

Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff Criminal Justice Council Meeting

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, September 15, 2015

2:00pm – 3:00pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2015 Meeting
- IV. Opening Remarks
- V. Old Business
 - a. None
- VI. New Business
 - a. Priorities for Criminal Justice System
 - i. Performance Measure Reporting
 - ii. MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge
 - b. Subcommittee Reports
 - i. Jail Population Management Subcommittee
 - c. Grant Matters
 - i. FY15 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) allocation in the amount of \$38,944
 - ii. FY15 Victims of Crime Assistance allocation (VOCA) in the amount of \$3,420,895
- VII. Councilmember Updates
- VIII. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Sanford "Sandy" Krasnoff New Orleans

**Criminal Justice Council Meeting
September 15, 2015 Minutes**

On September 15, 2015, the Criminal Justice Council (CJCC) convened at 2:11pm in the 8th floor Homeland Security Conference Room in City Hall. Charles West called the roll. The following persons were present/absent:

Criminal Justice Councilmembers

Present during Roll Call:

Charles West
Deputy Mayor Andy Kopplin
Sharonda Williams
Stacey Head- Represented by designee Carla Gendusa
Susan Guidry
Chief Judge Candice Bates Anderson
Chief Judge Robert Jones
Glenn Holt
Luceia LeDoux
Superintendent Michael Harrison
District Attorney Leon Cannizzaro
Derwyn Bunton – Represented by designee Jee Park
Frank Palestina
David Kent

Absent:

Jason Williams
Judge Benedict Willard
Arthur Morrell (Arrived later)
Chief Judge Desiree Charbonnet
Dr. Jeffrey Rouse
Lakeasha Cooley
Sheriff Marlin Gusman
Melanie Talia
Thelma French (Arrived Later)
Judge Calvin Johnson
John Penny

Office of Criminal Justice Coordination Staff

Present:

Charles West
Maria-Kay Chetta
Sarah Schirmer
Rodney Dejoie
George Lawrence
Tuan Brown
Du Bois Winford

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Charles West called the meeting to order at 2:11pm in the Homeland Security Conference Room on the 8th floor of City Hall.

Mr. West called roll of Councilmembers. Fourteen members were present, quorum was met.

Consideration and Approval of Minutes from June 16 Meeting

Mr. West asked whether there were any corrections to the minutes proposed from the June 16 meeting.

No corrections were requested.

Mr. West asked for someone to make a motion to approve minutes from the June 16 meeting.

Hon. Bobby Jones made the motion to approve.

Hon. Candice Bates-Anderson seconded.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.

Opening Remarks

Mr. West welcomed everyone to the 3rd meeting of the year.

Mr. West reviewed the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New BusinessPriorities for the Criminal Justice System*Performance Measure Reporting*

Mr. Charles West discussed system wide performance measures adopted in December 2014. He then presented the 2015 Mid-Year Performance Measure Report to the Council and advised to the Council that more reports would be made public through the OCJC website in the near future.

Ms. Carla Gendusa posed the question, what incidents are included in the measure “number of gun-related violent crimes”?

Ms. Sarah Schirmer responded to Ms. Gendusa that the measure for gun-related violent crimes is reporting all crimes where a firearm was used in its commission.

Hon. Susan Guidry posed the question to whether Councilmembers have a full list of performance measures or are the measures in the mid-year report all inclusive?

Mr. West and Hon. Guidry discussed the approved measures included in the Mid-Year Report, those marked as unknown, and how to move forward with collecting data for those unknown and/or executing methods to analyze data to accurately report measures.

Hon. Guidry noted the pretrial detainees' average length of stay (ALOS) looked relatively high and expressed that it may be because the ALOS includes alleged murderers, and that the ALOS for misdemeanors is likely much lower. Mr. West and Ms. Schirmer responded that:

1. Yes, it is skewed by the more violent crimes
2. The data provided is for a snapshot of the OPP population, and that when all admissions in a year are analyzed, the ALOS is 20 – 30 days.
3. ALOS can be broken down by highest alleged offense in the future.

