start in early March.

Inclement Weather Process

Michelle Lancaster opened discussion about the closing of the Magistrate’s office during the previous week’s inclement weather; briefly noted the impact on arrest processing; and stated her desire that the affected parties reach an agreement that would prevent closings in the future.

The Honorable Judge Lisa Bell summarized the decision process which led to the closing. Sheriff Bailey spoke regarding the impact upon the jail. A discussion followed among members regarding general service expectations and limitations. Lancaster asked Felicia McAdoo (MCSO) to coordinate with the parties to arrive at a suitable agreement.

Open Discussion

Michelle Lancaster solicited members’ opinions regarding topics of interest for future meetings during the upcoming year. None were offered. Members were advised to contact Tom Eberly as topics arose so they might be placed on the group agenda.

Lancaster inquired whether progress had occurred on a policy for purging the warrant repository. Sheriff Bailey indicated no progress had occurred since the task group’s initial meeting.

Lancaster noted the 2010 Bail Policy had been in effect for six months at that her office was collecting data to evaluate the policy’s effectiveness in matching bail. Findings will be shared with the group at a future date.

Rodney Monroe (CMPD) informed the group that CMPD will increase its presence at events involving public officials –such as budget hearings or immigration debates– over the next 90 days. More information will soon be distributed to assist officials in coordinating CMPD’s response.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 09:56 AM

ACTION ITEMS:

1. *Distribute future IT Governance Committee minutes to all CJAG members.*