

Criminal Justice Advisory Group – CJAG
 July 16, 2013
MINUTES

Name	Position/Agency
Erika Emerson	BSSA-IT
Reggie Grier	BSSA-IT
Fallon Hopkins	Criminal Justice Services
Hope Marshall	Criminal Justice Services
Bart Menser	District Attorney's Office
Robyn Withrow	District Attorney's Office
Michael Tonsing	BSSA-IT
Todd Nuccio	Trial Court Administrator
Andrew Murray	District Attorney
Tracy Lee	Dept of Community Corrections
Martha Curran	Clerk of Superior Court
Connie Mele	Provided Services Organization
Mauro Messina	Criminal Justice Services
Gary Kempker	Center for Effective Public Policy
Tom Eberly	Criminal Justice Services
Michelle Lancaster	County Manager's Office
Michael Kee	Huntersville Police Department
Kerr Putney	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police
Eric D. Campbell	Charlotte City Manager's Office

HANDOUTS

- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Minutes 06/18/13
- AP Phase II Project Overview
- JRI Law Enforcement Team Charter Draft

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 8:38am

Welcome

Michelle Lancaster opened the meeting. Members approved the June minutes by consensus.

Announcements

Justice Reinvestment

Tom Eberly informed members that Mecklenburg County was selected as a Phase II site for the Justice Reinvestment Initiative. In addition to continued technical assistance from The Center for Effective Public Policy, the county will receive \$300,000 as seed funding to implement strategies identified during Phase I.

Data Warehouse

Tom Eberly updated members to recent progress on the data warehouse. Momentum towards completion is increasing again after a period when resources were redirected to Arrest Processing and the Democratic National Convention. The vendor is in town to address connectivity issues and map to state data and Criminal Justice Services has hired a data developer to assist in managing the warehouse. The IT Governance committee will be reformed in the fall.

Magistrate Video-Phone Project

Tom Eberly informed members that both the Chief District Court Judge and Resident Superior Court Judge have approved the magistrate video-phone project. Implementation is expected to begin in the fall.

Arrest Processing Project Phase II

Mike Tonsing discussed the scope of the AP Phase II project, a web-based solution that will reduce the arrest processing times, improve the accuracy of information collected, and reduce duplicate data entry. The application will replace the brown arrest worksheet presently used by law enforcement agencies. At present, deployment is expected to be 12-months out. Tonsing discussed the formation and role of a product ownership team. The team will be responsible for reviewing the function of the software, defining business changes necessary before the software is deployed, performing user acceptance testing, and establishing the schedule for rolling the product out to end-users.

Addressing Low-Level Arrests

Gary Kempker introduced himself and described his role as a consultant for The Center for Effective Public Policy. Kempker will work with local enforcement representatives to identify and implement strategies to reduce the number of arrests that occur as a result of a low-level offense. Low-level arrests are a key focus area identified in Phase I of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative. Kempker presented the JRI Law Enforcement Team Charter draft, which details the vision, mission, and desired outcomes of the workgroup that will lead the effort. A brief discussion followed to identify additional agencies which should be invited to participate. It was determined that in addition to law enforcement, representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender, Clerk of Court, magistrates, and mental health services should be included.

Open Discussion

Michelle Lancaster noted the addition of Provided Services Organization and US Attorney's Office to the CJAG membership.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:31am.