

Champaign County Racial Justice Task Force (RJTF)  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 12, 2017  
6:30 pm

**I. Call to Order**

Sam Byndom called the meeting to order at 6:30.

**II. Roll Call**

*Members Present:*

M. Ar-Raheem, L. Branham, S. Byndom, A. Felty, R. Hughes, A. James, S. Lerner, E. Patt, K. Schneider, G. Walter.

*Members Absent:*

S. Balgoyen, E. Dee, A. Evans, D. Harber, C. Randolph, H. Ross, A. Shelton, S. Silver, D. Turner.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Kevin Schneider moved to approve the agenda. Maryam Ar-Raheem seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Kevin moved to approve the minutes. Esther Patt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**V. Public Participation**

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

**VI. Presentations**

Artice asked about the status of the data portals. Sam updated the group on the U of I data project. The group discussed the issues that exist with the data as well as the remaining that work that needs to be done to the portals.

**VII. Subcommittee Meetings**

The Legal Processes subcommittee discussed their work with the larger task force. The subcommittee discussed pre-trial risk assessment, bail/bond payments, and needs for snapshot data and/or personal stories regarding issues with the system.

Esther moved to suspend the rules to allow a member of the public to speak. Kevin seconded the motion. The rules were suspended, and a member of the public asked a question regarding the snapshot data of the sheriff's jail data.

Ryan Hughes updated the task force about the Police Practices group. They are planning on looking at Training, Human Resources, and Interaction Data. Suggestions were made on how to move forward.

Lynn asked the task force if they believe that trying to reach out to officials in the criminal justice system to gain their perspective would be valuable. The group discussed the merit of making such requests. It was requested that this topic be placed on the agenda for the next task force meeting.

Sam Byndom called the meeting back to order.

### **VIII. New Business**

There was no new business discussed.

### **IX. Task Force Member Comments**

Maryam asked about Sam's meeting with the new County Board Chair. Sam updated the group and stated how the new Chair asked for the meeting to tell the task force that there is a conflict with the room for the task force meetings.

### **X. Adjournment**

Gerry moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.