

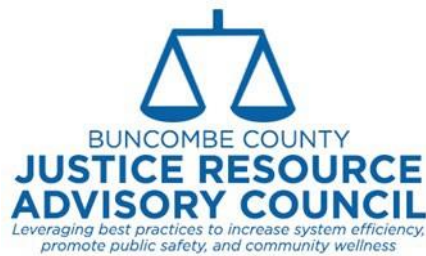
Minutes
August 5, 2022
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

- Welcome: Dakisha (DK) Wesley
 - Roll call (see attachment)

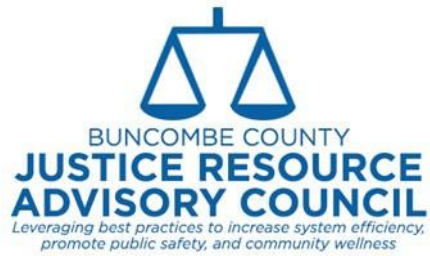
- Consent Agenda:
 - Approval of Consent Agenda- Esther Manheimer made motion to approve, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara seconded the motion.

- Justice Services Data Report - Failure to Appear and Jail Population: Lee Crayton, Management Analyst, Strategy and Innovation (presentation in materials):
 - Data presented on those in custody with pending charges, sentenced to serve their time within the county jail or waiting to be transferred to other facilities
 - For FY2022- Presented data related to average daily population and bookings, most common offenses on an FTA only Booking, number of FTA only bookings by year of original charge, and Indigent Status population that are in custody for FTA's and other reasons.
 - Average length of stay was 17 days and showed an increase when there is an FTA or an order for arrest
 - Individuals with felonies showed longer length of stay than individuals with misdemeanor charges in custody on FTA's
 - Average age for individuals booked with FTA is 34.6
 - Question regarding individuals experiencing homelessness; Dr. Crayton will follow up on shelter addresses where individuals can receive mail. AHOPE is currently the only shelter where individuals can receive mail
 - Presented information on the NC Court Appearance Project- Getting individuals the information related to their court appearances- <https://cjil.sog.unc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/19452/2022/04/NC-Court-Appearance-Project-Report-4-22-22.pdf>
 - Presented current and next steps that can be implemented here in Buncombe County to deepen the understanding of root causes for FTA's. e.g. Court Notification system, Community Engagement Survey, discussions with ID Bureau
 - Additional discussion from the group on future recommendations to assist with helping individuals to resolve their FTA's
 - Community Engagement Survey- Phase I was completed as the Community Engagement Workgroup was reaching out with the survey to individuals that were released from custody; response was low at that time so that workgroup is going back to look at what additional connections they may have regarding contact information. Additional research is being collected for other options.

- Old Business:



- Review Scrivener's Error-JRAC By-Laws- Natalie Ivey, Pretrial Services Program Manager
- Presented the adjustments made in the JRAC By-Laws; Content was not changed just updated formatting; Section 1 Heading format was updated; Article II- Membership format was updated.
- New Business:
 - Driver License Restoration Program- Ed Treat, Staff Attorney, Pisgah Legal Services (presentation in materials);
 - Serves 10 counties with expunction and driver license restoration services
 - Presented Statue 20-24.1- Revocation for failure to appear or pay fine, penalty or costs for motor vehicle offenses
 - Presented individuals inability to pay the fines and the rising court costs in NC which has attributed to the individual's ability to pay; as of January 1, 2022, a Judge will now have to consider an individual's ability to pay
 - Referenced online form for the individual called AOC CR415 that they can fill out and submit to see if they qualify for assistance.
 - Other barriers to an individual's loss of license. E.g. Loss of employment, high transportation costs and commute times, less access to medical services, criminal justice involvement.
 - Statewide Black or African American drivers had active suspensions for unpaid court costs at a rate of 4x higher than white/non-Hispanic drivers; in Buncombe County at a rate of 5x higher than white/non-Hispanic drivers
 - Presented Driver License Restoration Models- Buncombe County DA's office and the Mass Relief Project; Individuals can go to www.ncfairchance.org to see if they received their relief; Meredith Pressley is in continued conversation with Judge Hill regarding continued motions on other cases
 - Pisgah Legal Services has provided Restoration Clinics, and local attorneys have provided various degrees of assistance from consultations to court representation
 - Discussed the AOC CR415 Motions and the process required to file the motions
 - Debt Relief Fund that is currently in practice in Chapel Hill and is administered by the Chapel Hill Police Department Crisis Unit. This is a financial aid option for individuals in that area with DMV and Court outstanding debt.
 - Presented information on partnerships and the recommendation of continuing this path of working together for continued support for these individuals. Other recommendations may be a Legal Self-Help Center, Free DMV Records, Amnesty Days, and Integration with Buncombe County Jail, Public Defender's Office and the Justice Resource Center.
 - Presented a Client Success Story to the group



- Announcements and Departmental Updates: Dakisha(DK)Wesley
 - Introduced Mylon Patton- UNC School of Government- He will be serving here in the County Manager's Office for a year and will be working on several projects over the next year. Racial Equity and Homelessness will be a focus for him over this time period.
- Adjourned at 2 pm- Esther Manheimer motioned to adjourn, Julia Horrocks seconded the motion.

Next meeting: October 7th, 2022
12:30pm-2:00pm
200 College Street/1st Floor- Conference Room



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	P
Andy Zoller for Pat Freeman	Identification Director	Buncombe County Bureau of Identification	P
Sylvia Clement	Chief Court Counselor	NC 28 th Judicial District Juvenile Justice	A
Danny Cowan	Magistrate	NC 28 th Judicial Magistrates Office	A
The Hon. Alan Thornburg	Superior Court Judge	NC 28 th Judicial District Superior Court	A
Meredith Pressley for The Hon. Todd Williams	District Attorney	NC 28 th Prosecutorial District	P
Sam Snead	Chief Public Defender	NC 28 th Judicial District	A
Tiffany Iheanacho	Justice Services Director	Buncombe County Justice Services Department	A
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	P
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	A
Joseph Hackett	Community Representative	Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church	P
Kathleen Blackney	Management Analyst	Buncombe County	A
Victoria Reichard	Behavioral Health Manager	Buncombe County	A
Regina Ray	Director	Probation/Parole	A
Dustin Dow	Private Attorney	Defense Bar Association	A
Ed Treat	Employment Law Attorney	Pisgah Legal Services	P
Julie Risedorf	Community Representative		P