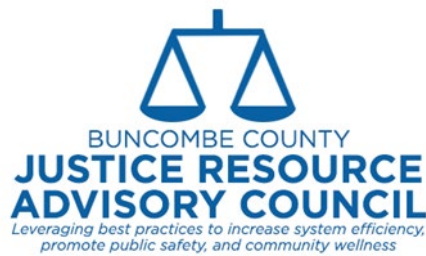
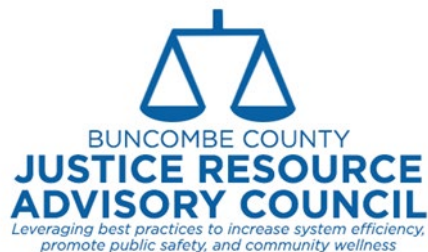


Minutes  
June 3, 2022  
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

- Welcome: Dakisha (DK) Wesley
  - Roll call (see attachment)
  - Recognition of National Gun Violence Awareness Day and call to remember recent mass shootings in our nation as well as the gun violence within our community and to continue in our work of gun violence prevention and community safety.
  
- Consent Agenda:
  - Approval of June Agenda- Donald Reuss made motion to approve, Meredith Pressley seconded the motion.
  - Approval of April Minutes- Donald Reuss made motion to approve, Meredith Pressley seconded the motion.
  
- Justice Services Data Report: Lee Crayton, Management Analyst, Strategy and Innovation (presentation in materials)
  - People in custody with pending charges, sentenced to serve their time within the county jail or waiting to be transferred to other facilities
  - Local jail population numbers does not include federal or state misdemeanor programs
  - Uptick in Summer of 2020 and Summer 2021 and has continued to increase, particularly within the last 1-2 months
  - Presented year over year comparison beginning with May 2022
  - Recidivism rates- remained relatively stable
  - FTA'S driving some of the jail population numbers. Community Engagement Team is also working with the Public Defender's Office on the numbers and FTA's from the ones that are most impacted
  - Bookings- year over year comparison. January-May including new misdemeanor and felony charges. Will monitor that for the rest of the year. Orders for arrest are driving the uptick in these numbers. Pat Freeman will get help with reviewing how numbers play a part in indigent status of those coming into the jail
  - Releases- average length of stay impacting current jail numbers.
  - The court system has started to move into issuing the FTA's again like pre-pandemic
  - Court Reminder System is now in place in the courtroom that will hopefully help with our jail population numbers.
  
- Old Business:
  - Welcome New Community Representative- Julie Risedorf – DK Wesley



- New Business:
  - Opioid Settlement Funds: Report and Feedback- Victoria Reichard (presentation in materials); Questions/comments from the group:
    - New funding coming down from the state and potential for cross-organizational collaboration in preparation for the decision-making process with the county
    - Treatment Court services- expanding services and ensuring people involved in these treatment court can access treatment options that are in the community and get into the treatment quickly
    - State-wide dashboard available via <https://ncopioidsettlement.org>
    - Potential need for admin support with the direct programs and infrastructure funding
    - Request to consider prevention within the program
    - Consideration of rural areas of the county and how they are being served with this program
  - Driver License Restoration Program- Ed Treat and Meredith Pressley
    - December 2020 there was mass motion of 834 individuals that had old traffic matters stricken
    - Discussion of the AOC CR415 relating to release of court files and fees
    - The District Attorney's office has seen a lot of these requests recently
    - Ed Treat discussed some of the components that contribute to this process and the community accessing these services
    - Discussed racial equity, poverty, and lack of public transportation within the rural areas and needing these restoration services and the benefits for underserved populations
    - Focus on raising awareness about these services and expungement services as well and how it would impact all areas of life for some people
    - Discussion related to failure to appear in court cases and how those affect driver license restoration
    - Questions/comments from the group:
      - Any information on State Legislation and the why the process is so difficult to get license restored; Relief funding in other counties in NC, how many are currently being served in this program; How can we raise awareness, What would it take for Buncombe County to participate in a clinic Durham or Chapel Hill models?
      - Website that shows if an individual has been granted relief- [www.ncfairchance.org](http://www.ncfairchance.org)
      - Discussion regarding impaired versus non-impaired differences with driver license revocations.
  - Report from National Network of Coordinating Councils Conference- Tiffany Iheanacho
    - Took place in Charleston, SC where she attended with DK Wesley and Natalie Ivey



- The goal of the meeting was to establish standards for criminal justice coordinating councils
  - Also presented best practices such as Charleston’s Collaborating Council and their Community Engagement workgroup
- Announcements:
    - Tiffany Iheanacho will be presenting to the City of Asheville Public Safety Committee in regarding current gun violence and community safety initiatives at their next meeting.
    - Sam Snead- Spoke on a non-profit organization that provides supportive services to Public Defenders that was presented at a state-wide meeting; the organization could provide an audit of services currently provided to justice-involved individuals; They will provide additional information on services they offer, cost, length of time to do audit, etc.
    - Regina Ray from NC DPC Community Supervision announced her retirement after 30 years of service.
    - DK announced that we will move back to in person for JRAC for next meeting, August 5th, 2022.
  - Adjourned at 1:40 pm- J. Hackett motioned to adjourn, Tiffany Iheanacho seconded the motion.

Next meeting: August 5 2022  
12:30pm-2:00pm  
200 College Street/3<sup>rd</sup> Floor- Conference Room 310  
(virtual hybrid option will be made available)



# Membership List

| Name                    | Title                       | Organization   |   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Jasmine Beach-Ferrara   | 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                       | A |
| 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 |
| Natalie Ivey            | Pre-trial Program Manager   | Buncombe County Justice Services                       | P |
| The Hon. Alan Thornburg | Superior Court Judge        | NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Superior Court   | P |
| The Hon. Todd Williams  | District Attorney           | NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Prosecutorial District             | A |
| 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  | P |
| David Zack              | Chief APD                   | Asheville Police Department                            | A |
| Julia Horrocks          | Private Attorney            | Coordinated Community Response DV/SA                   | P |
| Suzanne Avett           | HHS Attorney                | Buncombe County HHS                                    | A |
| Rachael Nygaard         | Director                    | Buncombe County Strategic Partnership                  | P |
| Debra Campbell          | City Manager                | City of Asheville                                      | P |
| Esther Manheimer        | Mayor of Asheville          | City of Asheville                                      | P |
| Lori Anderson           | Probation                   | Probation/Parole                                       | P |
| Joseph Hackett          | Community Representative    | Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church                    | P |
| Kathleen Blackney       | Management Analyst          | Buncombe County  | P |
| Victoria Reichard       | Behavioral Health Manager   | Buncombe County  | P |
| Regina Ray              | Director                    | Probation/Parole                                       | P |
| Meredith Pressley       | Assistant District Attorney | NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District                  | P |
| Ed Treat                | Employment Law Attorney     | Pisgah Legal Services                                  | P |
| Julie Risedorf          | Community Representative    |  | P |