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Meeting Minutes

MILWAUKEE YOUTH COUNCIL'S RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVE ADVISORY BOARD

Friday, June 2, 2017

2:00 PM

Room 303, City Hall

1. Call to Order at 2:10 PM

2. Roll Call

Present 4 - Himle, Banks, Muhammad and Coleman

Absent 2 - Mahan and Driver

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion to approve minutes of May 12, 2017 by Captain Banks, seconded by Mr. Muhammad. There were no objections.

4. Appearance by Representative from Juvenile Court

Ms. Luanne Anderson - Dept of Corrections Regional Chief Officer

Ms. Jennifer McFadden - Dept of Corrections Field Supervisor

Mr. Milton Chields - Asst. State Pub. Def. Children's Court

Mr. Mark Martens - Children's Court Administrator

Jacqueline M. Mann, Ph.D. - MPS Board Clerk / Director, Office of Board Governance

Captain Banks invited Juvenile Court administration in seeking guidance, suggestions on how better help this advisory board better determine its course of action.

Ms. Himle said that diversion programs exist for MPD to provide juveniles an alternative to being cited and charged. Before they are cited, juveniles could work collaboratively with this body. If restorative justice methods do not work, the juvenile could be cited by the Police. City Attorney's office would then decide whether to prosecute. Once a citation is filed with the court, it's up to the judges to decide on the next course of action, which could be referral to community service or another program. Judges may rule that a case be dismissed upon completion of a referral program.

And then, for this notation "Ms. Himle responded that municipal court only administers its own data." For greater clarity: Ms. Himle responded that municipal court can share data on the number of juvenile cases filed but would not be able to ascertain whether those defendants also violate non-municipal laws, at some point.

Ms. Anderson said that by the time individuals are in the Juvenile Justice System, they

have either committed a felony or have been repeatedly being involved in the criminal justice system. She continues by saying that it is important for community based involvement as the individuals are release into the community from incarceration or detention.

Ms. Himle referred members to page nine of the proposal (found in Common Council File 151053) "Note that the scope of this initiative is currently limited to pre-intake referrals only." This would have to be revisit If board were to expand the scope.

Ms. Anderson said that she would like to review the proposal, determine the definite direction the board wants to take and reconvened at a later meeting. However, If focused is going to be on children that are affected by criminal justice system and significant felonies, there may not be a benefit of her participation.

Mr. Coleman asked if there is data that shows how many young people are affected by municipal citations.

Ms. Himle responded that municipal court can share data on the number of juvenile cases filed but would not be able to ascertain whether those defendants also violate non-municipal laws, at some point.

Mr. Owczarski referred members to page 6 Figure 2. Juvenile Judgements and License Suspensions, 2011-2014 School Years chart. The number of citations issued to juvenile has dropped in the last five years. The numbers of youth that are being suspended due to those tickets are increasing. Also he referred members to page 15, "Action plan: initial steps". A drafter from the Legislative Research Bureau will be assigned to this advisory body to aid with any changes, amendments or recreation of any part of the scope of this advisory board. A final report will have to be presented to the Youth Council and Common Council for endorsement. Mr. Owczarski encouraged the board to work on setting the goals of the restorative justice initiative and identify if any changes on the ordinance are needed.

Mr. Marten said that it will be a good idea to include the District Attorney's Office in this meetings, as they are part of the process.

5. Duties and Responsibilities of Restorative Justice Advisory Board

this item was also part of the item #4 discussion.

6. Meeting adjourned at 3:11 PM

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