

Minutes May 7, 2021 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

- Welcome
- Dakisha (DK) Wesley open with roll call (see below)
- Consent Agenda
   Approved Motion by Joseph Hackett; Motion second by Sam Snead; motion passed unanimously.
- Old Business
  - Strategic Committee Update:

Tiffany Iheanacho

- o Reviewed each strategic team goals, initiatives, and performance measures
- Revisions were made live during the presentation Next steps to include Tiffany sending revised copy with edits for open feedback period. Will provide content to Buncombe County Communication and Public Engagement (CAPE) department for development to of final strategic plan document.
- New Business
  - Trauma Informed Practices

Tiffany Iheanacho

- O Justice Services is holding several trainings centered on "trauma informed practices" for staff and partners. Tiffany presented on the benefit of trauma informed training in the justice system to include assisting staff in recognizing trauma and how to respond to individuals experiencing a trauma reaction. The goal is to better support individuals navigating the justice system. Invitation to follow for those interested in this training.
- Due to Sheriff's absence Pre-Arrest Diversion update was diverted to the next JRAC meeting.
- Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Rachael Nygaard

- Provided update on the American Rescue Plan Act, which included the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.
- These funds will be provided to state and local jurisdictions to help communities recover from the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- o Buncombe County Government will be receiving approximately \$50M.
- o Next Steps: Projected release of application is July
- Survey to submit suggestions on how to prioritize COVID-Related Projects (see link) <a href="https://www.buncombecounty.org/countycenter/news-detail.aspx?id=19281&agency=0">https://www.buncombecounty.org/countycenter/news-detail.aspx?id=19281&agency=0</a>



- JRAC Discussion: Consider prioritizing an allocations to support Court needs due to backlog of case processing because of COVID-19 restrictions, crisis services and responsiveness to behavioral health needs.
- Safety and Justice Challenge

Hannah Legerton

- o Update MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge Update presented
- See attached Presentation

## • Announcements:

- Joseph Hackett shared that Juneteenth will be celebrated at MLK Park on June 19 and Grind Coffee Shop is hosting a series of Juneteenth events on June 18-19-20.
- If any member would like to suggest a topic please reach out to DK Wesley, Sheriff Quentin Miller or Tiffany Iheanacho for consideration during agenda setting
- No public comments
- DK requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion: Rachael Nygaard: Second: Julia Horrocks; motion passed unanimously
- Adjourned at 2:00pm

Next meeting: July 2, 2021 at 12:30 pm, Zoom Link.

Executive Committee will advise on date.



## May 2021 Attendance

Name	Title	Organization	
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara	Commissioner	Buncombe County Board of Commissioner	Р
DK Wesley	Assistant County Manager	Buncombe County Manager's Office	Р
Sheriff Quentin Miller	Sheriff	Buncombe County Sheriff's Office	
Pat Freeman	Identification Director	Buncombe County Bureau of Identification	Р
Sylvia Clement	Chief Court Counselor	NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenile Justice	
Danny Cowan	Magistrate	NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Magistrates Office	
The Hon. Alan Thornburg	Superior Court Judge	NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Superior Court	
The Hon. Todd Williams	District Attorney	NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Prosecutorial District	Р
The Hon. Patricia Young	District Court Judge	NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court	
Sam Snead	Chief Public Defender	NC 28 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District	Р
Niconda Garcia	Pre-Trial Program Manager	Buncombe County Pretrial Services	Р
Donald Reuss	Director Provider	Vaya Health	
David Zack	Chief APD	Asheville Police Department	
Thomas Amburgey	Private Attorney	Defense Bar Association	Р
Julia Horrocks	Private Attorney	Coordinated Community Response DV/SA	Р
Suzanne Avett	HHS Attorney	Buncombe County HHS	
Rachael Nygaard	Director	Buncombe County Strategic Partnership	Р
Debra Campbell	City Manager	City of Asheville	
Esther Manheimer	Mayor of Asheville	City of Asheville	
Lori Anderson	Probation	Probation/Parole	Р
Joseph Hackett	Community Representative	Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church	Р
Robert Thomas	Community Representative	Racial Justice Coalition	Р