

Criminal Justice Advisory Group – CJAG
November 15, 2011
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Name	Position/Agency	Present
Mauro Messina	Criminal Justice Planning	Y
Bart Menser	District Attorney's Office	Y
Robyn Withrow	District Attorney's Office	Y
Tom Eberly	Criminal Justice Services	Y
Eric Campbell	City Manager's Office	Y
Jamie Privuznak	Criminal Justice Planning	Y
Chipp Bailey	Mecklenburg Sheriff	Y
Tangela White	State Justice Services	Y
Kevin Baldwin	Applied Research Associates	Y
Philip K. Potter	Huntersville Police Department	Y
Scott Hall	Mint Hill Police Department	Y
Martha Curran	Clerk of Court	Y
Todd Nuccio	Trial Court Administrator	Y
Richard Boner	Superior Court	Y
Tracy Lee	Division of Community Corrections	Y
Kevin Tully	Public Defender	Y
Andrew Murray	District Attorney	Y
Lisa Bell	District Court	Y
Michelle Lancaster	Mecklenburg County Manager's Office	Y
Karen Johnson	Magistrate's Office	Y
Joan Kennedy	Child Support Enforcement	Y
Richard Stroker	Center for Effective Public Policy	Y
Scott McCully	Charlotte–Mecklenburg Schools Police	Y
Bud Cesena	Charlotte–Mecklenburg Schools Police	Y
Rob Hunter	Matthews Police Department	Y
Rodney Monroe	Charlotte–Mecklenburg Police Department	Y
Harold Medlock	Charlotte–Mecklenburg Police Department	Y

HANDOUTS

- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Minutes 09/20/11
- Mecklenburg County Justice Reinvestment Initiative
- Criminal Justice System Process Map
- Case Management Outcome Summary

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:12 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Michelle Lancaster (County Manager's Office) opened the meeting and deferred to The Honorable Judge Richard Boner (Superior Court) who announced that a seminar would be held November 18 in Room 267 of the government center to discuss the Court's expectations for professional behavior in the criminal court rooms. Attorneys from the District Attorney's office, Public Defender, and those on the court-appointed list have been invited. The event will be recorded for distribution to those unable to attend.

Case Management

Todd Nuccio (Trial Court Administrator) reviewed with members the findings of the recently completed Drug track case management analysis and compared the outcomes of that with those observed in the Persons and Property tracks. Nuccio noted average case load age had been reduced significantly with the introduction of the 2008 Case Management Plan. Drug case processing, however, is notably slower than Persons and Property. Nuccio suggested the slower times may be the result of the comparatively larger volume of cases and delays resulting from a Supreme Court ruling which requires the lab technician who performed the analysis to be the same person that testifies in court.

Democratic National Convention Update

Deputy Chief Harold Medlock (CMPD) recognized and thanked members for their participation and effort in the planning process thus far. Opening comments were followed by a discussion regarding the availability of officers for court during the week of the convention. The manpower required to provide event security will prohibit officers from participating in regular court functions; case scheduling and preparation must take this account. In addition, Medlock generally discussed public access to court facilities during the event and prisoner processing in mass arrest situations.

Mecklenburg County Justice Reinvestment Initiative

Richard Stroker (Center for Effective Public Policy) provided a brief update on project progress and next steps, reminding members the goal was to more objectively understand the criminal justice process. The sub-committee process was reviewed; including topic areas, membership, and tentative time lines. Each committee will identify and present to the greater CJAG membership 3 issues which warrant increased exploration. The CJAG will, through consensus, then identify the top ten issues which to further analyze as a part of the JRI.

Michelle Lancaster informed members Criminal Justice Services staff will facilitate the focus group meetings.

Members were presented a copy of the Criminal Justice System Process Map and Tom Eberly (Criminal Justice Services) explained its utility in identifying and planning for change within the system.

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Kevin Baldwin (Applied Research Services) advised members of the progress made to date in the data collection process. Formal requests have been made to the owners of the three information systems to be used (OMS, ACIS, and AP). The initial data extraction from the AP system was incomplete and staff is addressing the technical challenges involved. No time line for receiving the data was provided.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:48 AM

Action Items

1. Email list of suggested sub-committee participants to CJAG members for feedback.