

Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council

Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair: Carmen Pacheco-Jones

Vice-Chair: Francis Adewale

Meeting Date: 2/07/2019

Meeting Location: Envision Center

Start Time: 11:30 p.m.

Adjourn Time: 1:30 p.m.

Member Attendance x = present			
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Agenda:

1. Welcome/ Introductions
2. Approval of January 3, 2019 minutes
3. Tonya Wallace (title)- County Budget
4. Tim Sigler En-Vision Center Update
5. Scribe- Volunteers
6. Update on PSA Kurtis/Angel/Maggie
7. Update on Bail Project Presumption of Innocence Kurtis/EHF
8. Update on RE Community Engagement Meeting Kurtis
9. REJI Webinar- Curtis/Rick
10. Update on Workgroup - Philosophy of Incarceration - Maggie
11. Implicit Bias Training Next Steps - Maggie
12. REJI Toolkit Training Implementation
13. Community Engagement Meetings
14. CE Grant

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

11:35 **Welcome/Introductions** by all in attendance. Mubarak informs all that effective in March he will be taking a new job that will take him to the west side of the state. He will address issues about his replacement with city prosecutor chief, Justin Bingham

12:15 **Minutes** from the January 3, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved, with no editorial corrections. Motion to approve by Kurtis Robinson; Second by Mubarak Abdur Raheem.

12:20 Tonya Wallace from Budget Office presents to the Committee the Spokane County Budget Process (see Slides to be provided). She explains the process in terms of planning and actual. Efforts is made to look back and ask why something work and others do not. This will then inform decision on priorities going forward. Schedules are set out starting with the ongoing "lookback" which ends in February. Efforts is made to provide report to the public but budget presentation meetings are rarely attended. Since many folks do not understand how the process work. The department has therefore decided to set everything out around topics: Public Safety/Justice, Culture, Road/Utilities etc. There are plans to have workshop on these topics that will explain and expound on County planning. With regards to Kurtis question about meetings, she stated that meetings in the past were in the evening around October with notices on the websites. Final decision on budget are taking by the end of October by the commissioners. Carmen asked about 2020 budget discussions, and Tonya restates that budget process calendar/schedule will be published on the county website ahead of time. She reiterates the need to move meetings out of the courthouse. Francis request that REC be included in conversation so it can set its late spring and late summer community outreach meetings on budget process and community input. Liz asked several questions about budget process and new jail construction, Tonya states that no decision has been made as they explore the size and type of jail to be built and determine whether to use levy or bonds. She explains the challenges the county IT has with regards to getting data as departments used software that rarely speaks to each other. She welcomes community feedback to the budget process as the budget department strives to make the process as transparent as possible.

12:55 Tim Sigler presents on the Envision center. They are currently working on subrecipient contract. Providers meet Tuesday and Thursday. Terry speaks of the problem accessing the building. Tim will speak to Jen Moore, the program manager. Information will be made available on Workforce Development Council website. Danielle requests assistance for peer support to be part of the program through grant. Sharon raised concerns about using Human Services money to lease a building and concerns that those funds would not be available to help people in need.

1:19: Carmen announced that the scribe position is still open for volunteers to apply.

1:22 PSA work presented by Kurtis. Work is in progress. Bail project and community outreach well attended. Implicit bias. Best attendance.

1:25: REJI Webinar: by Curtis. Informative. Need to do more work together to break down racial barriers impeding justice.

1:28 Policy on Incarceration: Kelly from County prosecutor speaks to the complexities of the issue and the need to invest in earlier stage, children education etc.

1:30 meeting adjourned.