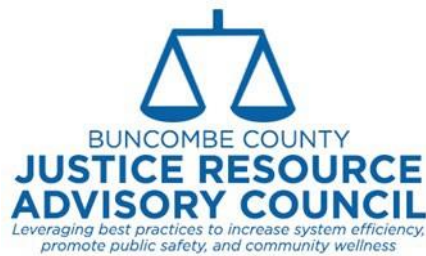


- **Welcome:** Dakisha (DK) Wesley
 - Roll call (see attachment)

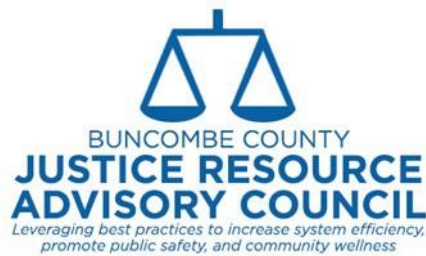
- **Consent Agenda:**
 - Dakisha (DK) Wesley highlighted edits made to the August minutes
 - Approval of Consent Agenda- Esther Manheimer made motion to approve, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara seconded the motion.
 - Adjourned at 2 pm- Esther Manheimer motioned to adjourn, Julia Horrocks seconded the motion
 - Approval of Consent Agenda- Tiffany Ileanacho made motion to approve, Sam Sneed seconded the motion.

- **Justice Services Data Report:** Women in Detention-Lee Crayton, Management Analyst, Strategy and Innovation (presentation in materials):
 - Follow-up information from last meeting on the Impact on Jail Population numbers- FTA's of unhoused individuals; new address filter has been added to include 225 Patton Avenue, AHOPE, and Davidson Drive; although it did increase the overall number of bookings last fiscal year, it did not adjust the overall percentage of 18% overall bookings
 - Female population trends- Since 2014 typically stayed within the 50-60 in terms of average daily population; shift in 2016-2017 to above 70's; drop during the pandemic; 2022 has increased significantly for the population; 40% population increase since 2021
 - Daily count from January 2022 to the end of October 2022- Over the summer, the population was sitting at 80; October it transitioned back to the 70's due to housing unit transitions at the detention facility; the designed capacity for females currently at the detention facility is now back at 96.
 - Bookings of females in detention center- Since 2015 very few females entering the facility, continued to decline thru the pandemic; started to increase in April 2022; currently 4% higher than this time last year
 - Nature of charges- Data from 2014-2022 shows women coming into custody on more serious charges than they have historically; most frequent charges were H and I felonies related to property and substance-use related charges; most frequent charges looking at the most serious charges separated out by misdemeanor and felonies- Probation Violations and Misdemeanor Assault Charges; Slight uptick in Class E felonies
 - Length of stay- In 2014 was about 6 days on average; in 2022, this was increased to 12.5 days
 - Discussion on what other counties in NC are implementing for court reminder communication and how our county is implementing these same measures.

- **Old Business:**
 - JRAC Strategic Plan Review at December Meeting- DK Wesley
 - Rescheduled to allow additional review

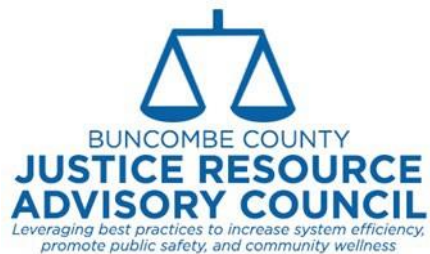


- Any Strategic Plan updates, please send or report those to Tiffany Ileanacho
- **New Business:**
 - Driver License Restoration Program- Ed Treat, Staff Attorney, Pisgah Legal Services (presentation in materials):
 - Safety and Justice Challenge is assisting in funding additional staff; previous six month contract for \$10,000 with Buncombe County ended September 1, 2022; New Contract for \$15,000 with Buncombe County was executed to provide financial assistance as well as salary and benefits for a full time Pisgah Legal Services legal assistant to support the program
 - 25 clients received financial aid under the old contract; 13 of those restored their drivers' license or became eligible to do so
 - Possible Driver License Restoration projects that the new contract may be able to support:
 - Representing high-need, high impact clients at administrative hearings; Continue training the new Veteran's Law Generalist Attorney Misty Greene in driver's license restoration and expunction work; partner with staff at a local correctional facility to implement a pro-se tool kit for debt relief before they are released; increase use of AOC 415 motions for debt-relief relating to drivers' license restoration; build resources and coalitions to address the suspension crisis around the region and the state
 - Clients that do not qualify for the drivers' license restoration services could be referred to NC Pro Bono as a start
 - Expressed the need for the AOC 415 to be used state-wide
 - Expunction Update- Expunction Clinic in March 2023 with support from DA's office, Judges, court staff and 10-12 staff volunteers from Duke and Campbell Law; hoping to draft 200-300 petitions in that week regarding the Raise the Age provision
 - Justice Services Community Re-entry- Ron Harrison, Jail Diversion and Re-entry Program Manager (PowerPoint presentation)
 - Started the program in January 2021; currently have 3 case managers that provide case management, treatment planning and groups for in custody clients
 - Currently have three (3) different programs:
 - Substance Abuse Diversion Program- clients with a primary substance abuse diagnosis; challenge finding facilities that will accept clients from detention center; First at Blue Ridge- Partnership in offering a 30 day program for our clients where they can attend groups, receive treatment, and addressing any of their substance abuse issues. They do offer longer programs as well
 - JUST program- clients with persistent mental illness; there are not a lot of community resources in our area currently for these clients; the diversion teams are challenged with helping to divert someone



