Justice Resource Advisory Council

Meeting Summary

February 6, 2026, 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Location: 200 College Street 1st floor

I. Welcome/Meeting Called to Order: Martin Moore- JRAC Chair
Start time of meeting: 12:35pm

II. Roll Call (see attachment)- Martin Moore- JRAC Chair

III. Approval and /or Corrections to the Agenda: Martin Moore-JRAC Chair- Approved by Council

IV. Approval and/or Corrections to the December 2025 Meeting Summary - Martin Moore, JRAC Chair- Approved by Council

V. Strategic Plan- Dr. Lee Crayton

- Dr. Crayton asked Sybil Tate, ACM to speak to the group on the role of the Chair for the workgroups and the vision of that role.
- The Chair will function in making sure the right people are in the room
- Monthly workgroup meetings with the Chair
- Each quarter, the chair from the workgroups will present and report out to the full group
- Keeping discussions on track within our workgroups

Dr. Crayton begins to review the "buckets" discussed in the last meeting and discussed that the goal for the meeting today would be:

- Put a workgroup to each goal
- Identify County Staff
- Identify a Chair for each workgroup

Behavioral Health Bucket- Group decided to move forward with this workgroup and goals.

- Working currently under Behavioral Health Justice Collaboration
- 2 goals were identified in the last meeting
- Additional discussion took place on availability of inpatient treatment beds in our facilities with focus on expansion of beds.
- This workgroup will be led by Behavioral Health Professionals
- This workgroup would be a point of diversion for law enforcement and working in collaboration with community resources to address the gaps needed.
- Victoria Reichard- Staff Support
- Maggie Ullman- Asheville City Council

Community Engagement Workgroup- Group decided to move forward with this group and goals.

- Looking at the scope of the Strategic Plan and looking at ways of including people with lived experience in the work being done.
- Determining how people with lived experience will be engaged when we figure out the work that is being done
- Number of recommendations reviewed by individuals with lived experience and given input on those recommendations.
- Brent Bailey- Staff Support
- Mary Singer- Community Representative

Coordinated Community Response Workgroup- Will not assign a chair to this one- Will revisit later per Martin Moore, JRAC Chair

- Increasing the number of offender services. Protocols are already in place for victims through the FJC. There were no protocols in place for offender services.
- CCR Workgroup has not met since September 2024 due to Hurricane Helene. The group suggested having CCR start meeting again and made a recommendation to start looking at the data for sexual assault and domestic violence victims
- Once meetings start back, this workgroup will present recommendations back to CCJC.
- Will explore protocols and resources for connecting offenders and victims to sexual assault and DV services.

Courts Workgroup- No current workgroup established

- Guidelines for Case Processing- Reducing the length of time it takes for the cases to be processed through the court system
- Challenges with Iryna's Law and Involuntary Commitments
- Judge Kepple is working on a mental health court
- Public Defender's office is working within the court system to try and divert low-level misdemeanor cases to probation, being released and resolution of cases.
- Jean Marie Christy- Chair for this Workgroup

Law Enforcement Workgroup- No current workgroup established

- LEAD Program was discussed- Law Enforcement in the room are not opposed to the goal however have a lot of additional questions and concerns with the program
- Good Exploratory goal and will be revisited later
- Sean Aardema- Chair for this group

Co-Responder Goal

- Vaya is currently working with Buncombe County Sheriff's Office and is in conversation currently with Asheville Police Department and other surrounding law enforcement agencies
- Goal is to identify additional co responders, but this is already up and going.

VI. Vice Chair Nominations and Election- Martin Moore, JRAC Chair

- Judge Kepple has volunteered for the Vice-Chair seat. No objections from the group.

VII. Bylaws Update

A. Name Change- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council- Martin Moore, JRAC Chair
- CJCC better reflects the work we are doing now

B. Other Changes- Regenia Herring, JS Director
- Jean Marie Christy had some questions regarding appointees and attendance. Martin Moore provided clarification for her questions.

No objections on the Name Change or the Bylaws as a whole.

VIII. JRAC 2026 Meeting Schedule- Vanessa Conley, JS Admin Coordinator

- Meetings will be moving on to a quarterly basis. The meetings for the remainder of the calendar year will be May, August, and November 2026. Calendar invites have been sent out to the current membership and new calendar invites will be sent out for calendar year 2027.

<u>Next Meeting:</u>

May 1, 2026- 12:30pm-2:00pm-200 College Street 1st floor

<u>Adjournment</u>

The meeting adjourned at 1:45pm