

## JRAC Meeting Minutes

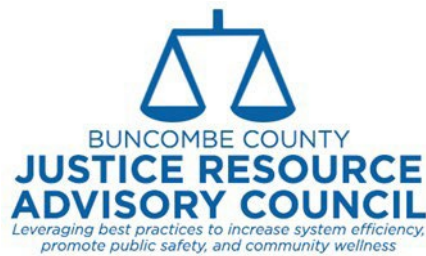
Date: 10/6/23 200 College Street-3<sup>r</sup>  
200 College St. Room 310, Asheville, NC

- **Welcome and Lunch: DK Wesley**
  - Start time: 12:31
  - Roll call (see attachment)
  
- **Consent Agenda and JRAC Meeting Minutes**
  - Approval of October Agenda and June Minutes - Martin Moore made a motion to approve consent agenda and June Minutes. Tiffany Iheanacho seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
  
- **Justice Services Data Report:**
  - Kendra Queen- JRC Program Supervisor
  - Hannah Calloway- JRC Case Manager

### Community Diversion Data Analysis

- Community Diversion Program:  
Hannah Calloway gave a brief summary overview of the Justice Involved SUD grant that began on December 1, 2021 and ended June 30, 2023.
- Presented data analysis 3 months pre-enrollment before the grant started and then 3 months after the grant started.
- Jail Bookings- Pre and Post Enrollment by intervention data presented
- Types of resources made available to clients- Cellphones, Gift Cards, food assistance
- Collaboration with Homeward Bound- JRC Case Manager on site to assist the clients with
- Greatest reductions- Black Participants, Male Participants, Participants between the ages of 40-49, participant unsheltered, Pretrial/Probation participants
- Program has been effective due to partnerships with agencies in the community as well as in the Justice System.
- The availability of funding for additional programming.

- **Old Business**
  - JRAC Retreat recap:
    - Kathleen Blackney/Heather Parkinson-  
Strategy and Innovation
    - Presented summary of the 2023 JRAC Retreat
    - Purpose of the JRAC
    - Strengths and Challenges of JRAC
    - National Standards of JRAC- Focus on Bylaws Standard, Executive Committee Standard, and Standing Committees, Workgroups, Community Engagement and Outreach, Administration
    - Achievements and Priorities of the Council
    - Strategy and Innovation Recommendations-

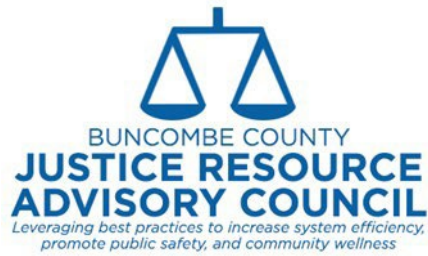


- Evaluate Current Bylaws based on the current standards
- Review the JRAC Strategic Plan as a full body to set next fiscal year priorities and identifying 3-4 priorities for the Council.
- Future Meetings- Communication and Location, clarifying /identifying tangible outputs from JRAC Meetings
- Create standing agenda items
- Consider re-starting Steering Committee Meetings
- Presented an example annual meeting schedule and what that would look like.
- Timeframes with budget amendments and getting those approved if needed from local and state level.
- Discussion on each workgroup to come with their charters for their workgroups.
- Oct 1<sup>st</sup>- Pretrial Integrity Act came into effect- may cause Jail Population numbers to increase and Length of stays.
- Upcoming Ecourts transition – will be going live on Monday in Mecklenburg and will be coming to this county sometime next year.

- **New Business**

Lisa Sousa, SJC Grant Manager

- Update from Safety and Justice Challenge Programs, funding, MacArthur Foundation Site Visit
- Presented a Safety and Justice Challenge Grant Update  
Buncombe County has had 4 grants through the Safety and Justice Challenge
- SJC Funded Positions through the grant
- Jail Population Report presented to the group- The components and trends that make up the report.  
Jail Population Goals- Original Target- 327 Monthly ADP, Our current numbers are at 405 for 7-18-23 thru 9-16-23.  
Racial Disparities- Goal is 6% identified as Black  
Currently at 30%
- Racial Equity Workgroup strategies presented:  
From the Ashes- Black owned  
Collaborative Civility Training- In 2022, three sessions were held here in Buncombe County  
Trauma Informed Training- February 2023  
Driver License Restoration and Debt Relief program- March 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023.  
Lisa presented Customer Demographics.  
Ethnicity Data Collection at the Detention Center- the ability to capture different ethnicities.
- Case Processing Workgroup- to address issues that will increase efficiencies in case processing  
Meets monthly



- Court Navigator Pilot Program- Contracted position thru Goodwill. Assists our community when they come into the courthouse.
  - Signing people up for the Court Reminder System
  - Assists people with navigation around the courthouse
  - Connecting them with resources
  
- **Announcements and Departmental Updates**
  - Julia Horracks- Reminded the group about DV Awareness Month
  - DK Wesley- Upcoming Reparation Summit at UNC-Asheville with an impact focus area on Criminal Justice. This group will be presenting to JRAC in the future.
  - Sam Snead- Public Defenders Office- Announced that himself and Todd Williams will be speaking at the Bar Lunch.
  
- **Public Comment- None** DK Wesley, JRAC Chair
  
- **Adjourn-** DK entertained the motion to adjourn at 2:01PM. Tiffany Iheanacho made a motion to adjourn, Debra Campbell seconded the motion.

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Next meeting:  
December 1, 2023  
12:30pm-2:00pm



# Membership List

Name	Title	Organization	
Martin Moore	Commissioner	Buncombe County Board of Commissioner	P
DK Wesley	Assistant County Manager	Buncombe County Manager's Office	P
Chief Herbert Blake	Chief Deputy	Buncombe County Sheriff's Office	P
Janelle for Pat Freeman	Identification Director	Buncombe County Bureau of Identification	P
Sylvia Clement	Chief Court Counselor	NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenile Justice	A
Danny Cowan	Magistrate	NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Magistrates Office	A
The Hon. Alan Thornburg	Superior Court Judge	NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Superior Court	A
Meredith Pressley for The Hon. Todd Williams	District Attorney	NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Prosecutorial District	P
Sam Snead	Chief Public Defender	NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District	P
Tiffany Iheanacho	Justice Services Director	Buncombe County Justice Services Department	P
Donald Reuss	Director Provider	Vaya Health	A
Capt. Mike Lamb for David Zack	Chief APD	Asheville Police Department	P
Julia Horrocks	Private Attorney	Coordinated Community Response DV/SA	P
Suzanne Avett	HHS Attorney	Buncombe County HHS	P
Rachael Nygaard	Director	Buncombe County Strategic Partnership	P
Debra Campbell	City Manager	City of Asheville	P
Esther Manheimer	Mayor of Asheville	City of Asheville	A
Lori Anderson	Probation	Probation/Parole	A
Joseph Hackett	Community Representative	Black Wall Street Asheville	A
Dustin Dow	Private Attorney	Defense Bar Association	A
Julie Risedorf	Community Representative		P
Hon. Jean Marie Christy	Clerk of Court	Clerk of Court	P

## Additional Attendees:

Joshua Pierce- JRC Program Manager  
 Kathleen Blackney- Presenter  
 Vanessa Conley- Admin Coordinator  
 Lisa Sousa- SJC Grants Manager- Presenter  
 Kendra Queen- JRC Program Supervisor  
 Hannah Calloway- JRC Case Manager