

Shelby County Local JRAC Council

January 17, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Council Members Present: Josh Martin, Lindsay Devine, Alison Everhart, Louie Koch, Shana Carrell, Jeremy O'Connor, Scarlett Tinsley-Price, Bill Dwenger, Keyen Macklin, Sarah Dudley, Scott Spears, Judge Riggins, Judge Meltzer, Jaclyn Tweedy, Melissa Gharst

The meeting was called to order at 12:04pm by Scott Spears.

MINUTES

August 8, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed and presented to the Council for approval. Jeremy O'Connor made a motion to approve, and Alison Everhart seconded. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

Scheduled Topics:

UPDATES

- I. **Transitional Housing:** Keyen reported that there is a 4-tier approach where they build affordable housing and do some programming with people coming out of the jail system with banking, loans and how to save money. Transitional housing and shelters will be discussed at a later date as a coalition is being started for that.
- II. **Pre-trial:** Josh reported that Corrections had 12 participants on pre-trial previously and now that we have implemented the new pre-trial program, we have 22. There is a mix of basic, moderate and enhanced. It is going well so far. Scott has been targeting mental health participants.
- III. **CIT:** Alison reported the movie at the Strand Theatre was well attended. We have filled all the registration slots at 30 and now have a waitlist for the CIT training that is happening on February 5th. We have finalized the curriculum, presenters and working on site visits. Jeremy reported that the engagement we got from the audience at the Strand was great. About 110 people attended and there was good feedback on social media.
- IV. **CAT:** Sarah reported that we had finished our first year and we were able to talk about a total of 5 neighbors. Strengths: learning how different agencies work, development of court recommendation forms; barriers in our community: housing, transportation, mental health. There is a gap when a person is released from jail and there is no in-between person that can set them up with resources. Goals for 2024: increasing law enforcement members with CIT officers, plan to meet with public defenders and court services to discuss CAT.

OLD BUSINESS

- I. **None**

NEW BUSINESS

- I. **Hancock County Jail Navigator:** Scott invited Hancock County to come speak about their Jail Navigator positions. Scott reported that since CIT is happening it may be a good transition to then look into a Jail Navigator position at the jail. Hancock County currently has 2 Jail Navigators. The County Council funded jail navigation in Hancock. Hancock County has a Drug Treatment Court and some of the referrals come from that court. Most referrals are self-reported, but they can come from anyone. The Jail Navigator salary is \$65,000.00 in Hancock County. Alison stated that the wage committee will meet in March and per Donna Cook we can at least get the job factored and ready to go. A question was asked regarding Hancock County's jail population and 1/3 of the inmates in the Hancock County Jail are actually Hancock County residents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Spears. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:02pm.

***Next JRAC Meeting: April 9, 2024, at 12:00pm at the Probation Department.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lindsay Devine

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