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- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Minutes 07/19/11
- Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team First Year Report to CJAG August 2011
- Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team Interim Report 2011
- Session Law 2009–52
- Prospective Focus Areas for Justice Reinvestment

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:40 AM**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Tom Eberly (Criminal Justice Services) opened the meeting. Eberly informed the group the representative from the NC Justice Center scheduled to discuss the NC Justice Reinvestment Act was unable to attend. Other guest speakers were briefly introduced.

**Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team**

Marie White (Community Support Services) discussed with members 2009 legislation that allowed the sharing of protected information which is important to the role of the review team; discussed the evaluation and expansion of membership to include additional stakeholders; and reporting requirements to the State.

The Honorable Jane Harper (District Court, Retired) provided an overview of the four fatality cases reviewed and documented in the team’s interim report “If You Leave Me I Will Kill You”. Common factors among the cases and lessons learned were presented.

Ms. White requested CJAG members continue to support the review team through staff involvement and support of report recommendations relating to their respective organizations.

**Mecklenburg County Justice Reinvestment**

Richard Stroker (Center for Effective Public Policy) opened the floor to questions regarding the project and presented the revised Leadership Team Charter for review. No comments were offered and the document was considered adopted. Mr. Stroker then reviewed the Team Mission, discussing the importance of system mapping and data collection and analysis. Members were asked if there was any objection to Tom Eberly’s office developing a system map; there were none.

Kevin Baldwin (Applied Research Services), who will lead the data collection and analysis element of the Justice Reinvestment project, spoke broadly about the importance of data to effective planning, the areas of criminal justice which information will be sought, learning how to best use the information systems in place, and the use of data to simulate the effects of proposed policy changes.

Mr. Stroker presented the handout *Prospective Focus Areas for Justice Reinvestment* which was developed from his interviews with stakeholders. The topic areas include: 1) Should we consider different methods for managing low-level offenses, 2) How the system functions in the first 72-hours following arrest, 3) Consideration of the optimum continuum of sentencing options and community sanctions that might result from a conviction and sentence, 4) Reentry practices, and 5) Crime prevention opportunity. Following a brief discussion a sixth topic, case processing, was introduced.

Mr. Stroker suggested that six groups be formed to discuss the topic areas, identify specific issues that need attention, study the issues, and to report recommendations to the CJAG at the close of the year. There were no objections. Members were asked to volunteer in the areas of greatest

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interest to their agencies and to be personally involved in and provide leadership to the groups. Mr. Eberly advised members that Criminal Justice Services staff would assist in the facilitation of group meetings and supporting information needs. Mr. Stroker will provide each team a charter to help groups maintain focus.

**Approval of Minutes**

Members accepted the July 19 minutes by consensus. No revisions were suggested.

**Open Discussion**

None

**MEETING ADJOURNED**