

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force: Steering Committee

Meeting Summary for April 7, 2022

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1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held via remote-only Zoom Webinar.

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

Members Absent: Mike Parker, Tyler Schroeder

2. [Update on Justice Project and Stakeholder Advisory Committee \(00:01:03\)](#)

Erickson gave an overview of what would be covered at the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting, which was scheduled for later in the day.

Gockley and Buchanan said that they had been contacted by a reporter and asked if the other members if he could speak to the reporter about the work of the SAC and the IPRTF. Committee members and Legislative Coordinator Jill Nixon discussed whether that was permissible under the guidelines for boards and commissions.

Buchanan reported that the meetings with the SAC members and the IPRTF co-chairs have been successful. Committee members discussed the idea of holding additional discussion meetings and brainstormed the best way to go about that. Conversation revolved around the best format for the meetings, how and when to take questions, and the ideal length for meetings. There was agreement that more meetings with subject matter experts available would be useful. Members also agreed that the upcoming joint meeting should be made available for SAC members to participate in and the agenda should be changed to make time for questions from SAC members. They discussed the best way to amend the agenda to allow for that.

Conversation on the agenda for the next meeting led to a discussion on the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) and capacity issues with services offered. Members talked about the services available, realistic expectations for outcomes considering the average length of stay in the jail, and the importance of familiarizing SAC members with the SIM. They also discussed capacity issues, participation rates, and barriers to participation in education programs such as willingness or ability.

3. [Annual Report \(00:55:30\)](#)

Nixon summarized the topics she has planned to include in the report and asked the members for feedback, additions, or subtractions. Each chair gave comments on their committee's section.

Buchanan asked about the status of the Pre-trial Processes Workgroup. Gockley reported that their work was somewhat stalled. Nixon agreed but pointed out upcoming agenda items that could be impactful. Committee members discussed the group, its current work, its value, and its future.

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4. [Data Dissemination Proposal \(01:09:08\)](#)

Gockley described how and why he came up with the proposal. He said that there is a good amount of data out there, but it is not getting to the Task Force or being made available to the public. He said that the proposal would help to change that. Erickson provided suggestions on how to achieve the goals presented by Gockley's proposal. He proposed making certain statistics and interactive charts or graphs available as a dashboard and making that publicly accessible. Gockley also included answers to the racial equity questions in his proposal and asked for feedback about that. Buchanan moved that they bring the proposal to the taskforce in the near future. King seconded. No vote was taken on the motion, however Gockley and Erickson agreed to work together to refine the proposal and to bring it to the taskforce.

5. [GARE Implementation Strategy for the IPRTF \(01:18:55\)](#)

Gockley reported that he, Parker, and Nixon met once to discuss implementation of the Government Alliance on Racial Equity (GARE) framework and would be meeting again soon. Nixon summarized her notes from that meeting and the ideas that came up, including:

- Creation of a county committee for GARE implementation
- Events that would trigger the use of the GARE framework
- Engagement with the Racial Equity Commission
- Collaboration with the communications consultant

Gockley and Nixon discussed the role that boards and commissions can play in the county's implementation of GARE and the IPRTF's particular commitment to using the framework.

6. [Items for the next Task Force Agenda \(01:23:13\)](#)

Nixon told committee members what is currently on the agenda for the next meeting of the full Task Force. Committee members discussed what they would like to add. Ideas included a discussion and possible formal adoption of Gockley's data dissemination proposal and an update on the communications consultant

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.