

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Tuesday, May 29, 2018 Meeting Notes

Members Present: Clarence Birkhead, Shamieka Rhinehart, Gudrun Parmer, Don Baker, Joseph Laizure, Lao Rubert, Roger Echols, Jodi Miller, John Witcher, Vernetta Alston, Wendy Jacobs, Kristen Rosselli, Ben Rose, Alex Williams, Celeste Kelly, O’Mar Taylor

Members Excused: Syretta Hill, Lawrence M. Campbell, Tara Blackley

Member Absent: Marcia A. Owen, Jackie Brown, Peter Wooldridge, Ann Oshel, LaToya Dumas, Anthony Marsh

Guests: Ellen Reckhow, Bonnie McDonald (DPS), Antoinette Burwell (for Lawrence Campbell), Keith Daniels (for Syretta Hill), Darin Johnson, Ryan Smith

Staff: Celia Jefferson, Christie Long, Karen Shaw

Welcome and Introductions Chairperson Roger Echols, Durham County District Attorney, opened the meeting with a welcome and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Review and Approve March Minutes

Roger Echols asked the committee to review the minutes. Kristen Rosselli moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Judge Rhinehart properly seconded and the minutes were approved as presented

Presentation and Discussion Session with Pretrial Justice Institute

Gudrun introduced the agenda item, sharing that thanks to Durham County’s participation in the Safety and Justice Challenge, CJRC was able to utilize some of the Innovation Fund grant to contract with the Pretrial Justice Institute to provide technical assistance and help Durham improve its pretrial practices.

Rachel Logvin, Senior Vice President of PJI, provided an overview of the work of the organization, a national perspective of pretrial release across the country as well as a discussion on best practices. Members requested to receive a copy of the presentation via email.

Re-Appointment of Vernon O’Mar Taylor

O’Mar Taylor has applied for re-appointment to the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. The application was vetted by the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners and approved for re-appointment. Clarence Birkhead moved to reappoint Vernon O’Mar Taylor, Major Don Baker properly seconded the motion. Mr. Taylor’s 2-year appointment was approved unanimously.

Member Updates

Local Reentry Council - Karen Shaw and Bonnie McDonald both stated there was nothing to report.

Stepping Up Initiative – Due to time constraint the report was tabled.

Step Up Durham – Keith Daniels shared information about the upcoming workshop.

Next Meeting – July 31, 2018 at 4:00 pm.