

Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council

Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair: Carmen Pacheco-Jones

Vice-Chair: Francis Adewale

Meeting Date: 1/03/2019

Meeting Location: The Gathering House

Start Time: 11:30 p.m.

Adjourn Time: 1:30 p.m.

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Agenda:

1. Welcome/ Introductions
2. Approval of December 6, 2018 minutes
3. Nominations and election of chairs and scribe
4. Risk Assessment Tool (PSA) update- Chair/CJA
5. Bail Project Update – Angel Tomeo
6. Other business?
7. Adjourn

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11:30 **Meeting opened**, with an acknowledgment that a quorum is present.

11:35 **Welcome/Introductions** with personal intentions for 2019

12:15 **Minutes** from the December 6, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved, with minor editorial corrections. Motion to approve by Kurtis Robinson; Second by Francis Adewale.

Comments during discussion of approval of minutes included Tim Sigler affirming that child care needs to be a high priority to the success of the EnVisoin Center. Mr. Sigler also confirmed that there will be an Advisory Board for the center, with good representation from RE and the community.

12:25 **Nominations and election of scribe**

We are the only committee in the SRLJC that does not have a paid secretary, given the fact that other committees are predominately formed by employees.

It was pointed out that we are a committee of volunteers, even though many of the present work for the City or County in the Criminal Justice System. Because of this volunteer status, there is not money for a paid secretary. Most of the other committees do not meet regularly. It's difficult to take notes and participate.

Carmen will discuss with Maggie whether money funds can be made available to pay a secretary. Rick Matters volunteers to serve as substitute and to take notes until we find a regular scribe. We acknowledged that it's important to document our work and that of all of the SRLJC work. We perceive a huge lack of transparency in SRLJC. RE has been pushing for transparency of the entire SRLJC, rather than the Council itself taking responsibility for being transparent. Advocate as necessary to find funds for scribe and coordinate RE's interface with the Council, City, County, etc. Make this a priority. Clarify whether we want to create a narrative of our work, even though Spokane is intended to be an example for other MacArthur grant recipients. Is it possible to livestream our meeting? Maggie will look into this.

12:35 **Risk Assessment Tool (ORAS) update**

Implicit bias Train the Trainer was paid for by MacArthur. Maggie found funds for some training in different departments. RE Committee wants different departments, to begin budgeting for future training. Maggie pointed out RE and Community Engagement might both need to know more about the budget process. Budget people will be invited to a future RE meeting.

There is currently no rollout timing for the Risk Assessment Tool. There appears to be a lot of non-information. Probation supervisor will be arranging meetings. Case management for probation tool. Probation resources for those who need help. When in timeline? During sentencing, but not in every case. The tool intends to provide information to help judges make a sentence. Sentence set ahead several weeks, so that probation assessment can be made, which can then be used in making the sentence. Community Supervision Tool ORAS = Ohio Risk Assessment. RE wants to have input before it's been implemented. Right now, only data of high or low risk people. High risk people will need more supervision, dealing with impediments. It's very similar to the community court model. Except not pleading guilty, prosecutor.

A member asked how we can be more part of the conversation. In the past there seems to be some resistance. Feedback by the Honorable Matthew Antush: There will be public forums, and this is a venue for RE to give feedback. Your sentence should not be impacted by where you live, what your race or religion are. When sentencing, judges look at criminal history. Probation will only recommend probation requirements, not the sentencing, which judges issue. Assessment in municipal court is done

in advance. Ninety percent of time judges follow the recommendation, but not always, because their highest trust is being fair.

1:00 PSA Risk Assessment Tool resource are being put online. Everything will be transparent. The tool assesses nine factors. The next important task is to attribute meaning to the score. How do we respond to different numbers? Kurtis Robinson and Angel Tomeo Sam serve on the advisory committee. Thank you! They described their positive participation, which demonstrates mutual respect. Caution in coming up with common language. Current phase involves developing four key parameters for what basic OR (= Release on Own recognizance) looks like. Community perspective sees a willingness to hear our voice and to educate us in what we don't understand. Bring us up to speed, as well as their willingness to hear us. Need to define what matrix will be used. The process is very inviting, welcoming, and educational. Changing attitude about PSA: it's not a weapon of mass destruction. Collaborative effort. Failure to Appear is a problem especially for Native Americans, who cannot appear as easily. When this happens, they rack up FTA's. Tribal government needs to be trusted. Angel and Kurtis will bring this up. The process is building relationships. It's just in its developmental stages. Tool is going to shine a light leading to conversations outside of developing this tool. A struggling point before defining boxes was a desire to tailor the tool to Spokane while still maintaining uniformity. Yakima and Spokane are using the same tool. Develop database and THEN ask why there are difference between the two locations. Once the matrix is developed and implemented, the committee, including advisory members, will be meeting periodically in order to refine the tool and its use.

1:15 Bail Project Update—Angel Tomeo Sam

Bailed out 12 people before the New Year. It was like Christmas all around. Building relationships and plugging people who are released into community resources. We let them know they're not alone. There's a big push for them to return to court, as well as accessing shelter and programs. Developing community partnerships; so far so good. The pace is rigorous. Can we offload case load from the Bail Project to local partners? We keep tabs on them, we text, call, talk to family members. Bail disrupters have themselves been incarcerated, which provides trust.

1:25 Other business

Discussion on engaging with community. When gathering information from poor working people to reach out to them. Can we livestream our public forums we've been receiving questions from them? Facebook answer and take questions.

Note: January 10 Community Forum.

Prosecutor: Francis will draft an invitation asking County Prosecutor, Larry Haskell, to attend our February RE meeting, or send a representative to participate in the RE Committee.

Bias training: Question of whether judges, and other key players in the criminal justice system are going to enter training. In order to dismantle discrimination, people on the top start to address their own biases (we all have biases!). How do we push and invite people with power into conversation and into the long-term struggle?

Motion: Francis Adewale draft an invitation asking County Prosecutor, Larry Haskell, to attend our February RE Committee meeting, and further requesting him to send a representative on a regular basis. We would like to see the County Prosecutor's vision plan for this 2019. Motion made by Kurtis Robinson and seconded by Carmen Pacheco-Jones. Passed.

Motion: Minutes from the December 6, 2018 RE meeting approved with minor editorial corrections. Motion made by Kurtis Robinson; Second by Francis Adewale.

1:35 Adjourn