Ms. Luceia LeDoux expressed concern that only reporting ALOS as a performance measure related to the jail omits other reportable measures such as: jail program performance, escapes and contraband. Ms. LeDoux advised the Council to consider measures that hold the entire criminal justice system accountable and provide the public with a timeline of when other performance measures would be available. Mr. West stated that as priorities are identified, performance measures will be added, and that a timeline for adding measures and accountability would be presented at the December Council meeting.

MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge

Ms. Schirmer presented to the Council the progress made as the process continues with pursuing the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge.

Thelma French arrived.

Arthur Morrell arrived.

Subcommittee Reports

Jail Population Management Subcommittee

Hon. Guidry, Mr. West, and Ms. LeDoux discussed the work and progress of the Jail Population Management (JPM) Subcommittee in implementing the proposed 16 initiatives identified by the Subcommittee as low-hanging fruit. It was reported four of the 16 initiatives are already active and the Subcommittee members will be asked to approve the strategic plan at the upcoming meeting scheduled for September 21.

Hon. Guidry, Hon. Leon Cannizzaro, Deputy Mayor Andy Kopplin, Ms. Jee Park, Mr. West, and Ms. LeDoux discussed:

- The negative impact on case processing by transferring Orleans Parish Prison (OPP) inmates with open charges to jails outside of Orleans Parish
 - The District Attorney's Office and Orleans Public Defender's Office were already feeling the effects of not having all defendants available for defense consultation and court hearings
 - Judges have begun to contact the District Attorney expressing frustration about requested continuances

- OPP's transition to the Phase II facility
- The Sheriff's desire to build a Phase III facility based on the needs of special populations already in OPP
 - Ms. LeDoux expressed limited knowledge of what the "special population" at OPP actually looks like; without data to support the stated need to build another facility it is very hard to support; the Council has very limited access to good data to learn about and forecast the needs of the special populations at OPP
 - Jail may not be the appropriate place for some or all of the special populations
 - Hon. Guidry stated that building a Phase III facility would only perpetrate a tradition of over incarceration and could possibly hinder the opportunity to be awarded the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge grant
 - Average daily population at OPP will be made available to the public through the City's open portal along with OPP population projection reports on the OCJC website
- The Council does however have data on the DOC population that remain at OPP which is larger than the number of inmates with open cases that were transferred.

Ms. LeDoux moved that the Council will instruct the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office to produce data for specific populations pertaining to housing needs, in particular the number of defendants with acute mental health needs, to substantiate the need for additional jail space.

DM Kopplin seconded.

Discussion ensued and Hon. Guidry cautioned the Council that the data received may not be accurate. Ms. LeDoux advised the Council on what will it take to actually get the data and to hold judgement until the data is properly analyzed and presented.

No public comment.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions

Grant Matters

FY15 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) \$38,944

Mr. West asked each applicant organization to briefly present on their request:

- Orleans Public Defenders
- Advocacy Center of Louisiana
- Orleans Parish Juvenile Court
- Volunteers of America, Greater New Orleans

Applicants presented to the Council.

Mr. West presented the staff's recommendation for Volunteers of America, Greater New Orleans for the JJDP grant.

Discussion was led by Hon. Candice Bates-Anderson stating that juvenile justice is frequently neglected by funding bodies.

Hon. Bates-Anderson moved to add Juvenile Court to the ballot for consideration for the grant.

Ms. Gendusa seconded.

Discussion ensued about the criteria for recommendations. It was offered that because all four organizations have programs aimed at preventing and/or limiting juveniles' engagement in the justice system, Councilmembers felt all four should be added to the ballot for the Council's consideration.

Ms. Park moved to amend the motion on the table by adding Orleans Public Defenders and the Advocacy Center of Louisiana to the ballot.

Ms. Gendusa seconded.

Hon. Bates-Anderson accepted the amendment.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.

Since a majority of votes is required to allocate the grant funds, an initial vote was taken to determine whether there was a majority vote for one application.

Vote Results:

- Orleans Public Defenders 4 votes
- Advocacy Center of Louisiana 1 votes
- Orleans Parish Juvenile Court 4 votes
- Volunteers of America, Greater New Orleans 7 votes

A second vote was taken to prioritize either Orleans Public Defenders or Orleans Parish Juvenile Court for second place.

