Meeting Date: 07/12/2023
Meeting Location: Zoom Webinar
Start Time: 12:00 p.m.
Adjourn Time: 1:30 p.m.

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Others Present:  
Mediha Harris, Regional Law & Justice Executive Assistant
Victoria Lyfar, Governmental and Constituent Relations Officer • Commissioners

Agenda:  
I. Open Public Forum (up to 15 minutes) 3 min. limit per person  
II. May 10th, 2023, SRLJC minutes approval  
III. Focus Group Update  
   a. Status Update Report link  
   b. Blueprint Report link  
Adjourn
• Open Public Forum – no participants

• Motion to approve 05/10/23 SRLJC Minutes was made by John Haley. Colin Charbonneau 2nd. Minutes approved.

• Mike announced members of each group. Tim Fitzgerald wanted to be added to the Therapeutic Courts. Tori Peterson was added to the Mental Health Focus Group.

• Focus group 1: Aaron Stromberberger gave an update on the Diversion Focus Group. He stated that Colin, Katie, Aaron, Chris Thompson (representative for Sheriff Nowels), and Kelly Fox (Pretrial Diversion Case Manager) met on June 27th, 2023. They have not picked a spokesperson, but Aaron took minutes during the meeting. They discussed the current Superior Court Diversion Program, increase in restitution limits, and the pilot program implemented by pretrial services to prescreen newly arrested inmates for diversion eligibility. Two action items for the group are to review and expand the current diversion program and resume the daily screening newly arrested inmates for diversion eligibility.

• Focus group 2: The group has not met yet. Mike suggested Kristy Ray as the spokesperson.

• Focus group 3: Rochelle, Colin, Katie, and Justin met to discuss racial equity. The group has not selected a spokesperson. The group wanted to review the race equity tool kit that was approved by the SRLJC previously. They discussed the previous race equity training that was done under the MacArthur Grant, and what they can do moving forward. Mike suggested contacting Ashley Cameron for training and HR questions. Justin said that the Racial Equity Group is struggling because they need to have community engagement.

• Mike asked the members for suggestions for the Chair of Racial Equity. He stated the chair has been vacant for over a year and we need community representation. Mike stated that we have reached out to several individuals, but we are not getting the responses.

• Focus group 4: The Therapeutic Group has not met yet. Mike asked Tim Fitzgerald to be the spokesperson for the group. Judge Fassbender wanted to be part of the therapeutic courts group as well. Judge Fassbender stated that District Court already has established mental health, veterans, and DUI therapeutic court. District Court received a $70,000.00 grant for therapeutic courts to include drug testing, uber rides, and treatment. Judge Smith would to be a great source for the group. John Haley stated that it is very important to create a DV court.

• Mike stated that all groups need to identify the cost, look at best practices, and meet with the policy makers in those areas. He expects this might take several months to accomplish.

• The members agreed to have the August 9th SRLJC Meeting via zoom.

IV.

Next meeting: August 9th, 2023

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