March 28, 2011
5:30 pm
354 City County Building
Madison, WI 53703

Members Present: Jackson, Maldonado, Butler, Nunez, Strong, Felice, Hancock, McKinney, Stubbs

Staff: Knox, Clark

Supervisors present: Bayrd, Vedder, (Stubbs—Implementation Team member)

Public Comments:
Sue Hoffenburg: Grateful for Kathleen Falk’s support and initiatives towards reducing racial disparities in the criminal justice system. Regarding the 1% set aside – she is hopeful and grateful.

Second speaker: Policing has a lot to do with the disparities. Different policing takes place in different neighborhoods.

Ernestine Moss: On the record in support of the Task Force recommendations and report

Edward Kowalski: Wishes to move Dane County out of “human landfills” i.e. jails/prisons. Look to issues such as discipline codes in schools. Jury Box Equity needed. Start from the result!

Gladys Benevides: Long time Madison resident. Madison and Dane County are urbanizing. There is an issue of sensitivity versus competence in individuals and systems. Need to take a holistic approach.
Rachel Potter: 20 year resident of the area; teacher in district. Institutional racism in schools— noted special ed especially.

Amy Mondach: Mental Health issue. Jail versus mental health treatment. Mental health issues effects housing, employment, etc. Need to look at resources that help not incarcerate the mentally ill.

Dr. Floyd Rose: Long time resident. In support of recommendations, but concerned given financial constraints will negate efforts. Hope and pray that we develop a sophisticated means to make recommendations move forward.

Edward Sticken: 40 year resident. Life long advocate. Look at school to prison pipeline.

Chair Jackson thanks all for comments and support.

Chair Jackson describes the 1% budget recommendation language and the purpose of the meeting tonight. Conversation – the Implementation Team wants to work with all the criminal justice stakeholders.

Chief Judge Foust thanks the Implementation Team for the invitation and gives introductory remarks.

Foust discusses the AIM project in detail—as well as COMPASS.

Clerk of Courts Esqueda describes the COMPASS as an actuarial/evidence based tool that DOC is using/developing. Looking at possible partnership to create a more holistic view of criminal justice client.

Implementation Team and Foust and Esqueda discuss data collection practices.

Esqueda will forward the COMPASS details to Clark for distribution to the Implementation Team.

DA Ozanne arrives and gives introductory remarks. Ideally, COMPASS will give a focused idea on how to change—and utilized in deferred prosecution.

Implementation Team discusses hiring practices in the County. Discussion ensues around percentages of persons of color working within different areas of the criminal justice system.

Foust invites the IT to attend the monthly Criminal Justice Group meetings.

Ozanne discusses Melvin Gillette’s program in deferred prosecution.
Ozanne discusses charging decisions. He also discusses increases number of people of color in the deferred prosecution area.

Discussion ensues around restorative justice.

Captain Jeff Teuscher (DCSO) gives introductory remarks. Discussion ensues around community development programs, prison work programs.

Harris moves to adjourn. Stubbs seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Notes compiled by Colleen Clark, Dane County Office of Equal Opportunity.