Justice Resource Advisory Council

Meeting Summary

December 5th, 2025, 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Location: 200 College Street 1st floor

Welcome/Meeting Called to Order: Martin Moore- JRAC Chair

- Start time of meeting: 12:35pm

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

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

Approval and/or Corrections to the October 2025 Meeting Summary - Martin Moore, JRAC **Chair**- Approved by Council

Strategic Plan- Dr. Lee Crayton

- Gave a brief refresher to the group on the previous strategic plan and how we are moving forward to the new Strategic Plan and that is now in the planning stages with this Council.
- Today, we want to confirm what we would like to move forward with and who will oversee leading these goals.
- The group decided on 4 areas of work and subcategories under each one:
  1. Behavioral Health- BHJC
  2. Community Engagement- CEW Workgroup, CCR Workgroup (DV and Sexual Assault)
  3. Courts- Courts, Case Processing Standards
  4. Law Enforcement- LEAD Program

The Council discussed the "lived experience" may be appropriate under each area of work. Dr. Crayton will add some language to some of the areas. There were no other questions from the group regarding the areas of work.

Group raised a concern that Mental Health beds are definitely a priority.

Dr. Crayton reminded the Council that this is a 2-year process and there were no concerns or questions from the Council regarding that timeframe. The Council seemed to agree that this is a manageable number of priorities and goals to have at this time.

Dr. Crayton discussed the next step of the process- Who is the party responsible for each group or areas of work. Dr. Crayton talked through these with the group.

Discussion within the group on the disparities and the new Iryna's Law and the impacts the new law has created with these disparities.

Challenges with unsecuring bonds for people to go to treatment is a huge impact.

Presentations:

Justice Management Institute- Thomas Eberly/Denise Chandler

Tom started with introductions. Himself and Denise have served as the Site Coordinators for the Safety and Justice Challenge for the last several years. Wanted to propose to the Council to do an assessment of our JRAC.

Presented an overview of the Assessment that aligns with National Standards. The Assessment Tool is based on National Standards for CJCC's and CJCC Essential Elements. The Assessment determines compliance level with National Standards. The project takes about 5-6 months.

The assessment would consist of:

- Stakeholder Interviews
- Stakeholder Survey
- Review of historical activities/documents
- Meeting(s) observation
- Presented a timeline of events

The Council decided to not move forward with the assessment at this time.

Angie Garner- VAYA Health

Buncombe County currently is working with JUST HOME and Angie was asked to come and present on housing from VAYA. Angie presented on the VAYA Transition and Housing Department. She presented a couple of different Housing plans to the group. She presented eligibility and qualifications for each plan. These plans not only address housing but can link them to behavioral health services, case management and other community resources.

Angie also presented on the Co-Responder Program that have Mobile Crisis Clinicians with RHA that ride along with Sheriff's Deputies to assist with Mental Health cases. There are 2 deputies with the BCSO that provide referrals to VAYA for these cases. The funding is only provided for VAYA.

Martin advised the group that the city also has a co-responder program that works a little different but there is a program in place for city residents as well.

Partner Updates: Martin Moore, JRAC Chair- Could not get to this agenda item due to time.

A. District Court

B. Superior Court

C. Sheriff's Office

D. District Attorney

E. Asheville Police Department

Subcommittee Reports- Due to time- will table the subcommittee reports for the next meeting.

New Business- This item was tabled for the next meeting.

A. **Vice-Chair Nomination/Vote** **Martin Moore, JRAC Chair**
   JRAC Chair recommended that we move this agenda item to another time due to the time left in this meeting.

Public Comment- No Public Comment

Next Meeting:

February 6th, 2026- 200 College Street 1st floor

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.