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

**Date:** 12/5/2018

**Call to Order:** 12:04

**Attendees:** Benay Rubenstein, Ray Bunce, Susan Robinson, Matt Van Houten, Lance Salisbury, Mark Dresser, Ken Lansing, Pat Buechell, Paul Neugebauer, Deb Dietrich, Deana Bodnar, Amie Hendrix, Angela Sullivan, Rich John, Henry Granison, Taili Mugambee, Kaela Klapan, Justin Lynady, Suzi Cook, Joseph Margulies, Anna Sims Bartel, Bridgette Nugent, David Sanders

**Introductions**

Introductions were made.

**Additions/ Deletions/ Announcements:**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Announcement: To thank and show our appreciation to Sheriff, Ken Lansing, for his service and support over the last 8 years; donuts (yes donuts) were provided to all. Many board members took the time to thank Sheriff Lansing for his service and support as well as that of Undersheriff Brian Robison.

**Minutes:** July, Sept, & Oct minutes were accepted

Moved: Deb Dietrich

Second: Matt Van Houten

Ayes – All

**Updates, Reports, and On-going Business**

**Long Term Jail Statistics -** Ray & Matt

The advisory board reviewed the long-term inmate report. To recap, every month the long-term inmate report includes inmates defined as anyone in our jail for more than 5 months, who are unsentenced. Both Matt and Ray recapped the reasons we review these cases which include: to improve systems and to better understand circumstances involved. In most cases unsentenced inmates are awaiting sentencing or a trial date. Five of the eight are listed as having no Bail, due to the severity of the crimes they are accused of.

**Engaged Cornell Initiative** – Joe & Anna

Joseph Margulies, professor of Law and Government, and Anna Sims Bartle, associate Director Community-engaged curricula and practice, presented to the CJATI advisory board. Cornell is seeking carefully developed and meaningful opportunities for their students. Cornell U. has gifted students that number around 140, many are inspired to make a difference in social and criminal justice issues within our community. Students have asked: ‘what can I do?’ Cornell’s faculty and student are rich resource that we, Tompkins County, can share.

Some questions included:  
Are the students graduate or undergraduate? Undergraduate Law students

Jail: Ray inquired about a ‘know your rights’ booklet for inmates? That students could work on.

Probation: There are over 600 people on Probation, and there is a potential opportunity for quality mentoring programs.

Programs: Tompkins County has 4 treatment courts and a long list of community ATI’s which could benefit from this potential collaboration. College Initiative Upstate could always use the help of Teacher Assistance.

When? Joe believes that potentially this summer and certainly the Fall of 2019. Both Joe and Anna’s e-mails were provided to all CJATI Board members via email.

**RRED** (Reducing Racial & Ethnic Disparities)

Dave mentioned that he had written a proposal to NYS Division of Criminal Justice to potentially send a team to Georgetown University for certification in reducing racial & ethnic disparities. The State budget typically passes in March, with any hope we will hear about potential funding sometime after that. The team written in the grant was tentative, no one was asked to commit to this endeavor since we do know when the training might take place. If awarded, we will revisit to determine who might attended to create the greatest impact.

**Sequential Intercept Mapping Workshop Application**

Sequential Intercept Mapping is one of the 2018 ATI’s currently in our contingent fund at a cost of $22,000. The following grant, (summary below) would supplant that ATI. If awarded, there will be 1.5-day workshop in Tompkins County to help identify gaps in our Criminal Justice system.

SAMHSA’s GAINS Center will conduct SIM workshops focused on improving and expanding court-based diversion opportunities, with particular emphasis on specialty/treatment courts (e.g. drug/recovery courts, DUI/DWI courts, mental health courts, veterans treatment drug courts, family treatment drug courts, and tribal healing to wellness courts) and improving coordination and collaboration among judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment court coordinators and case managers, community corrections, behavioral health treatment provider agencies and organizations, and other community-based services and supports.

Intercept 2 resources and gaps are identified during the SIM workshop, including a review of initial detention and first appearance court processes, screening and assessment, availability of pre-trial services, and eligibility requirements and referral processes for participation in specialty/treatment courts.

Intercept 3 resources and gaps are identified during the mapping workshop, including a review of specialty/treatment court structure, staffing, capacity, treatment planning and case management, linkage to community-based behavioral health treatment providers, availability peer support services, access to housing, Social Security, Medicaid, and other supports

Letters of Support were requested by key stakeholders to illustrate community desire, commitment, and coordination.

**Jail Census Trend Data** - Turn the Curve exercise

The first part of the Turn the Curve exercise was completed by the CJATI board reaching the following was conclusions:

FORECAST Jail Average Daily Census will continue to decrease, to level off between 65-70. (if nothing new is implemented.)

STORY BEHIND THE DATA: Pressure and support from the public and NY state, as well as strong and effective community ATI’s are the reasons behind the downward trend.

The remaining Turn the Curve steps will be completed early in 2019.

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| CJATI 2019 meting(s) | | | |
| January 23 | April 24 | July 24 | October 23 |
| February 27 | May 22 | August – no meeting | November – no meeting |
| March 27 | June 26 | September 25 | December 4 |

**Adjourn** 1:00

**Submitted:** David M Sanders

**Date**: 12/7/2018