

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force: Steering Committee

Meeting Summary for December 9, 2021

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1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. The meeting was held via remote-only Zoom Webinar.

Members Present: Barry Buchanan, Caleb Erickson, Arlene Feld, Stephen Gockley, Dan Hammill, Raylene King, Perry Mowery, Mike Parker

Members Absent: Jack Hovenier, Tyler Schroeder

2. [2022 Calendar \(00:01:50\)](#)

The Committee concurred to schedule the first Steering Committee meeting in 2022 on January 6 at 11:00 a.m. and to approve of the rest of the calendar as presented.

3. [Year End Report \(00:07:35\)](#)

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4. Next Steps for IPRTF in 2022

Buchanan reported on County Council action at its meeting on December 7 to request the IPRTF to work on the Council's Justice Project in 2022. The Steering Committee will be a coordinating body for the technical information. The IPRTF and the Steering Committee will function as the policy arm to steer and shape the workplan. A technical advisory committee of staff will bring the technical information to the table, and the Justice Project Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) will participate in public engagement. Overarching all these efforts will be a robust community engagement effort.

Task Force members discussed:

- The Steering Committee role in the Justice Project
- Whether the needs assessment will determine a dollar amount that will go on a ballot initiative
- Challenges that need to be addressed include the availability of supportive housing and the inadequate data systems
- A plan for moving forward with the Task Force and its committees
- How to add this extra work to the scope of work for a potential communications contractor
- Contracting with someone to develop an integrated data system
- Allowing the subcommittees to choose which topics within the project they will work on
- How the IPRTF communications contract scope of work could include the extra work without additional funding
- The need for data infrastructure
- The need for third parties to help identify best practices
- Engaging Dr. Alexis Harris to help plan the data aspect of the Justice Project planning process
- Looking nationwide at possible programs and mechanisms to address the issues the community is facing
- Timeline for developing a new facility after voters approve a funding request
- Ensuring that the IPRTF still has time in 2022 to work on its own initiatives
- Taking time to get community input on this process is congruent with the GARE racial equity toolkit

Committee members concurred to change language in the proposed amendment:

- Include language on how specialized consultants will be used throughout the process

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- The role of the IPRTF is to guide and support the work being done of the other groups, not create the work.
- The IPRTF will likely only work on Phase One, the Needs Assessment.

5. [Items for the next Task Force Agenda \(01:01:40\)](#)

Committee members discussed scheduling the following items on the Task Force's January agenda:

- Committee Reports, to report out the results of the December joint meeting of the Legal and Justice Systems and Behavioral Health Committees
- Continued discussion of the Justice Project
- 2022 annual committee sign-up

Committee members discussed the upcoming position vacancies, term end dates, and reaching out to organizations and individuals to recruit applicants.

6. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

7. [Public Comment \(01:13:07\)](#)

Jackie Mitchell spoke about working with the Justice Project Stakeholder Advisory Committee and using existing infrastructure as best they can.

8. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.