

HANDOUTS

- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Minutes 04/17/12
- Mecklenburg County Justice Reinvestment Policy Framework

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:45 AM

Welcome

Tom Eberly (Criminal Justice Services) opened the meeting. Members approved April minutes by consensus.

Holistic Defense Project

Kevin Tully highlighted the progress made since the Public Defender's office was selected as a technical assistance site by the Bronx Public Defender's Holistic Defense Project. A local delegation has traveled to New York to be interviewed in advance of local visits by project leaders and to identify short term goals. Project leaders will be present for a site visit August 2-3. Mr. Tully thanked members, noting Mecklenburg's selection for assistance was, in large part, due to their active support of the initiative. Mr. Eberly emphasized the County's commitment to support the Public Defender's Office in their effort.

AOC Contracts

Tom Eberly updated members of changes to the upcoming year's AOC contracts. During this year's negotiations, the County and State were unable to reach full agreement on the question of which party is responsible for the workman's compensation claims of contract employees. As a result, two contracts were formed: one for positions the State deems "necessary" and agrees to assume responsibility for and the other for those positions which are deemed "county enhancements" and which Mecklenburg agrees to cover. The County intends to fund the enhanced positions during FY 2013; however, funding beyond this period is not assured. The decision will impact 30 positions in the District Attorney's office; 13 in the Public Defender's; and 6 in the Trial Court Administrator's.

SB 756

Tom Eberly thanked members for their support in opposing legislation harmful to the Pretrial Services program. At the moment the bill has been re-directed to the appropriations committee.

Warrant Processing

Tom Eberly opened discussion regarding reported delays in processing warrants and the impact on the outlying municipal police departments. After discussing the statutory requirements and logistics of serving warrants, the affected parties agreed to meet outside of CJAG to discuss the issue further.

Democratic National Convention

Harold Medlock provided members a summary of security actions that will take place during the upcoming convention and which will affect government operations.

Justice Reinvestment Initiative

Richard Stroker reviewed the JRI strategies recommended by the CJAG workgroup and sought the approval of members to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of each strategy. There were no objections. Mr. Tully, addressing strategy #5, requested "offender" be removed from the "Offender Resource Center" as the intent of the center is to extend services to the entire community, not just those involved in the criminal justice system. There were no objections.

Mr. Stroker discussed the impact of arrests for Driving While License Revoked and other low-level offenses on the criminal justice system. He suggested a law enforcement workgroup be formed to

discuss the issue further and to identify alternative strategies which might be adopted to manage such charges. Criminal Justice Services will contact CMPD and other law enforcement agencies to coordinate formation of the workgroup.

Announcements

The July meeting is canceled.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:26 AM