

HANDOUTS

- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Minutes 01/17/12
- AP/NCAWARE Project Dashboard
- Charlotte–Mecklenburg 2012 Criminal Justice System Survey Final Report

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:43 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Michelle Lancaster (County Manager’s Office) opened the meeting and gave Kevin Tully (Public Defender) the floor.

Holistic Defense Technical Assistance

Kevin Tully (Public Defender) announced his office was one of three jurisdictions selected nationally to receive technical assistance from The Center for Holistic Defense. Holistic defense seeks to comprehensively address the circumstances which bring individuals into the criminal justice system. Tully thanked those who had written letters in support of the application for assistance, noting the support was an important factor in Mecklenburg County’s selection.

NC AWARE/Arrest Processing Update

Michelle Lancaster updated members on the timeline for the AP/NCAWARE Project. Following a meeting with representatives from County IT, the AOC, Sheriff’s Office, and County Manager’s Office, the “go live” date has been pushed back to October 24, 2012 to allow additional application testing and training. Both systems must go live at the same time.

Criminal Justice Community Survey Results

Dr. Nancy Burnap (MarketWise Research) presented the results of the 2012 Criminal Justice Community Survey results. The survey, conducted by telephone January–February 2012, sought the opinions of citizens regarding: Perceptions of Crime in Mecklenburg County; Viewpoint on Criminal Justice; Perceptions of the Performance of Groups in the Mecklenburg Criminal Justice System; Viewpoints on Arrests and Citations, Bail and Release Conditions, and Sanctions; and Sources of Information and Experience with Criminal Justice System.

Mecklenburg County Justice Reinvestment

Richard Stroker (Center for Effective Public Policy) spoke briefly to members, highlighting the consistency of opinions reflected in the survey with the efforts undertaken through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative. Stroker specifically mentioned the community’s support for exploring alternatives for low-level offenses; improving court processes; and implementing prevention strategies. Members were asked if they agreed the JRI efforts were consistent with the survey’s findings; there was no dissent.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:46 AM