

## **Minutes – Criminal Justice Alternative to Incarceration Meeting**

Date: March 22, 2023

Time: 12:00-1:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting

**Attendees:** Bridgette Nugent, Susan Tosto, Jerry Wright, Karla Brackett, Stacy Cangelosi, Emily Ashby, Matt Van Houten, David Sanders, Suzi Cook, Deana Bodnar, Harmony Ayers-Friedlander, Ray Bunce, Dan Cornell, Kate Shanks-Booth, Rebecca Evans, Keegan Young, Keyanna Vann, Louise Miller, Taili Mugambee, Judy Griffin, Rich John, Scott Miller

### **1. Welcome and Introductions:**

- a. Emily from OAR said their College Prep Class begins in a week for 8 weeks.
- b. The request for proposal for the NYS 13A classification funding has been posted. Any service providers interested in applying for the funding can do so through the County's Bid Net system.
- c. Angela Sullivan from the ADC said that there is an offer to the community to tour the new facility in the Village of Lansing. Stacy said that now is a good time to tour the facility. Tours can be arranged by contacting her or Angela.
- d. Harmony gave an update regarding the Co-Response Model. There will be a Deputy from the Sheriff's Department and a clinician from Whole Health. The uniform for the officer will be "softer". This has not been implemented but there will be updates after the roll-out.
- e. Bridgette gave an update on Rich John's behalf regarding updates to the jail. A committee of members of the community and other stakeholders is being convened to review proposals for the project and provide feedback for consideration.

**2. Changes to Agenda:** No changes to the agenda.

**3. Minutes Approval:** February minutes approved.

### **4. Updates:**

#### **a. Highlights from the 2022 Probation Monthly Snapshots- Dan Cornell**

- i. Currently they have 86 open criminal court cases and 426 supervision cases. There are 29 pretrial release cases; for family court they have 18 supervision, 27 intakes and 7 investigations; they have 7 Juvenile cases. The numbers are down a bit from pre-covid and pre- bail reform but they are going back up.

They share their case numbers with the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee as well as the Public Safety Committee each month. Dan showed that the information that they have goes back 10 years. Dan

said that this can help to see what programs are being utilized and which ones can be effective. Judy asked if the homeless data has been tracked before 2023. Dan said that since it seems like a pertinent issue, they decided to start tracking it now. Dan said that the point Taili made regarding the collection of this information being consistent and not repeated is a good suggestion and he is open to have a conversation about that.

Judy asked if resources are provided to people that report homelessness or insecure housing. Dan said they do work with them to make sure that they are connected to the right service and to make sure that they follow up on their applications. Judy said it would be helpful to keep track of the people that find housing through work with the probation department. Kate asked if any of this information is provided to Continuum of Care. Dan said it is not but that it can be. Dan shared a “criminal report card.”

This report shows good trend information. Dan shared this information with the group. Ray asked how TC numbers compare to other counties. Dan said that the numbers are tracked by the State and shared with them, and he can get them together for another time. Judy asked if the presence of LEAD had an impact on the numbers of low-risk offenders going down. Dan said that it is hard to know what the low numbers are a result of. Having crimes of poverty not prosecuted helps. Bridgette said that it is good to know that the numbers Dan has for Probation are shared with different committees will help to be able to start compiling this information from all sources for one comprehensive data “picture.”

**b. 2023 CJATI Goal Development & Measurement of Progress**

**i. Confirm 2023 Goals, Workgroups & Data Measurements**

Bridgette said that some folks did respond to the request for work on the 2023 goals. She asked how the group would like to approach the goals. She asked if any longtime members have ideas about the best way to work towards the goals. Matt said that he understands the need to have goals, but that CJATI is an advisory committee so the discussions the group have are important but that having goals that are accomplished is not an expectation. Maybe calling the goals “discussion points” would be better. Bridgette agreed that there is value in group discussions and information sharing. Calling the goals “focuses” maybe be a better way to look at it. Dan agreed that the goals each department has are important and having discussions on best meeting those goals can be helpful. Rich asked for an opportunity for the jail task force to present to the groups

and get some feedback. Taili said the goals are learning opportunities and the information can then be brought to the community. Kate said that knowing ahead of time what upcoming discussions and presentations will be can help people from different areas prepare questions will be beneficial. Rich said that he is happy to compile all the ATI's so that gaps can be identified. Dan said that when he speaks to other Probation Directors he said that they do not have as much collaboration, they focus more on securing funding and then tracking that funding. Judy said that she agrees with everyone. She said that a specific focus in Harm Reduction is necessary. She is asking that this can be added to the focus'. Bridgette said that she is going to add Harm Reduction. She also said that she wants to have the recommended data points more centrally located. Bridgette then listed all of the data points and where the information can come from. Taili asked if the data collections folks can meet to work together to combine all of the data information.

**5. Long Term Inmate Report- Ray Bunce**

- a. The report is getting very long, he will let Matt speak to that. He said there is a concern in the State with a lack of MH beds available for people that need secure treatment. He said when he speaks to OMH he does not even get a projected time for availability. The people that are waiting for beds in state MH facilities are not capable of participating in legal proceedings and need to get treatment in order to proceed. Matt gave more detail on the people listed in the long-term inmate report. He said the recurring theme for the people is that they are awaiting trial or MH treatment. Rich asked why there is a back-up on trials. Matt said that a lot of the people wait until the last minute to decide whether to go to trial or plead. Dan said that he hears the same thing; inmates prefer TC Jail to going to prison.

**6. Adjournment-** Bridgette adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm. The next meeting is on April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 via Zoom.