

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Tuesday September 26, 2017 Minutes

**Members Present:** Celeste Kelly, Alan Pitstick, Syretta Hill, Joseph Laizure, Marcia Owen, Lao Rubert, Gudrun Parmer, Kristen Rosselli, Roger Echols, Ann Oshel, Jodi Miller, Wendy Jacobs, Judge Shamieka L. Rhinehart, Jackie Brown, Candace Rashada (for Peter Wooldridge)

**Members Excused:**  Anthony Marsh, Lawrence M. Campbell, Charlie Reese, Peter Wooldridge

**Member Absent:** O’Mar Taylor, Clarence Birkhead, Adam Clayton, John Witcher,

**Staff:** Celia Jefferson, Peter Baker, Roshanna Parker, Karen Shaw, Demetrius Lynn, Lourdes Garcia

**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 September Minutes** Roger Echols asked the committee to review the minutes. Jodi Miller moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Marcia Owen properly seconded and minutes were approved as presented.

**Expungements** Joseph Laizure, Legal Aide NC, gave a presentation on the expungement legislation in NC.

He explained the changes to the expungement law and their impact on a person’s criminal record. In the past, an individual could only receive a one-time expungement for dismissed or not guilty charges. Now, individuals can get expungements more than once. Also, prosecutors can see the dismissal or expunged records. Another change is the waiting period. It used to be that for a single nonviolent felony, an individual had to wait 15 years, now it is five years for misdemeanors and 10 years for a felony. For individuals who obtain a misdemeanor conviction while 16 to 17 years of age, the wait has not changed. It is still two years. Most violent convictions and sex offenses are not expungable. A Certificate of Release is available to some individuals with no more than two convictions. Certificate of Releases can assist the holder with housing, employment and occupational licenses.

**Alliance Behavioral HealthCare** Ann Oshel, Sr. VP of Community Relations, updated the committee on the State’s Medicaid Reform and on Alliance’s budget in FY18. She reported on Alliance’s efforts to serve justice involved persons in Durham County and how services have been affected by recent cuts. She described a new Tiered Case Management Pilot and a new Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center. Ann shared how merging data form CJ Leads and Alpha has created a new report to identify incarcerated consumers. A copy of her presentation will be shard via email with the CJAC members.

**Subcommittee Updates**  ***Stepping Up Initiative***- Peter Baker, Assistant Director of CJRC, shared there are 13 active cases in the Mental Health Court. There has been no major change in the Stepping Up Initiativesince the last meeting. They will meet again from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 9, 2017

***Local Reentry Council-*** Roshanna Parker,Assistant Director of CJRC, reported on the turnout and overall success of the official LRC Kick-Off event in August. She reported that there are two staff members. The LRC will meet at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2017. The subcommittees will meet prior to that meeting at 2:00 p.m.

***Domestic Violence-*** Joseph Laizure shared that they hoped to have a subcommittee meeting at the community organization room at the court house on Thursday if they can reserve it. Gudrun extended the multipurpose room for their meeting that will be held at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next Meeting – November 28, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

* I represent North Carolinians seeking criminal record expungements, certificates of relief, domestic violence protective orders, drivers license restoration. I also represent clients in eviction defense. I serve on the leadership team for the UNC Pro Bono Cancer Project to provide powers of attorney, health care powers of attorney, and living wills to cancer patients and their families.