

Via Zoom. 12pm-1:20pm

Attend: Marica Owen, Andrea Hudson, Dwayne Campbell, Rose Werth, Renee Shaw, and Kelly Andrews.

We began with updates on the tasks RT members had agreed to take on.

- Dwayne had not begun to research reunification rates for A/N/D court. He will follow up with Jatoia on how to get started on that. Perhaps have an update for us at the April 20th meeting.
- Marcia has had some contact with the E.B. Spaulding Center on the scope of their restorative justice work. Spaulding Center E.D. Raquel Dominguez said they work mainly with the school system. We will help Raquel connect with the SRO RT. The Spaulding Center does get some referrals from defense attorneys in criminal trials, though that referral rate has declined. Defendants have to pay \$65 for the sessions. Marcia might arrange a meeting with some or all of the RT members and Raquel to discuss ways to incorporate restorative justice more into post-arrest diversion.
- Mike noted that Christie Long and Roshana Parker will be available to meet with the CLS RT at our May 4th meeting to discuss expansion of the Office of Pretrial Services/Pretrial Supervision. Especially the idea to have a counsel/advocate on-hand at the jail when arrested individuals are first brought in and at the Magistrate hearing. Mike has also emailed Chief Magistrate Evans twice about meeting with the CLS RT again on this and other potential areas for improvement in the Magistrate Court. As of 4/13, he'd not heard back from Magistrate Evans. Mike will also explore post-arrest diversion models in other municipalities and counties based on the programs mentioned in the Urban Institute's report on the MDP and the ones Kelly had mentioned. Especially PADs with art and/or employment focused programming. He'll try to report back on this on the 20th.

Marcia presented her draft Prescriptions for Repair (listening sessions with gunshot victims) pilot project proposal. (See separate PPT file on that.) *[Note: the three TF RT members attending this meeting approved this draft proposal with the acknowledged need for the additions and clarifications noted below. Since Mike prepared these meeting minutes for the 6th, Marcia has worked on this proposal more and will be presenting it for a "first reading" to the full Task Force at the April 13th meeting.]*

- The initial proposal was for the Task Force to contribute \$35k to match Duke Institute for Health Innovation's pledge of \$35k to fund the one-year pilot.
- It would be a series of listening sessions with 30-40 gunshot victims and family members using established Restorative Justice guiding questions. 20 trained, paid facilitators will work in teams to run the listening sessions with one participant at a time.
- Each participant will be be paid \$25/hr and be expected to complete a series of sessions totally @8 hours over the course of the months of the pilot.
- The pilot has two goals.
 - One is to gather information to inform future policy proposals, as is the case with other Task Force Listening Sessions.

- The other is to see how participation in such a process can help gunshot survivor participants and connect them to needed follow-on services. This could then become the basis for creating a permanent, recurring version of these sessions.
- The Community Safety Department has agreed to run the pilot project. If the pilot is successful, the program could become a permanent part of the CSD's new, proposed Office of Survivor Care.
- Gunshot survivors and their family members will be involved in the planning and oversight of this pilot project as well as being the participants in the LSs.
- The RT members liked the proposal in principle, but had a number of suggestions:
 - Dwayne suggested that the time period for the LSs be reduced from 10 months to 6 months to allow more time to compile and present the accumulated information before April 2023.
 - Muffin suggested that the participants' testimony not be referred to as "their stories." Better their "lived experience." She also wondered aloud why Duke was only contributing \$35k. The other RT all concurred, but Marcia stressed this was a grant award. There is no possibility of asking Duke to contribute more. Muffin suggested the pilot coordinator and oversight/advisory board reach out to other potential funding partners, especially for a permanent, expanded version of the program beyond the life of the pilot project.
 - Renee stressed the need to have clearly established support systems in place before the LSs begin to provide needed trauma support for participants during the sessions, as needed. Also to have commitments from local service providers, like Alliance Mental Health, up front to accommodate free referrals for follow-on services for participants. There may be other in-kind services local partners can provide to the pilot project and participants.
 - Mike suggested the proposal be clearer on its dual purpose. It is not really just a set of "Listening Sessions" to gather information to inform policy proposals, as is the case with other TF RT LSs. Including the CLS RT's LSs with families of homicide victims. He also suggested the pilot needs to have a clear assessment and oversight process established at the outset. Finally, he suggested the proposal also includes a process for creating a permanent, recurring version of the listening sessions/service referral process as part of the CSD.

The CLS RT will meet again on Wednesday, April 20th. Our agenda will include:

- More updates from members on the outreach they'd agreed to do that we didn't cover at this meeting. Especially from Jessica, Libra, and Toia relating to consulting with the chief District Court and Superior Court judges on various topics and our A/N/D examination.
- A discussion of a recommendation to create an Office of Survivor Care (OSC) within the Community Safety Department. Mike, Marcia, and Dwayne have been developing this proposal in consult with Ryan Smith and Shannon Delany of the CSD and Ben Haas, RCNVD E.D. The goal will be to present this proposal for a "first reading" to the full Task Force at its May meeting. Mike will share this OSC with CLS RT members before the 20th.
- Planning our meeting with Christie Long and Roshanna Parker for May 4.

- Discuss our next round of discussion with DA Deberry on other topics.
- Discuss if, when, and how to reach out to Dawn Baxton, Durham Public Defender, to discuss various topics on our agenda: especially referrals to post-arrest diversion and specialty courts and bail/bonds, and Muffin's idea from our April 23rd meeting about establishing a weekly meeting/consult between the jail staff, the DA and the PD about individual detainees who've been in jail awaiting bond hearing, court dates, and/or visits from their court-appointed attorneys. The goal is to reduce jail time and speed up the trial process.