Vote for second place

- Orleans Public Defenders 4 votes
- Orleans Parish Juvenile Court 9 votes

Final Vote for grant

- Volunteers of America, Greater New Orleans 9 votes
- Orleans Parish Juvenile Court 6 votes

Ms. Thelma French advised the Council that the grant evaluation sheets should have program goals aligned with state JDAI goals and that the performance measures discussed earlier in the meeting do not include any for juvenile justice as they should. Public comment by the LCLE representative confirmed that the state has identified a set of JDAI goals and will provide them to the Council.

Ms. French moved to add measures aligned with state goals to juvenile funding.

Hon. Bates-Anderson seconded.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions

FY15 Victims of Crime Assistance allocation (VOCA) \$3,420,895

Mr. West discussed the grant, its requirements, and asked each applicant to briefly present on their request:

- CASA – Child Abuse Victim Advocacy
- Catholic charities – Domestic Violence Legal Assistance
- Children’s Advocacy Center – Sex Trafficking Children & Adolescents
- Children’s Hospital CARE Center – Child Abuse Program
- Children’s Bureau – Trauma Counseling OPJC
- Children’s Bureau – Child Survivors of Violent Crimes
- Children’s Bureau – Trauma Counseling Child Victims of Abuse
- Children’s Bureau – Trauma Counseling Transition Youth
- Civil District Court – Domestic Violence Program
- Family Service – Domestic Violence Counseling Program
- Family Service – PTSD and Homicide Survivor DV Program
- Metropolitan center – Rap Counseling Program
- N. O. Family Justice Alliance – Expansion of DV (Immigration) & Rape Counseling
- N. O. Family Justice Alliance – Sex Trafficking Children & Adolescents
- NOPD – Victim Witness Assistance Unit (VWAU)
- Orleans Parish D. A.’s Office – Victim Assistance Program
- Orleans Parish Sheriff’s Office – Increase Victim’s Services Capacity
- Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response (STAR) – Sexual Assault Advocacy & Counseling
- Silence is Violence – Crime Victims Intensive Services
- Southeast Louisiana Legal Service – Victim to Survivor Legal Advocacy
- Take Back your Life Foundation – TBYL Empowerment Center
- Tulane Law Clinic – Domestic Violence Law Clinic
- Vietnamese Initiative in Economic Training (VIET) – Cultural & Linguistic Sensitive Program

Applicants presented to the Council.

Mr. West presented staff’s recommendations, with some adjustments made based on eligible expenses:

- CASA – Child Abuse Victim Advocacy
- Catholic charities – Domestic Violence Legal Assistance
- Children’s Advocacy Center – Sex Trafficking Children & Adolescents
- Children’s Hospital CARE Center – Child Abuse Program
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Mr. West explained the staff’s recommendation to not fund the requests made by the Children’s Bureau for trauma counseling at the Juvenile Court and Take Back Your Life Foundation.

The Council discussed with the public the role of Children’s Bureau in providing trauma counseling at the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. Hon. Bates-Anderson and Hon. Guidry advocated for adding of Children’s Bureau – Trauma Counseling OPJC to the ballot for consideration.

Hon. Guidry moved to add the suggested allocation of \$89,946 for the Children’s Bureau – Trauma Counseling OPJC.

Hon. Bates-Anderson seconded.

Discussion ensued with public comment identifying concerns that the LGBT community had been overlooked as the application for Women with a Vision was not reviewed and recommended. It was later found that the application was mistakenly omitted in a filing error. After review by the Council and a LCLE member present at the meeting, the Council discussed options to review and vote on the application in the meeting or vote on the application at the next Council meeting in December. Ms. Park moved to amend the motion on the table to add Women with a Vision to the ballot.

Hon. Bates-Anderson seconded.

Hon. Guidry accepted the amendment.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.

Councilmember Updates

None.

Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Mr. West asked for a motion to adjourn

Hon. Guidry moved to adjourn.

Hon. Bates-Anderson seconded.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06pm.