

## Criminal Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee- CJCAC

May 18, 2011

**MINUTES****ATTENDANCE**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Present</b>
Mr. Alan Adler	District 1	YES
Mr. James Calvin Henry	District 2	YES
Mr. Dennis T. Brown	District 3	YES
Ms. Rene Barfield	District 4	NO
Mr. Sean Mulhall	District 5	YES
Mr. Tom Bowers	District 6	YES
Mr. Anthony G. Scheer	Bar Association	NO
Vacant	Charlotte- Mecklenburg Schools	NO
Vacant	Faith Community	NO
Ms. Carolyn Green Logan	Law Enforcement	YES
Mr. Mark T. Sumwalt	CJCAC Chairman	NO
Ms. Myra Byarm	Rehabilitation	NO
Ms. Karen L. Worrell	Substance Abuse Professional	NO
Michelle Lancaster	Mecklenburg County General Manager	NO
Janet Payne	Staff: Assistant to the County Manager	NO
Tom Eberly	Staff: Court Services - County Manager's Office	YES
Jamie Privuznak	Staff: Court Services - County Manager's Office	YES

**HANDOUTS**

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Minutes from May

**Proposed Meeting Objectives:**

- Approve Meeting Minutes from April;
- Criminal Justice Initiatives Update;
- Year II Target Initiative Planning.

**Meeting began at 5:30 PM.****Welcome and Introduction**

**Dennis Brown**  
CJCAC Co Chair

Dennis Brown called the meeting to order and welcomed the group.

**Update**

**Tom Eberly  
County Manager's Office**

1. Tom Eberly provided an update on the possible elimination of the Trial Court Administrator position. The North Carolina House of Representatives voted to not eliminate the position, but that would no longer fund the position. If a jurisdiction so desires to have this position exist, it will have to be funded locally. This is a small victory since a jurisdiction cannot fund a position that is not recognized by the state. There is still a possibility that the Senate will not approve the position. Tom Eberly drafted a letter and submitted it to Mark Sumwalt outlining the Board's position of support.

*Follow up Item: Tom Eberly to provide a copy of the letter provided to Mark Sumwalt in outlining CJCACC support of funding the TCA position.*

2. A new member, Antonio Childs was appointed to the CJCAC by the Board of County Commissioners. The chairperson of the BOCC charged her staff to repost the other vacancies.

3. On May 3, a representative from the Dept of Justice made the first onsite visit in support of the Justice Reinvestment Project, an initiative that counties are assisted with working towards a more strategic way to spend criminal justice dollars. A cost/benefit analysis will be done to dollarize crimes providing information on the areas where monies are best spent.

4. The Mecklenburg County Manager submitted the budget for the upcoming year, following the recommendation of the Criminal Justice Advisory Group and the Criminal Justice Governance Committee to fund a project where information gathered by law enforcement at the time of arrest will automatically flow from the officer's laptop to the into an interface and automatically flow into the software at the arrest processing center.

5. Data Warehouse Project combining information from the courts, arrest processing center, pretrial services and the jail is almost complete, targeted to go live on June 30 internally. The new system will allow more efficient information sharing between the various agencies.

**Year II Target Initiative Planning**

**Group**

1. Chronic DWI/DWLR
2. Magistrates/Bonds
3. CMS/Early Prevention
4. Home Invasion
5. Reentry Programs/Substance Abuse/Rehabilitation

There was a discussion of the magistrates/bond issue with members of the committee expressing concern regarding the established guidelines not being followed. Because the magistrates are independent judicial officers, there is limited control over these individuals/

*Follow up item: Add agenda item for the committee to vote on sending a letter to the BOCC expressing concern regarding the magistrate guidelines and the committee's intent to address this issue in our recommendations.*

Subcommittees were formed to take the lead on each individual priority in order to gather information, narrow down possible solutions, and articulate the findings to the group to better equip the committee to make informed decisions on the recommendations to the BOCC. These are as follows:

Chronic DWI/DWLR – Carolyn Logan and Alan Alder

Magistrates/Bonds – Tom Eberly, Sean Mulhall and Carolyn Logan

CMS/Early Prevention – Dennis Brown

Home Invasion – Calvin James Henry and Sean Mulhall

Reentry Programs/Substance Abuse/Rehabilitation – Tom Bowers and Myra Byarm

*Follow up Item: Discuss, vote on, and outline rules of engagement for the subcommittees and membership.*

### **Approve Meeting Minutes**

**Group**

A quorum was not present to approve the meeting minutes from April. The April minutes are to be approved at the June meeting.

### **Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm**

#### **Recap of Follow- up Items:**

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