

SPOKANE REGIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL MINUTES – 2/09/22

Chair: Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich

Vice-Chair: Director Mike Sparber

Meeting Date:
2/09/2022

Meeting Location:
Virtual Meeting

Start Time: 12:00 p.m.
Adjourn Time: 1:30 p.m.

Members:

		Email	Organization
Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich- <i>Chair</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	oknezovich@Spokanecounty.org	Spokane County Sheriff
Director Mike Sparber- <i>Vice Chair</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	msharber@Spokanecounty.org	Detention Services
Justin Bingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	jbingham@Spokanecity.org	Municipal Prosecutor
Judge Angelle Gerl- <i>proxy</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	agerl@cawh.org	Municipal Court
Steve Bartel	<input type="checkbox"/>	SBartel@Spokanecounty.org	County Risk Management
Laura Padden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	lpadden@spokanevalley.org	City Legislative Rep.
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John Haley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	jwhaleyjr@comcast.net	Community Rep.
Larry Haskell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	lhaskell@Spokanecounty.org	County Prosecutor
Chief Damon Simmons	<input type="checkbox"/>	dsimmons@libertylakewapd.gov	Municipal Police Department
Judge Julie McKay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	jmckay@spokanecounty.org	Superior Court
Carmen Pacheco-Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	carmen.pachecoJones@yahoo.com	Community Rep.
Tori Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	tpeterson@Spokanecounty.org	Juvenile Court
Cheryl Tofsrud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ctofsrud@Spokanecounty.org	Pre-Trial Services
Judge Aimee Maurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	amaurer@spokanecounty.org	District court
Open seat	<input type="checkbox"/>		Community Rep.

Proxies:

Judge Ochoa-Bruck			Municipal Court

Present:

Dianne Linqvist
Candace Aguirre, Regional Law & Justice Staff Assistant
Karen Westberg
Brandi Peetz
Ron Valencia
Kaitlin Kall

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Report from By-Laws Work Group
- Past, Current, and Future Projects of the SRLJC
- Race Equity Tool Kit
- Identify Resources for programming in the criminal justice system
- Macarthur grant
- Misc. Items
- Adjourn

Minutes:

- **Item #1:** Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich, Chair, opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions.
- **Item #2: Report from By-Laws Work Group**
 - Director Sparber gave an update that the bylaw groups plans to be done by the deadline previously discussed.
- **Item #3:** Past, Current, and Future Projects of the SRLJC
 - Justin Bingham gave an update and brief explanation on the Cell Phone Pilot program.
 - i. Knezovich suggested requesting 6 months' worth of more funding from the county and city.
 - ii. Director Sparber announced he will be overseeing the Office of Law and Justice and stated Karen Westberg can assist with this program after Candace Aguirre's (Office of Law and Justice) departure.
 - Judge Maurer, District court, gave a brief update on the Ride Share Pilot program.
 - Justin Bingham gave updates on all Macarthur projects.
 - i. Director Sparber will look into sustainable funding for these projects.
 - ii. Sheriff Knezovich recommended that Director Sparber request funding from the BoCC to make the Data Analyst position a permanent position.
 - The remaining projects will be reviewed at the next meeting with an update on the current status from Director Sparber.
- **Item #4:** Race Equity Tool Kit
 - Judge Maurer presented and gave a brief explanation of the Racial Equity Impact Assessment.
 - i. Sheriff Knezovich motioned to adopt the Racial Equity impact assessment for all decision-making processes for the SRLJC.
 1. Director Sparber seconded the motion.
 - a. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Items #5:** Identify Resources for programming in the criminal justice system
 - John Haley, Community Representative, volunteered to help in this effort.
- **Item #6:** MacArthur Grant
 - Justin Bingham informed the council that he recently had a discussion with the MacArthur foundation and confirmed that the grant is not being terminated.
 - i. The foundation is requesting an alternative plan for the funds that were originally intended for Supported Release.
 - Judge Maurer gave background and an update on the efforts of Supported Release in District Court.
 - Sheriff Knezovich requested Steve Bartel, Cheryl Tofsrud, Larry Haskell, John Haley, and Justin Bingham work with him on this project to come up with a plan to move forward.
 - i. Director Sparber volunteered to help with this work.
 - Sheriff Knezovich requested the data from both the program here locally and from the New York model.

Meeting adjourned. 1:21 pm.

Next meeting: 2/10/2022

Scribe: Candace Aguirre