



## **Durham County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee**

**October 9, 2012**

**Committee Members Present:** Ellen Reckhow, Marcia Morey, Marcus Weeks, Leo Stanback, Ann Oshel, Dianne Smith, DeWarren Langley, Lao Rubert

**Committee Members Absent:** Loretta Clyburn, Osborne Clayton, Jim Hardin, Gayle Harris, Antonia Pedroza, Lee Worsley, Tony Taylor

**Staff:** Gudrun Parmer, Robin Heath, Peter Baker, Celia Jefferson, Meredith McMonigle

### **Introductions**

#### **New Business**

Gudrun reviewed the Committee Charter, the Resolution that establishes the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. She indicated this meeting would be an organizing meeting to elect a chair and other officers, if possible. The committee would discuss the remaining positions since this was a very unusual committee for Durham County in that the individuals that are currently appointed have the opportunity to appoint the other additional eight committee members. Gudrun suggested that she, or any member of the committee, could reach out to individuals and if they agreed to become a part of this committee ask them to complete a county application and turn it in to the clerk's office to determine eligibility for this committee. Note that this committee will be the one to make the final appointment decision of the additional eight individuals.

Judge Stanback asked for clarification of the purpose of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. Gudrun stated that the idea for this committee originated following the enactment of the Justice Reinvestment Act which repealed the Criminal Justice Partnership Program, effectively terminating the Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board (CJPAB). The CJAC will examine the adult criminal justice system and the offender population to develop intervention strategies and comprehensive solutions. Gudrun emphasized that this was not about CJRC; this was about the continuum of services from first time offenders to reentry populations, possibly the extension of drug court to a DWI Court; are there enough services for domestic violence offenders and sex offenders, and how can the mental health population be connected to services after release from jail. Many services are changing due to the Justice Reinvestment Act and the committee will hear what the judges are seeing in court. Gudrun's vision is to look at all services, and collectively discuss how to expand, fill in gaps, identify, advocate, and bring other people to the table to look at improving the overall system.

Judge Morey stated that there are a lot of innovative things that can be worked out with best practice. There are programs that pop up all the time and we do not know what kind of resources they have. For about a year now, she has been part of a group discussing a mental health court. Additionally, the Health Department is talking about the social determinants of health which has many facets, including housing. If we can figure out how we can help people become more stable and have access to services, we might keep them out of the system longer if not permanently.

**Nominations for officers**

Judge Stanback recommended Marcia Morey to be nominated as the Chair  
Ann Oshel recommended Lao Rubert to be nominated as the Vice Chair  
Ellen Reckhow recommended DeWarren Langley to be nominated as the Secretary  
The committee approved the nominations unanimously.

**The following will be pursued for CJAC membership:**

Educational Institution: DTCC  
Local MH/ SA Provider: CAARE  
Local Non-Profit: MDC, TROSA  
Housing Provider: DHA, Housing for New Hope  
Ex-Offender: Former CJRC Client  
Specialty Court Judge: Judge Nancy Gordon  
Employment and Training: DERC, OEWD  
Faith-Based Organization: RCND

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 27 at 4pm at CJRC on the 3rd floor in the large conference room.