

**MONROE COUNTY**  
**COMMUNITY JUSTICE RESPONSE COMMITTEE**

*Meeting Notes*  
*Monday, December 12, 2022, 4:30pm*  
*Nat U. Hill Meeting Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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):**

Peter Iversen

Lee Jones

Jennifer Crossley

Erika Oliphant

April Wilson

Erika Wrenbeck

Michael Hunt

Catherine Stafford

Kara Krothe

**Members Present (Virtual):**

Kate Wiltz

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**Guiding Principles**

Changes to the original proposed principles are highlighted.

*Recognizing our commitment to public safety, we will work collaboratively and transparently to:*

- 1. Prioritize treatment over incarceration, when appropriate.*
- 2. Build a justice facility that meets constitutional standards and treats inmates with dignity.*
- 3. Address inequities in race, economic status, disability, national origin, 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.*

Commissioner Jones motioned to approve updated guiding principles.

Motion is seconded by April Wilson.

Voice vote.

Motion carries.

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### **Discussion of Treatments**

- Intercept zero presentation will be at a meeting in January.
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### **Survey Updates**

- April Wilson and Karen Wrenbeck gave a presentation on the survey results from the Public Defender's office, Prosecutor's office, and Monroe County Bar Association. (Did not include Probation office or courts).
- Find PDF presentation [here](#).
- Results: 67 responses (anonymous)

### Survey topics

- Jail
    - In- person meeting rooms
    - Video meeting rooms
    - Jail capacity
  - Justice Campus Design
  - Co- Location
    - Current transportation use
    - Courtroom participation
    - Access to courtrooms
    - Co- Location recommendations
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### **Jail Design**

- No major updates.
- Environmental report mentioned sinkholes on northern portion of property.
  - Could be used for parking or to fix drainage problems
  - Commissioner Jones will know more about Information of extending the contract/deadline on Wednesday (12/14).

## **Request for Qualifications Update**

- Committee plans to invite three companies to give more information and demonstrations at January meetings.
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## **Center for Collaborative Systems Change Proposal**

- Commissioners signed the agreement the previous week.
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## **Update on Meeting with Jay Chaudhary**

Jay Chaudhary is the director of Mental Health and Addictions at Indiana FSSA, and was chair of the Indiana Mental Health Commission.

Recommendations:

- Look to other states for models.
    - Maricopa County, AZ
      - Community wide Crisis Diversion Center
        - Not inside of the jail
    - Nashville, TN
      - Jail based treatment
    - Michigan
  - RFP for three options
    - Get things to a vote- when CJRC decides on options, have the Commissioners vote on it and the Council appropriate funds.
  - Focus on diversion
    - Regional treatment centers will not be happening this legislative cycle.
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## **Committee Collaboration**

- Councilor Crossley stated that she does not feel comfortable continuing with the purchase of the Fullerton Pike property anymore.
  - Commissioner Jones stated that there are major problems with the current building and more in depth evaluation would be very costly.
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## **Next Steps**

- Follow up on creating a committee drop box.
- Next meetings are set for January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Public Comment**

### **Sidney Foreman: Care not Cages**

- Is not in support of the purchase of the Fullerton Pike property.
- Why has the CJRC not followed up with estimations of renovating the existing facility? Or how could we do an adaptive reuse of the building.

### **Beka Schwartz: Maurer Law Student**

- Why is it not being more seriously considered to renovate the current jail to avoid separation of the jail from downtown services?
  - Money should be spent on rehabilitation rather than treatment in jails.
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