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Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff New Orleans Criminal Justice Council

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

**I. Call to Order (1:10 p.m.)**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Stevens.

**II. Roll Call**

Chief Judge Ranord Darensburg	Juvenile Court	Present
Chief Public Defender Danny Engelberg	Public Defender	Present
Jennifer Greer	Probation and Parole	Present
Councilmember Leslie Harris	City Council	Designee Present Alison Poort
Sheriff Susan Hutson	Sheriff	Designee Present Pearlina Thomas
Judge Bobby Jones	Judge	Present
Asya Howlette	Office of Youth and Families	Designee Present
Darren Lombard	Clerk of Court	Absent
Dr. Dwight McKenna	Coroner	Designee Present
Gilbert Montañó	Chief Administrator	Designee Present
Vice President Helena Moreno	City Council	Designee Present
Chief Judge Robin Pittman	Criminal District Court	Present
Commissioner Tenisha Stevens	Mayor’s Office	Present
Councilmember Oliver Thomas	City Council	Designee Present Wesley Bishop
Donesia Turner	City Attorney	Present
Ms. Nikita White	State Office of Juvenile Justice	Present
District Attorney Jason Williams	District Attorney	Designee Present Keith Lampkin
Superintendent Michelle Woodfork	NOPD	Present
Ms. Thelma French	Total Community Action	Present

Ms. Elizabeth Boh	Chief Executive Officer	Present
Mr. Troy Rhodes	Citizen Representative-Reentry	Absent
Mr. Greg Ravy	Citizen Representative-Equity	Present
Ms. Margaret Washington	Citizen Representative-Victims/Survivors	Present
Ms. Melissa Sawyer	Citizen Representative- Youth Advocacy	Present
Dr. Rochelle Dunham	Citizen Representative- Mental Health	Absent

### **III. Opening Remarks**

Commissioner Stevens welcomed everyone to the second meeting of 2023 and thanked Ms. Thelma French and Total Community Action for hosting the meeting. Commissioner Stevens then gave a brief overview of the agenda.

### **IV. Consideration & Approval of the Minutes from January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Commissioner Stevens asked the councilmembers if there were any corrections to the minutes for the meeting of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Seeing there were no corrections, a motion was sought for the adoption of the minutes as written. Judge Bobby Jones made a motion for the adoption of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thelma French and approved by voice vote.

### **V. 2022 A Year in Review: Data Presentation (1:pm)**

Theresa McKinney, OCJC Senior Researcher gave a data presentation focused jail population in 2022 (attached). Ms. Thelma French asked for an overview of the history of the Safety and Justice Challenge at a future meeting to put the data and the larger SJC initiative in context. Chief Public Defender Danny Engelberg asked questions about a target goal for the jail findings.

### **VI. Leadership Selection**

Commissioner Stevens gave a brief overview of the duties of each leadership selection committee position. A motion was called by Judge Bobby Jones to open the nominee selection, it was seconded by Ms. Thelma French.

- A. Commissioner Stevens nominated Ms. Thelma French as Co-Vice Chair, proceeded to ask if there were any more nominees and did a roll call to vote to

receive the candidate. The acceptance vote was closed out by Mr. Wesley Bishop, designee present for Councilmember Oliver Thomas.

- B. Commissioner Stevens nominated District Attorney Jason Williams. Keith Lampkin, designee present for District Attorney Jason Williams, accepted the nomination. Ms. Thelma French nominated Margaret Washington who also accepted the nomination for Steering Committee member. There were no further nominations. A role call vote was conducted, and District Attorney Williams and Ms. Margaret Washington were appointed to the Steering Committee.

## **VII. Grants Subcommittee Proposal**

OCJC Grants Director Jenny Alber spoke about the potential of a Grants Subcommittee and reviewed the one-pager proposal (attached) that was presented to the group before the meeting. Judge Ranord Darensburg asked about whether the staff recommendation would continue to be presented to the group and if there would then be two (2) recommendations. The OCJC Staff clarified that there would only be one recommendation and that it would be a recommendation from the Grants Subcommittee. Keith Lampkin made a motion to table the proposal to a future meeting and the motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Ravy.

## **VIII. Subcommittee Updates**

- A. Adrienne Tobler gave the Jail Population Management (JPM) Subcommittee update noting that the JPM is working through a rolling action plan where new priorities are identified and prioritized based on the needs of the agencies and feasibility with current capacity. Mrs. Tobler also gave the Criminal Justice Information Sharing Subcommittee report noting that the group was focused on the ARPA Justice Tech Modernization Project.
- B. Kate Hoadley spoke about the Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee especially about the Racial Equity Cohort Grants. Ms. Thelma French added that TCA plans to

utilize the SJC Grant to provide Technical Assistance to local smaller grassroots organizations.

**IX. Councilmember Updates**

No Councilmembers provided updates.

**X. Community Updates**

No community members provided updates.

**XI. Closing Remarks/Adjournment**

Commissioner Stevens thanked the members and requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Thelma French, and approved by a voice vote.