where no resources are available

- Community Re-entry Team- clients re-entering community from Buncombe County Detention Center; developed in October 2020; includes a Case Manager and two Peer Support Specialists; screen clients while in custody to determine what services needed; link clients with housing, mental health and substance use treatment, economic benefits, employment, transportation, and concrete support for re-establishing stability
 - Program outcomes- From January 2021- August 31, 2022, there have been 567 participants screened in custody and 276 participants were released from custody and engaged in services
- Buncombe County Prison Re-entry Council- Brent Bailey, Prison Re-entry Program Coordinator (PowerPoint Presentation)
 - This council is a collaboration of agencies, organizations and service providers who work together to increase public safety by reducing recidivism; Program is voluntary, not court ordered and not a condition of their probation or parole; the average age of participants is 40 years of age
 - Established in 2014 and serves individuals recently released from state prison and currently under post release supervision (Probation and Parole), recently completed sentence under the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program, or recently released from federal prison and under federal supervision
 - Provided services include- Employment Assistance, Educational Assistance, Transportation Assistance and Transitional Housing Assistance
 - Review of individuals served since January 1, 2019- October 31, 2022- presented goals of getting these clients services within the first 30 days of release; clients come from all over the state, not just limited to Buncombe County; Increase in numbers of women over the years (main priority is reunification with their children in which this program can assist); gaps identified in the younger generation and more support needed in raising awareness in resources available to them upon release
- Community Violence Strategic Plan Update- Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director
 - Began Community Violence since 2020; Initial funding for gun violence projects came from Safety and Justice Challenge, partnered with several other agencies in providing mentorships and training on economic development, trauma resilience in training; reviewed violence interruption models; Received funding from two funding sources- Overall we have received about \$2.5 million dollars in funding over 3-4 years; working with CHASM on implementation and required in the federal grant as well; grant manager hired to ensure staying on track with these projects
 - Future request- Asking for this council to be a part of a multi stakeholder coalition in a collective approach to reducing gun violence within our



communities.

- **Announcements-**

- J. Hackett
 - Co-Think will be having a Community Event on November 5th; Black Wall Street Asheville 2nd Anniversary next Saturday at 6pm
- Tiffany Iheanacho
 - Asheville Art Museum exhibit:
Sherrill Roland
Sugar, Water, Lemon Squeeze
DATES: November 18, 2022–March 20, 2023

- **Public Comment** : None

- **Adjourned at 2 pm-** Judge Alan Thornburg motioned to adjourn, Sam Snead seconded the motion.

Next meeting: December 2,
2022 12:30pm-2:00pm
200 College Street/1st Floor- Conference Room



Membership List

Name	Title	Organization	
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara	Commissioner	Buncombe County Board of Commissioner	A
DK Wesley	Assistant County Manager	Buncombe County Manager's Office	P
Chief Herbert Blake	Chief Deputy	Buncombe County Sheriff's Office	P
Pat Freeman	Identification Director	Buncombe County Bureau of Identification	P
Sylvia Clement	Chief Court Counselor	NC 28 th Judicial District Juvenile Justice	A
Danny Cowan	Magistrate	NC 28 th Judicial Magistrates Office	A
The Hon. Alan Thornburg	Superior Court Judge	NC 28 th Judicial District Superior Court	P
Meredith Pressley for The Hon. Todd Williams	District Attorney	NC 28 th Prosecutorial District	P
Sam Snead	Chief Public Defender	NC 28 th Judicial District	P
Tiffany Iheanacho	Justice Services Director	Buncombe County Justice Services Department	P
Donald Reuss	Director Provider	Vaya Health	A
David Zack	Chief APD	Asheville Police Department	A
Julia Horrocks	Private Attorney	Coordinated Community Response DV/SA	A
Suzanne Avett	HHS Attorney	Buncombe County HHS	P
Rachael Nygaard	Director	Buncombe County Strategic Partnership	P
Debra Campbell	City Manager	City of Asheville	P
Esther Manheimer	Mayor of Asheville	City of Asheville	A
Lori Anderson	Probation	Probation/Parole	A
Joseph Hackett	Community Representative	Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church	P
Dustin Dow	Private Attorney	Defense Bar Association	P
Julie Risedorf	Community Representative		P