

MONROE COUNTY
COMMUNITY JUSTICE RESPONSE COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes
Monday, December 5, 2022, 4:30pm
Nat U. Hill Meeting Room, 3rd Floor Courthouse

These notes are not intended to be verbatim. For this purpose a permanent recording of this meeting can be found [here](#).

Members Present (In Person):

Lee Jones
Peter Iversen
Jennifer Crossley
Kate Wiltz
Sam Crowe
Lori Kelley
Michael Hunt
Darcie Fawcett
Catherine Stafford

Members Present (Virtual):

Kara Krothe
Julie Thomas

Guiding Principles

1. *Treatment is a priority over incarceration. This will require that we build sufficient community infrastructure (points 0 and 6) and develop sufficient space and programming options within the jail facility.*
2. *Develop Monroe County's justice system with a unique facility, while meeting constitutional and humanitarian requirements.*
3. *Address inequities in race, economic status, sexual orientation, and gender.*
4. *Reduce the number of people entering the criminal justice system and reduce recidivism for those who are/ were in the system.*

- Request to add the words *collaboratively, transparency and public safety*.
 - Collaboration and transparency in all areas.
 - Public safety: stand- alone OR when appropriate
- Recommendation to go around the table to introduce committee members to the public
 - Look into getting nametags for committee members going forward

Discussion of Treatments

Committee members each discuss their ideas for treatment.

- Programming within the jail for re- entry
- Programming for employment as people exit jail
- Life skills programs
- Supervised parenting when appropriate, parenting classes
 - Remember flexibility in programming
- Map/ outline → where does the criminal process begin
- *Connect to intercepts*: connection issues (time line getting people into treatment programs after being released from jail)
- Work with probation to look at successful past programs
- Programming for mental health and substance use
- Focus on diversion from jail rather than jail programs
 - use people that are trained in mental health rather than jail employees
- Housing upon release from jail
- Work to shorten waiting period for treatment facilities
 - use of ARPA funds
 - include people that are involved in treatment facilities in discussions
- *Diversion to What?* (Document put out by Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, September 2019)
 - Housing support
 - Peer services in jail
 - Supportive employment
- Assertive Community Treatment
- Stay updated on legislation on bi annual budget session and how that will provide resources to counties
- Who do we work with? How do we avoid becoming the sole funding source?
 - discuss the process side more
- Keep flexibility in programming
 - process for review and evaluation
 - RFP
- Scattered site services
 - People do better when integrated in their community
- Container homes
 - Big shipping containers that can be converted into small homes

- Tailor jail programs for those who are actually in jail and who need to be in jail, and community programs for to others.
 - Mapping approach
 - Self-help legal center
 - Legal advice to those that are self-represented
 - Limited scope advisability
 - available to people in jail as well
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Center for Collaborative Systems Change

- Proposal is on the Commissioners agenda for 12/7
 - Scope of work updated
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Survey Updates

Judge Stafford

- Survey for judicial branch of Monroe County Government
 - 29 responses

April Wilson

- Survey for Prosecutor's office & Public Defender's Office
 - 49 responses
 - Survey closes December 10th
 - Findings will be presented at the next CJRC meeting (12/12)

Lori Kelly

- Collecting questions
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Jail Design

- RFQ has been issued
 - Responses from 3 companies
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Committee Collaboration

Remember to consider all the different areas of expertise that are present with the various members of the committee.

- Identify a list of what the committee wants in a new facility
- Designate separate times to talk about treatment/ facility
 - 40 minutes per topic

- Treatment one meeting, facility next meeting
 - Share documents/ information ahead of meetings
 - Cc the committee on anything generated/ posted
 - Specific drop box for CJRC
 - Concentrate on Intercept zero
 - What are the needs?
 - Do we need to gather more info?
 - Justice Building tour
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Next steps

- Invite organizations to come to meetings to get a scope of their needs
 - Jay Chaudhary (FSSA) meeting
 - City Council agenda for rezone request
 - Brainstorm ways to better collaborate
 - Next meeting moved up to December 12, 2022
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Public Comment

David Garcia: NAACP

- Encouraged monitored and cooperative effort to involve all levels of government (city, state, federal)
- Expressed concern for homeless population

Debbie Fish: Hope for Prisoners Task Force, Care not Cages

- What is the estimated cost of renovating the current facility?
- Zero intercept
 - A local minister is looking to build a dream center; invite him to come and speak at a meeting
- Courage to change sober living has proven effectiveness
 - could use another facility to serve more people
- Care not cages signed up to be surveyed
- What does CJRC stand for? *Community Justice Reform Committee*
 - Reform does not always mean better

Unknown Speaker: Care not Cages

- Incarceration limits access to treatment

Edie Barbieu: Care not Cages

- Encouraged shift in discussion to community response rather than jail
- A jail campus would divert energy and resources away from the facilities/ programs already in Bloomington.
 - Physically accessible
 - Familiar with this community's needs
- Shared direct responses from Care not Cages open meeting regarding new jail proposal
 - Addiction/ harm reduction
 - Funding for Courage to Change Sober Living
 - Improved reliable access to work/ transit access

Max Smith: Care not Cages

- Formerly incarcerated; previously on the board of New Leaf New Life
- Get to people before they are incarcerated.
 - Lack of community, mental health issues, etc. is why people end up incarcerated
- Social work should be done by social workers, not the police.
- Feels there is wasted space in the current jail
- Encouraged spending less money to fix this jail rather than spending more money to build a new jail

Maggie: Care not Cages

- What specifically is wrong with the current jail and how much exactly it would cost to fix?
- Coupling jail and treatment reinforces mental health as criminal
- Most people on committee are not involved in treatment in this community; bring in the people that are

Dave Jones: NAACP

- Happy with treatment discussion,
- What are the steps before intercept zero?
 - Youth treatment/ programs

Unknown Speaker: Care not cages

- Why have we not estimated the cost to update the new facility?
- What budgetary provisions have we made to pay back interest for this bond?

Bren Thomas: Care not Cages

- Concerned about land/ location
- Jail is always isolating & moving it away from the community would make it even more so.
- How would transit for families work?
- Environmental study on the buildability of the site due to water runoff has not been completed
 - Hopes we would hold off on purchase of land until then

Seth: Care not Cages

- Will be sending an email with his list of concerns
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