Committee Scope/Purpose
- Operational planning
- Interdepartmental coordination
- External partner coordination
- Project implementation

Communities → JRAC
- Requests for resource allocation and assignment.
- Policy and budget recommendations
- Data sharing and Subject Matter Expertise to inform JRAC efforts.

Board of Commissioners

JRAC Scope/Purpose
- Stakeholder engagement
- Problem identification & solution development
- Policy & procedural advocacy

Community Engagement Committee
- Subcommittees

Racial Equity Committee
- Subcommittees

Behavioral Health Justice Collaborative
- Subcommittees

JRAC → Committees
- Recommended priorities for agenda-setting, project topics, coordinated action.
- Requests for information, data, Subject Matter Expertise.
- Assigned responsibilities for implementation of JRAC’s programmatic and project recommendations.
**JRAC Draft Committee Structure**

**December 2023**

**JRAC Committee Relationships & Shared Expectations**

- **CEW → Racial Equity**
  - Coordinate to ensure/promote equitable and accessible outreach.

- **BHJC → Racial Equity**
  - Seek SME feedback and analysis of BHJC projects to enhance and evaluate equity.

- **BHJC → CEW**
  - Share resources, information, updates for the community.
  - Coordinate to implement public outreach and engagement projects or needs.

- **CEW → BHJC**
  - Share findings from their work to inform BHJC priorities and opportunities for action.
  - Support BHJC engagement and outreach efforts.

- **Racial Equity → CEW and BHJC**
  - Provide data & Subject Matter Expertise
  - Make recommendations for committee efforts/needs/opportunities for action.
JRAC Structure

I. JRAC At-Large

**Frequency:** The JRAC meets the first Friday of February, April, June, August, October, and December at 12:30pm.

**Council Objectives:** The purpose of the JRAC is to serve as an advisory body to the policy makers, judiciary, and stakeholder groups of the criminal justice system in Buncombe County. The JRAC examines potential improvements to the system, sets priorities, makes recommendations, and guides with their implementation.

**JRAC Meeting Outline:**

i. Open Meeting and Roll Call

ii. Consent Agenda:
   a. Approval of Agenda
   b. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

iii. Community (committee) Reports
    Written reports will be linked to the agenda for review.

iv. Justice System Data Report
    a. Presentation on trending justice system related data, i.e. new dashboards, program analysis, jail population

v. Old Business
   a. Discussion related to previous meetings/follow-up
   b. Committee

vi. New Business

vii. Announcements and Departmental Updates

viii. Public Comments

**JRAC Chair:** DK Wesley, Buncombe County Assistant County Manager

**Staff Support:** Joshua Pierce, Diversion Services Manager

**Strategy and Innovation Liaison:** Lee Crayton, Management Analyst Supervisor

**Membership:**

- See JRAC By-laws
II. Steering Committee

**Frequency:** The Steering Committee meets bi-monthly on months opposing JRAC meetings to include January, March, May, July, September, November

**Committee Objectives:** The committee will review committee/committee request, receive updates on projects, discuss any new business items, and prepare agenda for the next JRAC meeting.

**Chair of Committee:** To be determined

**Staff Support:** Joshua Pierce, Diversion Services Manager

**Strategy and Innovation Liaison:** Lee Crayton, Management Analyst Supervisor

**Membership:**
- Chief District Court Judge, 28th Judicial District
- Chief of Police, Asheville Police Department
- Chief Public Defender, 28th Judicial District
- District Attorney, NC 40th Prosecutorial District Attorney’s Office
- Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, 28th Judicial District
- Sheriff, Buncombe County Sheriff’s Office
- County Manager’s Office Representative
- City Manager’s Office Representative

III. Racial Equity Committee

**Frequency:** To be determined by committee charter

**Committee Objectives:** To improve the criminal justice system’s understanding of, and commitment to achieving racial equity within the criminal justice system

**Chair of Committee:** Hon. Julie Kepple (currently not a JRAC member)

**Staff Support:** Terry Bellamy, Equity and Inclusion Specialist

**Strategy and Innovation Liaison:** Lee Crayton, Management Analyst Supervisor

**Membership:** To be determined by committee charter
IV. Community Engagement

**Frequency:** To be determined by committee charter

**Committee Objectives:** To provide education/awareness to the community about the criminal justice system, to increase public safety and reduce the jail population. This committee also serves to educate and provide system improvement recommendations to justice system actors to increase procedural justice for those navigating the criminal justice system.

**Chair of Committee:** JRAC Member to be determined.

**Staff Support:** Brent Bailey, Prison Re-entry Council

**Strategy and Innovation Liaison:** Kathleen Blackney, Behavioral Health & Justice Analyst

**Membership:** To be determined by committee charter

V. Behavioral Health Justice Collaborative

**Frequency:** The Behavioral Health Justice Collaborative will meet no less than four times each year.

**Committee Objectives:** The BHJC will generate advisory insights by increasing coordination and collaboration between the Buncombe County Government, local governments, and community partners around efforts at the intersection of behavioral health and justice services. This body seeks to channel the right resources to the right place at the right time in response to behavioral health needs in the community with the goal of promoting public safety and improving outcomes for those in need of behavioral health services.

**Chair of Committee:** Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director

**Staff Support:** Victoria Reichard, Behavioral Health Manager

**Strategy and Innovation Liaison:** Kathleen Blackney, Behavioral Health & Justice Analyst

**Membership:** As set forth in BHJC Charter

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Regional LME/MCO
Regional Hospital Representative
FQHC Representative
Facility-Based Crisis Provider
Inpatient Mental Health/Substance Use Provider
Outpatient Mental Health/Substance Use Provider
IDD Advocate/Provider
Housing Specialist
Homeless Outreach Representative
Peer Support Specialist
Community Health Worker
DA’s Office
PD’s Office
Youth Advocate
Prevention Provider
Harm Reduction Provider
Community Representative 1
Community Representative 2

Buncombe County EMS, Director
Buncombe County Public Safety Communications, Director
Justice Services, Diversion Services Supervisor
Vaya Health, County Relations Regional Director
Vaya Health, Justice Department Network Development Manager
Mission Hospital, Chief Operating Officer of Behavioral Health Services
Appalachian Mountain Community Health Centers
RHA Health Services, Director of Peer Living Room/BH Crisis Center/Neil Dobbins Center
JFK ADATC, Executive Director
October Road Inc., Community Relations Representative
ARC of Buncombe County, Homeward Bound, Executive Director
Veterans Affairs Homeless Outreach
Assistant Director, Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness
Executive Director, ABIPA
Public Defenders Office, Social Worker
Youth QUTright
RHA Health Services, Director of Prevention Service Centers
WNCAP, Director of Prevention

VI. Roles and Responsibilities

Chair of Council/Committee: Facilitate meetings, call meetings to order, draft agenda.

Staff Support: Support in the drafting of agenda, coordinate logistics for meetings, attend planning meetings, update website (if applicable) disseminate information: communicate with committee members via email, communicate with staff support across committees.

Strategy and Innovation Liaison: Attend committee meetings, provide project and data support at the request of committee chair or staff support personnel for committee initiative and action items

Members: Attend meeting and engage in meetings.