

Minutes  
April 1 2022  
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

- Welcome
- Dakisha (DK) Wesley open with a roll call (see attachment)- 13 People Quorum  
Consent of April Agenda, February and December Minutes  
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara motion to accept meeting, Tiffany Iheanacho second; those in attendance approved the agenda and minutes
- Interviews for Community Representative Membership Joseph Hackett
  - There is currently one (1) seat to be filled on the JRAC. Questions and Link have been sent to members. There were 9 applicants started and there will be four (4) interviewers today, 2 questions per candidate, and the members were provided a scoring sheet. The 4 interviewers today will be the following:
    - Lauren Garvie
    - Julie Risedorf
    - Wendy Nevarez
    - Sybriea Lundy

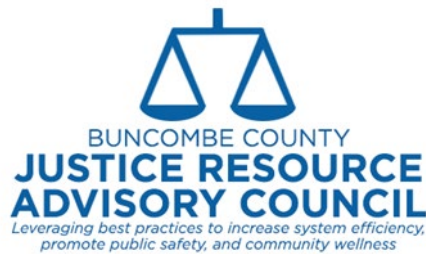
- Old Business

- JRAC By-Laws Approval
  - Clarifying who can seat on the JRAC- making sure the by-laws align with the practice- Doesn't necessarily change the structure.
  - Three Steering Committees decided on and are reflected in the By-laws
    - Racial Equity
    - Community Engagement
    - Behavioral Health and Justice Collaborative

Mayor Esther Manheimer made motion to approve By-laws changes. Donald Reuss seconded the motion.

- New Business

- Announcement and Departmental Updates
- Pat Freeman- CDE started collecting ethnicity data through the month of March, to date- 526 respondents, 50% of people this office is coming into contact with. Will continue to work to increase that percentage. Estimated time frame will be approximately 6 months.
- Sam Snead- Public Defender's Office announced that Yolanda Fair would now be the Regional for Juvenile Justice. She is no longer with the Public Defender's office



but will stay involved in her new role. New Public Defender will be hired to fulfill this role.

- Rachel Nygaard discussed the application process for the Covid Recovery Funding- Federal Funding open for non-profits and public organizations. [www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding](http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding). The application is open until April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Buncombe County has about 27 million dollars to allocate toward this request for proposals.
- Judge Alan Thornburg discussed financial obligations that keep people involved in the justice system. New AOC rule that requires meaningful inquiry and the ability to pay. Ongoing training on the new AOC inquiry form for attorneys and Judges. This process will be more streamlined. Please see the following article below referencing the information Judge Thornburg spoke about with the group.
  - Assess a defendant's ability to pay prior to levying any fines and fees (Rec. 101)  
**NC Judicial Branch: [Supreme Court Adopts Ability-to-Pay Rule](#)** Rule 28 establishes a motion procedure for a defendant to request an equitable imposition of monetary obligations in a criminal case or an infraction case based on the defendant's ability to pay.
- DK discussed the Opioid Settlement- Expecting funding in the Spring and Summer 2022 for Buncombe County and the City of Asheville. April 19<sup>th</sup> will be the presentation for the Board of Commissioners. Additional comments from the group took place.

Discussion and Vote for Community Representative Membership DK Wesley

- Natalie Ivey conducted the survey monitoring. She advised the results indicated a tie between candidates Julie Risedorf and Lauren Garvie. They scored very closely on the questions as well.
  - J. Hackett made the motion to vote on the candidate Julie Risedorf . Pat Freeman has seconded the motion. Julie Risedorf has been voted on and selected by group as the new Community Representative for JRAC. There were 7 in favor and 6 not in favor. DK advised the group there would be an onboarding process for the new Community Representative and hoped that she would be in attendance for the next JRAC meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Revisit next meeting to amend the By-laws and will entertain the motion at that time.
  - No further announcements or public comments.
- DK Wesley- Chair
- Adjourned at 1:40 pm

*Next meeting: June 3, 2021 at 12:30 pm, TBD*