

## Minutes for Criminal Justice/Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board (CJATI)

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**Date:** 2/26/2020

**Call to Order:** 12:03

**Attendees: (31)** Rich John, Henry Granison, Lisa Holmes, Susan Robinson, Benay Rubenstein, Sgt Shawn Hogan, Eleni Murdough, Erica Cotraccia, Susan Robinson, Angela Sullivan, Deb Dietrich, Mark Dresser, Marie Boyer, Bridgette Nugent, Deana Bodnar, Paul Neugebauer, Dan Cornell, Franci Saunders, Richard Rivera, Anthony Sidle, Clay Hapstack, Nathan Newton, Tammy Baker, Amanda Bashi, Molly Huffaker, Rossalinda Major, Morgan Anastasio, Jittyun Rhine, Kasturi Mitra, Jillian Stokes, David Sanders

**Excused:** Matt Van Houten, Amy Heffron, Ray Bunce, Lance Salisbury, Louise Miller

**Introductions:** Introductions were made.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Added 2019 City Crime and Sentenced Familiar Faces data

**Deletions:** Open Grant Cycles Process

### **Announcements**

URO Beyond the Box Reentry Fair is March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-2:00 at the Hotel Ithaca, 222 S Cayuga Street. DSS/ MH are working together (no name for the collaboration just yet) to address barriers that include: Mental Health, Substance Use, Reentry, and Homelessness.

Congratulations: Amy Heffron had a healthy baby! College Initiative Upstate will be presenting a workshop at Colombia University, including both old and new programs like “Voices that must be Heard” initiative. Civic Ensembles’ Reentry Theater, “Streets Like This” sharing stories of addiction and incarceration located at the Cherry Artspace, 102 Cherry Street, Ithaca, NY. We will reach out to Parole to invite them to an upcoming CJATI meeting to support each other in improving client outcomes. Senior Parole Officer, Reentry Coordinator, Parole Revocation Specialist and Bureau Chief have all been contacted.

**Minutes:** 2020 January minutes were accepted

Moved: Angela Sullivan

Second: Deana Bodnar

Ayes – 12

### **Long Term Jail Statistics: ALL**

CENSUS:

A Jail Census of (37) sparked a round of applause, that reaction was quickly explained for those in attendance would were new to the Board. We were not celebrating people in jail but the contrary, how low our jail census has become over the last several years. For prospective, our 2015 average daily census was (92).

LONG - TERM:

We had one unsentenced inmate who has been in our jail since 8/29/2019. This person has been charged with multiple crimes, and has been moved from City to County court, to date no Judge has been assigned this case. (Neither Assigned Counsel nor the DA was able to attend

today's meeting due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts.) A recent news report from NPR indicates that women are punished more severely than men in prison. Something that we might want to look at over the coming months. (see link)

<https://www.npr.org/series/658256040/discipline-and-women-in-prison>

### **Reentry Update: Marie**

Marie reported on the Reentry program. Numbers included (108) enrolled participants served in 2019. (21 carried over last year), a 19% (21/108) recidivism rate.

Of those who returned to jail (Rebooking) contributing factors include: Mental Health issues: 21/21 (100%), Substance Use 21/21 (100%), unstable housing/ homelessness 71% (15/21), and employment barriers 17/21 (71%) were unemployed. Marie responded to many questions. One idea was to separate Violations from Charges. Another positive trend is that DSS and Family Court is solution focused in ensuring staff are trained in Trauma-informed care which has emerged over the past few years as the gold standard for delivering services.

### **2019 City Crime**

IPD provided a 2019 Crime report, on 2/26/2020, see link below. Note: there are two types of reporting formats outlines below. Overall crime is down 41%, although there are many factors contributing to this outcome, the article only focuses on one of them – shortage of IPD police. Not mentioned in the article, is the county's investment in ATI's, and how their outcomes have contributed to a decrease in Crime. Population Accountability is complicated and there are many factors to consider. However, the fact that Familiar Faces or people who were in our jail more than once in a single year, has decreased, illustrates targeted client-based outcomes and impact. Other factors might also add to these numbers, but only County Departments and ATI's have client performance measures that highlight how folks in the system are now better off.

### **(NEW) NYS Incident-Based Reporting (IBR)**

Incident-based reporting (IBR) is a streamlined way of submitting a police department's required crime reports. IBR replaces multiple reports with a single monthly computerized submission. Instead of summarizing key events, Incident Based Reporting records specific incident details, including information about the offender, victim, and property. Data are collected on all types of crimes, not just the most serious offenses. If multiple crimes occur during a single incident, they are all reported. DCJS then uses the computer-generated IBR files to classify the crimes into UCR categories.

#### **Advantages of Using IBR**

1. IBR reduces police department crime report paperwork and saves staff time.
2. IBR improves the accuracy of reported information.
3. IBR expands the information on the local crime picture which is readily available to local departments.

### **(OLDER) NYS Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)**

The Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is authorized by statute to serve as the central repository of crime and arrest information for New York State. DCJS oversees the UCR Program for the State and reports crime and arrest data to the FBI. New York State law enforcement

agencies submit monthly crime reports to DCJS. These crime reports are reviewed by DCJS personnel for completeness and accuracy before being added to the statewide database and submitted to the FBI.

<https://ithacavoices.com/2020/02/crime-is-down-says-ithaca-polices-2019-end-of-year-report/>

**Sentenced Familiar Faces data:**

Familiar Faces: (FF) defined as people committed to our jail more than once in a single year, continues to fall. Over the last six years our numbers fell from went (45) in 2014 to (3) in 2019. As was discussed above, there are many factors that contribute to this data. Regardless, our goals are being met and client outcomes are improving.

**# of times committed to Tompkins County Jail - Sentenced**

# of admissions	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1	331	299	282	223	146	127
2	32	34	31	12	4	3
3	13	5	3	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	376	338	316	235	150	130
<b># Familiar Faces</b>	45	39	34	12	4	3
<b>% Familiar Faces</b>	12%	12%	11%	5%	3%	2%

Source: Sheriff’s Annual report

**Bail Reform: Updates, gaps, & issues: All**

Tompkins County, due to the hard work of many, was well prepared for Bail Reform, meaning starting on January 1<sup>st</sup> we saw no change from the previous 4-6 months. We still have work to do, for example, implementing systems to collect data regarding Failure to Appear. OAR is currently working to support transportation needs so help keep these numbers from increasing. For January, Emergency Response calls fell by more than 300, which is encouraging.

An excellent article on Bail Reform in New York;

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/24/opinion/sunday/bail-reform-new-york.html>

**CJATI 2020 Priorities were accepted:**

1. Break the Cycle of Reoffending (recidivism, rebooking, revocation)
2. Study impact of Bail Reform identify gaps & advocate filling the gaps.
3. Address the causes of Dispropritate Minority Contact (DMC)
4. Improve inter-agency communication and collaboration.

Moved: Rich John

Second: Deb Dietrich

Ayes – 12

**Adjourn 1:26**

**Submitted:** David M Sanders

**Date:** 2/27/2020