JRAC Meeting Minutes
Date: 10/6/23  200 College Street-3rd Floor
200 College St. Room 310, Asheville, NC

• Welcome and Lunch: DK Wesley
  o Start time: 12:31
  o Roll call (see attachment)

• Consent Agenda and JRAC Meeting Minutes
  o Approval of October Agenda and June Minutes - Martin Moore made a motion to approve consent agenda and June Minutes. Tiffany Iheanacho seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

• Justice Services Data Report: Kendra Queen- JRC Program Supervisor
  Hannah Calloway- JRC Case Manager
  Community Diversion Data Analysis
  - Community Diversion Program:
  Hannah Calloway gave a brief summary overview of the Justice Involved SUD grant that began on December 1, 2021 and ended June 30, 2023.
  - Presented data analysis 3 months pre-enrollment before the grant started and then 3 months after the grant started.
  - Jail Bookings- Pre and Post Enrollment by intervention data presented
  - Types of resources made available to clients- Cellphones, Gift Cards, food assistance
  - Collaboration with Homeward Bound- JRC Case Manager on site to assist the clients with
  - Greatest reductions- Black Participants, Male Participants, Participants between the ages of 40-49, participant unsheltered, Pretrial/Probation participants
  - Program has been effective due to partnerships with agencies in the community as well as in the Justice System.
  - The availability of funding for additional programming.

• Old Business
  - JRAC Retreat recap: Kathleen Blackney/Heather Parkinson- Strategy and Innovation
  - Presented summary of the 2023 JRAC Retreat
  - Purpose of the JRAC
  - Strengths and Challenges of JRAC
  - National Standards of JRAC- Focus on Bylaws Standard, Executive Committee Standard, and Standing Committees, Workgroups, Community Engagement and Outreach, Administration
  - Achievements and Priorities of the Council
  - Strategy and Innovation Recommendations-
- Evaluate Current Bylaws based on the current standards
- Review the JRAC Strategic Plan as a full body to set next fiscal year priorities and identifying 3-4 priorities for the Council.
- Future Meetings- Communication and Location, clarifying /identifying tangible outputs from JRAC Meetings
- Create standing agenda items
- Consider re-starting Steering Committee Meetings
- Presented an example annual meeting schedule and what that would look like.
- Timeframes with budget amendments and getting those approved if needed from local and state level.
- Discussion on each workgroup to come with their charters for their workgroups.
- Oct 1st- Pretrial Integrity Act came into effect- may cause Jail Population numbers to increase and Length of stays.
- Upcoming Ecourts transition – will be going live on Monday in Mecklenburg and will be coming to this county sometime next year.

**New Business**  
Lisa Sousa, SJC Grant Manager

- Update from Safety and Justice Challenge Programs, funding, MacArthur Foundation Site Visit

- Presented a Safety and Justice Challenge Grant Update
  Buncombe County has had 4 grants through the Safety and Justice Challenge
- SJC Funded Positions through the grant
- Jail Population Report presented to the group- The components and trends that make up the report.
  Jail Population Goals- Original Target- 327 Monthly ADP, Our current numbers are at 405 for 7-18-23 thru 9-16-23.
  Racial Disparities- Goal is 6% identified as Black
  Currently at 30%

- Racial Equity Workgroup strategies presented:
  From the Ashes- Black owned
  Collaborative Civility Training- In 2022, three sessions were held here in Buncombe County
  Trauma Informed Training- February 2023
  Driver License Restoration and Debt Relief program- March 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023.
  Lisa presented Customer Demographics.
  Ethnicity Data Collection at the Detention Center- the ability to capture different ethnicities.

- Case Processing Workgroup- to address issues that will increase efficiencies in case processing
  Meets monthly
• Court Navigator Pilot Program- Contracted position thru Goodwill. Assists our community when they come into the courthouse.
  - Signing people up for the Court Reminder System
  - Assists people with navigation around the courthouse
  - Connecting them with resources

• **Announcements and Departmental Updates**
  - Julia Horracks- Reminded the group about DV Awareness Month
  - DK Wesley- Upcoming Reparation Summit at UNC-Asheville with an impact focus area on Criminal Justice. This group will be presenting to JRAC in the future.
  - Sam Snead- Public Defenders Office- Announced that himself and Todd Williams will be speaking at the Bar Lunch.

• **Public Comment- None**
  
  DK Wesley, JRAC Chair

• **Adjourn**- DK entertained the motion to adjourn at 2:01PM. Tiffany Iheanacho made a motion to adjourn, Debra Campbell seconded the motion.

Next meeting:
December 1, 2023
12:30pm-2:00pm
## Membership List

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Additional Attendees:

- Joshua Pierce- JRC Program Manager
- Kathleen Blackney- Presenter
- Vanessa Conley- Admin Coordinator
- Lisa Sousa- SJC Grants Manager- Presenter
- Kendra Queen- JRC Program Supervisor
- Hannah Calloway- JRC Case Manager