

AGENDA

Monroe County Criminal Justice Response Committee

Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Human Resources/Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor Courthouse

- I. 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m., Presentation by Linda Grove-Paul/Centerstone
Discussion with Linda Grove-Paul about the new 988 system and the STRIDE Center.
- II. 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m., CJRC members' discussion of direction for CJRC
Based on feedback received, it is possible that everyone may not be on the same page just yet about the CJRC's focus and where the CJRC should be headed.
That's understandable, because it is still early in our facilitated process (CJRC has logged 4.5 hours together and have many more to go!).
See below for **Food for Thought**/questions you *might* consider ahead of time so you are ready to share. If you already have your thoughts together, you can bypass my **Food for Thought**.
- III. Wrap-up - 5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Next Meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the HR/Council Conference Room

FOOD FOR THOUGHT RE: Agenda Item II

- A. Can you list what you think the top 5 CJRC priorities should be?
- B. Do you agree that these are CJRC values?
 - Collaboration,
 - Accountability,
 - Reformation (or restoration),
 - Equity (which necessarily includes Diversity and Inclusion) and
 - Social justice
- C. Do you want CJRC meetings to include presentations from other stakeholders, discussion and reports from CJRC members, or guided/facilitated conversations or a combination of those? Another way of asking that is: how do you want to use our future meetings?
- D. Do you want the CJRC only to focus on Intercept 0? If not, what other areas should we focus?
- E. We can, if you want, continue to talk about facilities; however, I am not sure everyone agrees on what that means and what that conversation looks like. What are your thoughts?
- F. Should discussion of mental health and addiction be part of OR separate from the CJRC work?

MKR's thoughts on this subject:

We have often heard the saying that criminal justice systems and correctional centers are the biggest providers of substance abuse and mental health services in today's day and age, yet is that the ideal model and is what is being provided optimum.

Monroe County folks tend to agree that we should provide mental health services inside any facility we build, for those people staying there; however, are the ways we currently provide those services the most effective?

To my knowledge, we have never had an objective evaluation of our in-house mental health staff, we have no statistics of which I am aware about their work, and so I can't say what kind of return on the investment, if any, Monroe County is getting on the current mental health services. I think we need to evaluate what we are doing.

IF we want to shift from criminalizing substance abuse and mental health disorders to a more compassionate, healing model where healthy is at the center of all our policies (tell me IF you agree with that statement and that shift), how can Monroe County best collaborate on substance abuse and mental health issues?

How can we help or be a part of building the facilities and programs we need locally? Is that help something Monroe County can and should do?

How can we encourage the State of Indiana, community partners, and healthcare agencies to assist and treat people who are not at their optimum health?

Do you support the proposal by Peter Finn and Michael Endres?

I believe that contracting with Peter Finn and Michael Endres could help with an objective evaluation and building our mental health and addictions resources.

- G. Do you want the Commissioners to modify the Ordinance that created the CJRC to re-name the committee as the **Community** Justice Response Committee?
- H. Do you want the CJRC to include (as members) representatives from the Board of Judges, Prosecutor, Sheriff, and Public Defender? What about adding a seat for the Health Department?

- I. Refer back to the description of duties, provided at first meeting I had with you on May 18th (included again, for convenience) and consider these questions:
 1. Would having the additional stakeholders (listed in H, above) at the CJRC table further the connection between the JRAC and CJRC?
 2. Do you think the CJRC Facilitator's role is properly described? If not, what should change?
- J. How is Monroe County Government going to build and sustain for the long-term a system or culture that is accountable, transparent in its operations and conversations, and collaborative (both inside MCG and with interested community partners)? What infrastructure is necessary?

Pre-Work and Homework:

- A. If you have not already, review the Peter Finn proposal and learn more about Peter and his work.
<https://psych.indiana.edu/directory/faculty/finn-peter.html>
<https://finn.lab.indiana.edu/>
- B. Check out the BTCC, which involves Monroe County Government partnering with outside agencies ... what a great model and resource! <https://www.btccbloomington.org/about-us>
- C. Consider if you think the BTCC Primary Prevention training should be offered to the CJRC sometime – what about subsidizing it so it is free to others? It fits with our Intercept 0 and, I think, Intercept 5. Here's a blurb about that training:

Historically, the significant majority of our nation's resources and services have been directed at addressing the effects of social problems. While it is essential to serve those who have experienced harm, we believe that we also have the responsibility to work to prevent social problems and harm from happening in the first place. This is what we mean by primary prevention.

This training provides an overview of the "what" and "how" of primary prevention. Primary prevention strategies are those designed to get in front of social problems by promoting safe and equitable community conditions to ensure that all community members have the opportunity to live at their full potential. Primary prevention strategies have been used to address social problems including child maltreatment, sexual violence, youth violence and intimate partner violence.

- D. Please review the email that Angie Purdie sent on July 7th.
Below in green is the text in her email, for your convenience, and she started by sharing the following link: <https://nicic.gov/projects/new-jail-planning>

"These are resources and information Julie had mentioned I would be sending to the group.

I would like to point out the Correctional and Behavioral Webinar Presentation includes a mental health/treatment facility and the property we are looking at, is right across the highway from Monroe Hospital.

*Recommendation: Work with Monroe Hospital- they will have the ability to apply for and receive grants/funding to provide a service that meets the needs of the county AND is in their wheel house. *MKR comment*

They are already receiving Medicare, insurance etc. We don't have to build something or staff something that someone else is better equipped to address. Additionally, a hospital that is that close applies to the concerns expressed by Jennifer and Peter regarding the women who later died because she did not receive the treatment she needed. I would HOPE IU Health would be willing to provide some funding to Monroe as IU Health will be saving if they are not having to address those types of offenders or people whom law enforcement has contact.

I would highly recommend these documents and the link above, be considered "homework."

**By the way, I reached out to and had a brief conversation with Nancy Bakewell at Monroe Hospital to see why they have not offered mental health or addictions treatment at their facility. Space, money, and expertise are all obvious challenges for any provider. During our conversation, she pointed me to the STRIDE model as a good example of collaboration and suggested that we talk with that coalition about this topic.*

- E. Give MKR any information you have to update the list of providers/social service agencies
- F. Talk to people you meet about these issues and this project, so you can share feedback
- G. Share contacts with MKR, to add to the list of who still must be consulted
- H. Encourage non-profits and groups you talk with to read our criminal justice reports, attend our meetings, and give us their feedback. We need involved and educated community members. The work of non-profits IS related to our work because their efforts support humans and helps to keep them healthy.
- I. Always share honest feedback with MKR about your goals and expectations.