

Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff New Orleans Criminal Justice Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022

1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Stevens.

II. Roll Call

Derwyn Bunton	Public Defender	Present
LaKeasha Cooley	State Office of Juvenile Justice	Absent
Chief Judge Ranord Darensburg	Parish Juvenile Court	Absent
Judge Paul Sens	Municipal and Traffic Court	Absent
Superintendent Shaun Ferguson	NOPD	Designee Present Dante Bidwell
Councilmember Leslie Harris	City Council	Present
Jennifer Greer	Probation and Parole	Present
Sheriff Marlin Gusman	Sheriff	Designee Present Anne McKinley
Chief Judge Robin Pittman	Criminal District Court	Present
Donesia Turner	City Attorney	Present
Dr. Dwight McKenna	Coroner	Designee Present Brian Laperyolerie
Gilbert Montaño	Chief Administrator	Present
Helena Moreno	City Council	Designee Present Sayde Finkel
Arthur Morrell	Clerk of Court	Absent
Oliver Thomas	City Council	Present
Tenisha Stevens	Mayor’s Office	Present
Jason Williams	District Attorney	Designee Present Edward McGowan
Emily Wolff	Office of Youth and Families	Present

III. Opening Remarks

IV. Consideration & Approval of the Minutes from November 17th, 2021

Commissioner Stevens asked the councilmembers if there were any corrections to the minutes for the meeting of November 17th, 2021. Seeing there were none a motion was sought for the adoption of the minutes as written. Public Defender Bunton made a motion for the adoption of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Melanie Talia and approved by voice vote.

V. Ethnic and Racial Disparities Working Group Update

Ms. Kate Hoadley, OCJC Racial Justice Program Manager reviewed the activities of the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Working Group. Membership of the Working Group was finalized in January of 2021. The RED's first recommendation report was adopted by the SKNOCJC at its November 2021 meeting. The report constitutes an agenda to bolster existing equity-based efforts within existing criminal justice programs and to work collaboratively with community stakeholders to build social capacities meant to prevent criminal system involvement.

The RED's second recommendation report will focus on marrying sophisticated use of quantitative data in criminal justice policy-making with the collaborative, bottom-up approach to policy-making that is essential to an equity-centered approach. A key strategy will be the creation of a series of data dashboards.

The City, in partnership with Total Community Action, has been awarded around \$470K to undertake the development of this racial equity blueprint.

VI. Criminal Justice Information Sharing (CJIS) Update

Nathaniel Weaver reviewed the state of the Criminal Justice Information Sharing project. The purpose of the project is to build a unified framework for justice agencies record keeping

systems. This framework will allow for the retention of legacy systems and the integration of new ones, while providing agencies access to a common pool of data made more reliable and usable by cross-checking protocols and quality standards.

The initial construction of this common system will be carried out by Microsoft partner Insight Global using the Azure Cloud system under a grant from Microsoft.

VII. Grant Matters:

I. FY 2021 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Funding - \$1,768,391

The Council received twenty-four proposals submitted by sixteen agencies totaling over \$3.4 million, leaving a funding gap of \$1.6. Four agencies represented on the Council had submitted proposals and were required to abstain from the vote on the allocation. These were Juvenile Court, the District Attorney, Criminal District Court and the Sheriff's Office and Presentations were made by representative of the submitting agencies at a rate of three minutes per agency.

Jenny Alber, OCJC Grants Director, presented the Office's staff recommendations. These focused cuts on travel, training for staff and other indirect costs including money for consultants and prioritizing money for retaining existing staff.

Following discussion among the council members a motion was made to adopt the staff recommendations to be submitted to LCLE to review and allocate, excepting the \$50,000 recommended for the Musicians Clinic which was reserved for allocation at the next meeting,

on account of the absence of any representative from the Musician's Clinic. Moved by Councilmember J.P. Morell and seconded by Dante Bidwell on behalf of NOPD Superintendent Ferguson, the motion was passed by roll call vote with eleven yea votes and three abstentions by agencies that had submitted proposals.

II. FY 2021 STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program - \$166,682

These funds are reserved for law enforcement agencies. In the case of Orleans Parish only the DA and NOPD are eligible and the two agencies each submitted a proposal for exactly half the total sum. Representatives from NOPD and the DA presented their proposals. Seeing there were no questions or objections from the members of the Council a motion was sought to fully fund both proposals. A motion to allocate was made by Derwyn Bunton and seconded by Brian Laperьерie, designee for Dwight McKenna. The motion was adopted by roll call vote with ten yea votes and two abstentions from the interested agencies.

VIII. Councilmember Updates

Adrienne Tobler reminded the councilmembers and any designees to submit their conflict of interest forms if they had not already.

IX. Community Updates

No community updates were advanced.

X. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

Commissioner Stevens thanked the members for their attention and wished them a happy Mardi Gras. Reminded members that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 27th and advised that OCJC's intention was to hold it in-person and asked members with

reservations to communicate with her on the matter. A motion to adjourn the meeting was sought, so moved by Melanie Talia and seconded by Derwyn Bunton and was immediately adopted.