



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes

### MILWAUKEE YOUTH COUNCIL'S RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVE ADVISORY BOARD

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Wednesday, January 17, 2018

2:00 PM

Room 303, City Hall

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#### 1. Call to Order at 2:12PM

**Present** 4 - Mahan, Himle, Muhammad and Coleman

**Excused** 2 - Banks and Boswell Sr.

#### 2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

*Ms. Himle moved, seconded by Mr. Muhammad, to approval of June 2, 2017 minutes.  
There were no objections.*

#### 3. Duties and Responsibilities of Restorative Justice Advisory Board

*Chair Haywood, started by opening up a discussion regarding the duties of this advisory board.*

*Mr. Muhammad said that is important for the advisory board in addition to the above, include conflict resolution, mediation and restorative practices in schools and partners that already have an implemented restorative justice system and join forces to leverage the effect of such.*

*Ms. Himle pointed members to the board responsibilities outlined in the initiative proposal.*

*The board shall be responsible for the following:*

- ☐ *Formalizing and reviewing the practices and procedures of the Initiative.*
- ☐ *Developing community support and outreach efforts.*
- ☐ *Making recommendations regarding the recruitment, selection and training of adult and youth volunteers to the Initiative.*
- ☐ *Advising adults and youth in matters relating to alternative judicial processes*

*Ms. Himle asked if any members have been formally trained in restorative justice practices. she said that it would be a vital training for members to be refreshed on and also make sure that there is a member of the peer panel is qualified, experienced in this area.*

*Mr. Mahan said that there was a restorative circles done with former U.S. Attorney that city employees, including members of the CDGA office were actively involved with to address community issues in this respect.*

*Mr. Mahan also pointed out that board should look at some of the issues that are taking place within the court system in respect to alternatives to revocation and finding*

*gaps to alternatives sentencing.*

*Mr. Coleman referred to discussion with the Dept of Correction and Children's court, regarding their commitment to working with this board; Mr. Mahan added that it is important to also consider other unmet needs such as, housing, transportation that may hinder their compliance with restorative justice. It would required an amendment of the resolution if Department of Corrections and Advisory Board were to be a cooperative or collaborative effort. Currently the court is limited to pre intake referrals said Ms. Himle. municipal ordinance violations relating to truancy, disorderly conduct or possession of marijuana shall be considered eligible for referral to the initiative.*

*advisory board is moving forward without amending anything*

**4. Appearance by local Youth Court - tentative**

**5. Youth Court logistics**

*Chair Haywood would like to invite to future meetings, other agencies that have already implemented a restorative justice practice.*

*Discussion points include, but limited to logistics of the recruitment process for youth panel membership,*

*Staffing services, Funding for this initiative and a Restorative Justice Trainer.*

*Ms. Himle asked could the Restorative Justice Trainer be the staff person of the youth court.*

*How many times would youth court meet*

*Mr. Mahan said that if looking to wrap with Interfaith, for example, they have the infrastructure set up already.*

*A member of the Youth Council, while working in an internship in washington, reach out to Senator Taylor requesting \$200,000 to fund the Youth Court for 2 years. This number was based on findings LRB researched.*

*reach out to MPS coordinator to meet with us*

*Who the initiative's Partners will be*

*Letter of recommendation*

*Essay*

*academic involment*

*Mr. Muhammad said that part of the Office of Violence Prevention Blue print report, restorative justice is a mayor component.*

*Should we provide training for peer mediation with community partners. you have to have a flow of agencies with this circles and that's how community feeds in.*

*is there access to disseminate for groups agencies interested to partner with MYCRJIAB, one resource with the message.*

*RECAST project focused on restorative practices in different settings*

*Mr. Muhammad will reach out to different groups that are already working in some capacity with restorative justice.*

*Grades should be a requirement*

*possible stipend for peer panel members*

*troubled schools implementation:  
South side-South Division  
North side-Washington*

*Captain Banks input would be helpful*

#### **6. Future topics for discussion**

*Inviting Professional Services Group a Milwaukee County community Accountability Panels.*

*MPS Andrew deLuito - Violence Prevention Program*

*Potential restorative justice partners.*

*Restorative Justice referral.*

*Ms. Zelazny will research regarding funding and how Restorative Justice programs work in other cities.*

#### **7. Meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM Joanna Polanco**

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