

# Race Equity, Inclusion, and Access Subcommittee Minutes

Meeting Date | 7/22/2021 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**

Matt Raymer  
Donna Hahn  
Lara Kenny

## **Subcommittee Members Present**

Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, Associate Judge  
Gwen Topping, Public Defender Kelli Thompson,  
Chief Shon Barnes, Vanessa McDowell, Deputy  
Chief Judge Carl Ashley, La'Tanya Campbell (for  
Jane Graham Jennings)

## **Subcommittee Members Not Present**

Judge Derek Mosley, Rhonda Frank-Loron

## **Others Present**

Fred Ludwig, Chief of Staff for Lt. Governor  
Mandela Barnes

## **AGENDA TOPICS**

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### **Welcome and Opening Comments**

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Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Dallet welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Subcommittee.

### **Member Introductions**

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All members present introduced themselves, along with DOJ staff.

### **State CJCC/Subcommittee Overview**

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Matt Raymer provided a brief summary of each of the State Criminal Justice Coordinating Council subcommittees and their recent work that will align with the work for this sub-committee.

#### **Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Subcommittee**

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Raymer gave an overview of the work the Treatment and Alternatives to Diversion Subcommittee has been involved in over the last year. Currently DOJ staff is working on developing the competitive grant process for the next five-year funding cycle which will fund local treatment court and diversion programs statewide.

Raymer also reported on the Diversion Standards that were approved by the State CJCC in June. The standards were edited prior to approval to include revised and enhanced language on equity and inclusion.

## **Data Sharing/OTIs Subcommittee**

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Raymer gave an overview of the Data Sharing/Outcomes, Trends, and Indicators (OTIs) Subcommittee and the projects they are working on. Currently the subcommittee is working on gathering and developing mechanisms to share state data across the criminal justice system. This is an ongoing project and the overall charge for the subcommittee.

The subcommittee is also working on a demographic survey that will be sent out soon.

Raymer suggested that a member from the Data Sharing Subcommittee be included in the membership of this subcommittee. All members agreed. DOJ staff will reach out and see who on the Data Sharing Subcommittee would like to attend.

## **Evidence-Based Decision Making Subcommittee**

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Raymer updated the members on the work the Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Subcommittee is doing. As part of a national initiative, this subcommittee continues to look at the criminal justice system as a whole. The members are currently working on a new five-year strategic planning process and discussing existing Pretrial Pilot projects.

Raymer suggested that a member from the EBDM Subcommittee be included in the Race Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee. All members agreed. DOJ staff will reach out and see who on the EBDM Subcommittee would like to attend (current member of this subcommittee, State Public Defender Kelli Thompson, is also Chair of the EBDM Subcommittee).

## **Subcommittee Mission/Goals Discussion**

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Justice Dallet asked members if anyone had suggestions for the new subcommittee name. The members agreed that the subcommittee will now be called the Race Equity, Inclusion and Access Subcommittee.

Justice Dallet led a discussion about the goals and mission of the subcommittee.

Members agreed that high level goals include:

- 1) Education of system partners: Members were asked how to educate the system players including tribal judges. What would be ways that the subcommittee could bring in professionals to train, inform and start a discussion?
- 2) Collaboration with other organizations: Collaborating with other CJCC subcommittees, organizations, national consortiums, etc. The Director of State Courts Office has an annual conference, and the subcommittee could share information, data and bring in speakers on this subject matter. s State Public Defenders and District Attorneys also have annual meetings and the members may want to coordinate to be included on the schedule. Training could also occur through the State Bar during their annual meeting. Members also suggested including the Sheriff Association, Chief's Association, and WATCP.
- 3) Messaging to get the word out about the CJCC and this subcommittee: How do we get the message out there that the CJCC has this subcommittee, and how do you get the word out to the community so that they have a voice?

Discussion included ideas of who to work with for collaboration and messaging. It was noted that it was important to talk to other organizations, identify legislators who are working on reform, bring the community voice in and request a liaison from the Badger State Sheriff's Association to join this subcommittee.

The subcommittee discussed the importance of a mission statement to inform its work and the work of State CJCC. Members should think about the values of this subcommittee and what the subcommittee wants to see a year from now.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

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- State Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting 9/8/21

### **Action Items/Next Steps & Future Meeting Topics**

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Chief Barnes and DA Kimberly Lawton will work on the mission statement for the next meeting. The mission should reflect values and goals for the coming year.

DOJ staff will send the Executive Order and the CJCC website link to the subcommittee.

Raymer will be the point person for the subcommittee. He will gather the subcommittee members input on the mission statement and will distribute to Chief Barnes and Lawton by email. DOJ staff reminded the subcommittee that DOJ staff will need to send out correspondence via email and members are only to reply to DOJ staff in order to avoid a walking quorum.

The subcommittee asked that DOJ staff request that someone from the Data Sharing subcommittee present/share an overview of the subcommittee. Members would like to know:

- What may be available;
- Where to get it;
- The value of the data/how to use it; and
- How the data forms the framework in other committees.

### **Next Meeting Date**

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Members suggested meetings should initially be frequently. DOJ staff will send out meeting notices for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Subcommittee members may send Raymer ideas for agenda items or other feedback.

### **Public Comment**

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The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.