

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Minutes Tuesday, September 25, 2018

**Members Present:** Roger Echols, Kristen Rosselli, Tomario Howze, Marcia Owen, Gudrun Parmer, Lao Rubert, Omar Taylor, Alexander Williams, John Witchger, Vernetta Alston, Don Baker, Peter Wooldridge, LaToya Dumas, Clarence Birkhead

**Members Excused:** Celeste Kelly, Jodi Miller, Wendy Jacobs, Joseph Laizure, Syretta Hill

**Absent:** Lawrence Campbell, Anthony Marsh, Ann Oshel, Jackie Brown, Ben Rose, Tara Blackley, Shamieka Rhinehart

**Guests:** Ryan Smith, Will Engelhardt, Kriti Ramakrishnan, Matthew Eldridge, Keith Fudge, Brandon Scicluna (for Syretta Hill)

**Staff:** Viveca Deans, Roshanna Parker, Demetrius Lynn

**Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting was called to order at 4:06pm. CJAC Chair Roger Echols welcomed everyone and asked those present to introduce themselves.

**Review and Approve November Minutes**

Roger Echols asked the committee to review the minutes. Clarence Birkhead moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Vernetta Alston properly seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Pay for Success – City of Durham iTeam and Urban Institute**

Introduction was given by Gudrun Parmer who shared that the City of Durham was working with the Urban Institute’s Pay for Success Technical Assistance Team, a grant-funded service that Urban Institute was providing at no cost to the City. Matt Eldridge with Urban shared information about the Urban Institute and what Pay for Success was. He emphasized that Durham and the team from Urban were working through a series of questions to help Durham determine whether a Pay for Success model would work here. During Q &A there were questions on the funding process, how partners or investors were recruited and selected, and about the liability to the County and City. A copy of the presentation slide deck is available upon request.

**Committee Updates – Local Reentry Council (LRC)**

Demetrius Lynn discussed the recent Resource Fair and mentioned that this was the 3rd fair hosted by LRC. To date, the LRC has received 251 referrals for employment, housing and training. 30 individuals are pending release from prison or jail that have been referred to Durham County and 78 clients are active. 41 persons received employment placement assistance with an average income of $10.72 per hour, 70 individuals received assistance with housing. The 6-month retention rate is 58%, 3-month retention rate is 72%.

**Committee Updates – Stepping Up Committee**

Gudrun Parmer provided an update for the Stepping Up Initiative (SUI). Two subcommittees have been established, one to focus on data and another to discuss options for individuals repeatedly deemed incompetent to stand trial. Additionally, the Mental Health Court Diversion Program currently has 43 active clients and has graduated 7 clients, with one happening that afternoon. Referrals come in at a steady pace and it may become necessary to discuss program capacity.

**Partner Updates**

Kristen Rosselli reported that TROSA will have an Expungement Clinic for residents in early October. TROSA is also participating and contributing to Hurricane Florence relief efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm

**Next Meeting – November 27, 2018 @ 4:00 pm.**