

Champaign County Racial Justice Task Force (RJTF)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 15, 2017
6:30 pm

I. Call to Order

There was no quorum at 6:30pm.

Carolyn Randolph called the meeting to order at 6:56 pm.

There were nine members present.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: E. Dee, A. Felty, R. Hughes, A. James, S. Lerner, E. Patt, C. Randolph, S. Silver, G. Walter.

Members Absent: M. Ar-Raheem, S. Balgoyen, L. Branham, S. Byndom A. Evans, D. Harber, H. Ross, A. Shelton, D. Turner.

III. Approval of Agenda

This item was tabled because of the lack of quorum.

IV. Approval of Minutes

This item was tabled because of the lack of quorum.

V. Public Participation

There were no public comments at the time of this agenda item.

VI. Presentations

There were no presentations at this meeting.

VII. Task Force Member Comments/Updates

Subcommittee Updates

Legal Process Subcommittee

Esther is working on a section about court fees and driving on a suspended license. Susan is looking at day fines, where fines are based on a day of income.

Police Practices Subcommittee

Ryan and Carolyn met with the Chief of the Champaign Police Department and three Deputy Chiefs to review their responses to the questionnaire sent to all departments. The subcommittee has begun an outline and will be using the responses to the questionnaires for the bulk of their section.

Community Engagement Subcommittee

This committee is writing and editing sections. They will have a draft by July 14th. Gerry sent out the final report from the statistics class. Carolyn is meeting with the graduate urban planning student to discuss an instruction manual for the database.

Structural Subcommittee

Amy has not developed her section any further but is planning on having a friend help edit her section on July 10 and 11. She has cut many pages from the report.

Juvenile Justice Subcommittee

No updates.

Report and Task Force Timeline Review

Carolyn brought up the subject of timing of presentations by the subcommittees on their work. The group discussed how to bring the sections together. Carolyn asked the subcommittees to state when they will be able to meet. The Structural Subcommittee can present their section on June 29. Legal Process can present a section on fees and a section on housing at this time as well. Juvenile Justice may be able to present at the June 29 meeting. Police Practices, Community Engagement, and the rest of the Legal Processes group will present at the July 13 meeting. The Restorative Justice group may be able to share their overview the July 13 meeting. Carolyn proposed making July 20 a deadline for final revisions and this was verbally agreed upon. The final report will be voted upon at the July 27 meeting.

Ryan will create a Google Drive for everyone to share sections of their report in. Ryan will write a summary email about the timeline and requesting emails from people about absences.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business.

IX. Subcommittee Meetings

This item was tabled.

X. Adjournment

Carolyn moved to adjourn.