

Via Zoom, 1/19/22. 12-1pm

Attend: Marcia Owen, Andrea Hudson, Jatoia Potts, Mike Sstrom, Leslie Nydick, and Rose Werth

We decided to hold off on reviewing the Governor's Task Force recommendations until later when Mike can create a working, non-pdf version of the document to organize the recommendations.

Marcia updated us that the victims' support subcommittee will meet with DA Deberry. Hopefully next Thursday the 27th.

Mike updated us on the diversion/specialty court's last meeting on reviewing the existing pre and post-arrest diversion programs and specialty courts and our next steps for further inquiry for improving existing programs and potentially creating new ones.

Leslie suggested a potential new RT member, Devon Davis, Durham resident, Southern Poverty Law staff member, and expert on mass incarceration, recidivism, and reentry. He's done research specific to Durham.

Muffin kicked off a lengthy and productive discussion for the remainder of the meeting on how our RT can stay focused and produce focused specific recommendations in our remaining time through next Fall. The upshot was that we decided to end the five subcommittee approach and return to the full CLS RT working one one topic at a time from start to creating recommendations on that topic. Then move to the next. We'll continue with the five areas: bail/bonds, Family Court, diversion, reentry, and victims' support. We agreed to focus on Family Court and not also Abuse Neglect and Dependency Court. We also agreed to tackle pre and post-arrest diversion first and then return to specialty courts later, time permitting.

A Round Table member/s can serve as a point person on each topic. The rest of us can follow their lead on getting work done on that topic--research requests, scheduling meetings with officials, planning Listening Sessions, drafting recommendations, etc...--in between our full CLS RT meetings to consider that accumulating work. We will decide by February 2nd, if not sooner, if we'll need weekly full CLS RT meetings or if we can meet monthly, with members doing work in the interim. That had been our plan with the subcommittees approach.

We plan to meet again as a full CLS RT on Wednesday the 26th and decide on the order of topics. And who's willing to be the point person/s/main organizer, if needed. Today, Family Court seemed the top contender for first up, even though we've not done any work on it so far as a RT. Toia is the logical point person and she accepted. Then which one second? Perhaps diversion. Then third? Diversion? Marcia and/or Renee? Muffin agreed it would be fine to wait to tackle the bail/bond topic until later in the spring or summer, at which point she'll have the time and be the best person to lead that effort. Then which topic? Reentry? Me and/or Renee? Victims' Support? Marion and/or Marcia? Specialty courts? Marcia and/or Renee?

Mike will continue as the main note-taker, archivist, of our accumulating work.

The full CLS RT will meet next on 1/26. We'll decide then if we need to meet again on 2/2 to finish our third quarterly report or if we get that work done via shared Google Document.