

State Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Race Equity, Inclusion, and Access Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date | 10/28/2021 7:30 a.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

Subcommittee Members Present

Associate Judge Gwen Topping, Lt. Governor
Mandela Barnes, State Public Defender Kelli
Thompson, Deputy Chief Judge Carl Ashley, Jane
Graham Jennings, Rhonda Frank-Loron, Jerome
Dillard, Sheriff Rebecca Smith, Derek Veitenheimer

Subcommittee Members Not Present

Chief Shon Barnes, Dr. Jeneise Briggs, Vanessa
McDowell, Judge Derek Mosley

Others Present

Adam Plotkin, Ashley Billig, Fred Ludwig

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 9/23/2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by District Attorney Kimberly Lawton and seconded by Deputy Chief Judge Carl Ashley to approve the 9/23/2021 meeting minutes. The motion was approved

Membership and Other Updates/Discussion

Justice Dallet welcomed Executive Director Jerome Dillard of Expo and Sheriff Rebecca Smith of Menominee County.

Subcommittee Mission/Goals Follow-Up

The mission statement was approved as follows with one change-“Wisconsin Court System” will be changed to “Criminal Justice System” to broaden the scope like the CJCC language. The change was approved by the subcommittee members.

The mission statement: To eliminate systemic barriers to racial and ethnic fairness in the Criminal Justice System by identifying challenges, researching solutions, making recommendations for improvement, and promoting education.

Implicit Bias Jury Instruction Discussion

Justice Dallet provided the members with documents and articles for this ongoing discussion. Justice Dallet will provide the subcommittee with a draft at the next meeting. A suggestion was made when drafting the document to list out the bias's, to broaden but encompass all.

State Prosecutor Education and Training Resources

The Department of Justice provided Fair and Impartial Policing and Implicit Bias Training at the SPET Conference this past fall.

Local CJCC Survey Results

Matt Raymer provided an update on the Local CJCC Survey results across the state and results from the local programs. Raymer spoke about how staff and CJCC use the data to identify the problem areas and opportunities for investments and collaboration on identified priorities.

Upcoming Meetings

- The next State CJCC Meeting is December 8, 2021.

Action Items/Next Steps & Future Meeting Topics

- Justice Dallet will ask for Representative Sheila Stubbs and Representative James Steinke to speak to the subcommittee on the Task Force on Racial Disparities.

Next Meeting Date

December 16, 2021

Public Comment

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.