

State Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Race Equity, Inclusion, and Access Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date | 10/06/2022 12:15 p.m. | Meeting location Virtual (Zoom)

Co-Chairs: Rebecca Dallet
Supreme Court Justice
Wisconsin Supreme Court

Kimberly Lawton
District Attorney
Bayfield County

Staff Donna Hahn
Mike Austin
Caitlin Snyder
Phil Zell

Subcommittee Members Present

Associate Judge Gwen Topping, State Public Defender Kelli Thompson, Jane Graham Jennings, Deputy Chief Judge Carl Ashley, Rhonda Frank-Loron, Judge Emily Lonergan

Subcommittee Members Not Present

Dr. Jeneise Briggs, Judge Derek Mosley, Vanessa McDowell, Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, Derek Veitenheimer, Jerome Dillard, Chief Shon Barnes, Representative Evan Goyke

Others Present

Adam Plotkin, Megan Jones, Tyler Brandt, Linda Palmer, Kevin Reddy, Kerrie Fanning, Will Snowden, Mark Wadium, Ann Olson

AGENDA TOPICS

Welcome and Opening Comments

Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Dallet welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Race Equity, Inclusion, and Access (REIA) Subcommittee.

Approval of 10/6/2022 Meeting Minutes

There was not a quorum during the meeting so the 10/6/2022 meeting minutes will have to be approved at the first 2023 meeting.

The Juror Project Presentation & Discussion

Justice Dallet introduced Will Snowden from the Juror Project a non-profit based out of New Orleans. The organization works on increasing diversity within the legal system, including increased representation on juries.

Will presented a PowerPoint that he will share with committee members that included information about a jury duty unit plan for high schools, educational presentations for community groups, and increasing diversity on juror master lists.

Committee members discussed the jury duty lesson plan for high schools that the Juror Project implemented in Louisiana. Justice Dallet expressed interested in learning more about it. Will indicated

that he will follow-up with the committee in the near future and continue discussions on piloting the lesson plan in Wisconsin. Committee members also had discussion around the Juror Project's presentations aimed at community organizations. There was discussion about holding a train the trainer event in Wisconsin with the Juror Project so that other individuals can present.

The presentation created discussion among committee members on increasing diversity rates in juries. Will indicated that Indiana and Louisiana have adopted changes that increased diversity on their master lists. Justice Dallet expressed interest in getting more information about their efforts. Will is going to follow-up with committee members after talking with officials in Indiana about their efforts.

Jury Master List Project Update & Discussion

Adam Plotkin updated the committee on the Jury Master List Project. Legal Counsel at DOT is looking into releasing the information. The DMV list is part of the state statute. When information becomes available, we will be able to use Racine County to test against other lists.

Educational Opportunities Updates & Discussion

There were no updates.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.