

Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council

Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee Name: Racial Equity

Chair: Carmen Pacheco-Jones

Meeting Date: 04/05/2018

Start Time: 12:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair: Francis Adewale

Meeting Location: The Gathering House

Adjourn Time: 1:30 pm

Member Attendance x = present			
Name		Email	Organization
Carmen Pacheco-Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carmen.pachecoJones@yahoo.com	Spokane Comm. College
Francis Adewale - <i>excused</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FAdeWale@Spokanecity.org	Muni Public Defender
Mubarak Abdur Raheem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mabdurraheem@spokanecity.org	Muni Prosecutors Office
Bonnie Bush	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BBush@Spokanecounty.or	Juvenile Court
Melissa Haney- <i>excused</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MHaney@Spokanecounty.org	County Public Defender
Mark Lorenz - <i>excused</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MLorenz@spokanecounty.org	County Public Defenders
Kurtis Robinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KurtisRobinson@live.com	NAACP/SJ/IDTT
Other Attendees:			
Judge Tracy Staab	X	TStaab@spokanecity.org	Municipal Court
Rick Matters	X		Community Member
Khalid Samarrae	X	KSamarrae@burnsinstitute.org	Burns Institute
Nicole Jenkins-Rosenkrantz	X		
Brock	X	Earthpeace7@man.com	
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J. MacConnell	X	JMacconnell@spokanepolice.org	SPD
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Pam Wilson	X	Geopam685@gmail.com	Community Member
Bob Zeller	X	rzeler@cet.com	Lay advocate
Rick Matters	X	rickmatters@gmail.com	SCAR, Episcopal Church
W.J. Kendricks	X	wkendrick@outlook.com	SCAR, SMF, Morning Star
Sandra Williams	X	sandy@blacklensnews.com	Black Lens

Agenda:

1. Approve minutes from 2/2/18
2. Update/Discussion of 3/1/18 Community meeting
3. New Subcommittee members
4. Bonnie Bush – Juvenile reforms/RED
5. Burns Institute Date – Khalid Samarrae
6. Racial Equity toolkit customization Update
7. SRLJC Workgroups update
8. Adjourn

Motions/Actions:

- Chair Carmen had everyone introduce themselves
- **Agenda Item #1: Approve Minutes**
 - Moved to approve the minutes from February 2nd meeting; motion 2nd and passed by consensus
- After a review of the agenda a request made to add two agenda items
 - Training updates
 - Open letter in Black Lens news publication

Notes:

- **Agenda Item #2: March Community Meeting Notes**
 - First draft of community meeting (March 1st meeting) was provided by Khalid (Burns Institute)
 - Subcommittee members will review the draft electronically and come back with feedback in May
- Data update
 - **Agenda Item #5: ISLG Data for BI Analysis**
 - BI will have call with ISLG on Friday (4/6/18) to discuss available data
 - Data from ISLG shared at Admin Committee meeting
 - J. Moreno stated that disparities went down
 - Where is data that can support the statement made about disparities going down?
 - Can this data be shared with the Subcommittee?
 - Action Item: Bonnie Bush will outreach to J. Moreno to request this data be shared
 - **Updated Agenda Item: Open Letter in Black Lens**
 - In an open letter published in the Black Lens, Spokane Citizens Against Racism (SCAR) and other local organizations are requesting financial information about the SJC grant and comprehensive criminal justice data.
- **Agenda Item #7: SRLJC Workgroups, Subcommittees, and Project Charters Update**
 - A lot of questions came up regarding project charters; mainly, who was going to respond to the questions regarding project charters that came up in the March community meeting
 - It was shared that there is a plan to revive some of the subcommittees to get more public input in the project charter process
 - Meaningful community engagement does not happen in project charters or in subcommittees. Even if project charter is moved to be under a subcommittee, having one or 2 members of the community where they are outnumbered does not count as authentic engagement that can have a real impact.
 - Criticisms of current processes/policies to get information and the need to change these process/policies
 - Whatever has been done in past 2 years has not been working. What can be done to change current processes?
 - The current process for the Subcommittee to get information is complicated and does not lend itself to transparency. The Subcommittee members understand that this is currently the way things are, however, the way things are is what needs to change.

- Subcommittee also wants to request from the SJC Core Team and from the Admin Committee that in the future that this type of information be shared automatically, publically, and online.
- The current nature of the SRLJC (the way things currently are) is the problem and needs to be addressed. Specifically, if community is asked to be present then they need to be able to talk, express their voice, and have a meaningful impact on what is being discussed.
- Proposed that the Subcommittee make a formal request at the next County Commissioners meeting asking that all requested data be made available and to assign someone to respond to all questions from the March community meeting
 - County Commissioner meeting happens in the basement of the Public Works Building; Next dates are April 10 or April 17
- **Agenda Item #4: Juvenile RED Reforms**
 - Bonnie explained that she has been working on juvenile justice reform work since 2004 and that the Juvenile Court was uplifted in the Blueprint for Reform
 - After group discussion, it was decided that the Subcommittee would request at least 30 minutes at an SRLJC meeting for Bonnie to present to the entire SRLJC about their reform work in the juvenile side
- **Agenda Item #3: Request for New Members to Apply**
 - Chair requested that attendees who are not already members email her to request to be members; she also encouraged attendees to ask others to join who might be interested
- **Updated Agenda Item: Training Update**
 - Implicit Bias – Ada will be returning in June for a train the trainer training
 - GARE – training is scheduled for April 26
- **Agenda Item #6: Request for Funding GARE Customization**
 - Chair informed the Subcommittee of a request made to get funding from City and County to customize the GARE toolkit for Spokane and to have community members be certified as subject matter experts in racial equity

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2018
LOCATION: The Gathering House

Scribe: Scribe for April 6 – Khalid Samarrae
Scribe for next meeting – Liz Moore