



Criminal Justice Services Governing Board

February 18, 2014 - 2:00 P.M.

Lakeside Place – 4th Floor Conference Room

323 West Lakeside Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Organizational Meeting Minutes

Members Present	
Edward FitzGerald, Chair	Cuyahoga County Executive
Judge John Russo, Vice-Chair	Common Pleas Court, Presiding & Admin. Judge
Timothy McGinty	Cuyahoga County Prosecutor
Sheriff Frank Bova	Cuyahoga County Sheriff
Robert Tobik	Cuyahoga County Public Defender
Chief Calvin Williams	City of Cleveland Division of Police
Members Absent	
C. Ellen Connally	Cuyahoga County Council President
Judge Kristin Sweeney	Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court
Chief Daniel Gilles	Cuyahoga County Police Chief Association
Judge Ronald Adrine	Cleveland Municipal Court, Presiding & Admin. Judge
Barbara Langhenry	Law Director, City of Cleveland
Judge K.J. Montgomery	Northern Ohio Municipal Court Judges Association
Mayor Gregory Kurtz	Mayors and Managers Association, President

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ed FitzGerald called the meeting to order, noting it as an Organizational meeting.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman FitzGerald called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013 meeting; all in favor; none opposed; minutes approved.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Nominations / Election Vice-Chair

Judge John Russo unanimously elected as Vice Chair.

V. Council Chair Appointments

Chairman FitzGerald reappointed Council Chairs below without objection:

- › Timothy McGinty - Agency Council
- › Craig Tames - Community Council
- › Jeff Mowry - Technology Council

VI. Performance Measures Dashboard

A. Justice System Reform Dashboards; progress update and expanded data sharing to better define the dashboards, including CourTools.

Jeff Mowry provided explanation on objectives 1 through 11, data collection, modifications as well as display of that information which is available on the County's Intranet. Items noted was the need for assistance with data collection from Municipal Court; policy establishment for Early Case Management (ECM) data collection; and determine visual clarity for display of public data.

B. Judge Russo's recommendations to hire an external consultant who can perform statistical analysis of dashboards and potential system efficiencies and cost benefits.

Judge Russo spoke regarding the above recommendation with regard to funding and future efforts, and noted hiring criteria be set by the Technology Council. Chairman FitzGerald added consideration be given to how benchmarks are measured within various departments. In addition, the full Board should be involved in the process and candidate selection. Judge Russo was asked to draft a job description and reporting requirements for review by the Board.

VII. Early Disposition Court (EDC) Update

Rejuvenation and potential benefit to the criminal justice system and enhanced justice.

Success in case expedition and future goals were discussed in relation to central booking.

VIII. Central Booking

Facility update and working model for both short term and long term central booking including:

1. Central Booking and frontloading the criminal justice system
2. Joint hiring of National Center for State Courts on scene Consultant to assist all Agencies
3. County Prosecutor's Office Risk Assessment Tool to predict case/defendant importance and appropriate resource allocation.

Prosecutor McGinty provided detailed discussion and answered questions on the above items.

Chairman FitzGerald noted the completed Agreement with the City of Cleveland for County takeover of jail services which may be relevant to central booking.

IX. Establish Abandoned Free Zones (AFZ's)

Reduce opportunity and crimes within zones. Prosecutor McGinty presented an initiative for demolition of abandoned properties concentrating on 400 or more homes in two areas of the county in an effort to reduce crime. Areas and funding considerations were discussed.

X. Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Office Metrics

1. Cold Case DNA Task Force Progress
2. Heroin crisis and prosecutions
3. Crimes by incident and location
4. Charging statistics
5. Dispositions

Prosecutor McGinty and staff reviewed the performance dashboard metrics on the Cuyahoga County Office of the Prosecutor's website; discussion on the heroin crisis and initiatives.

XI. New Business

Chairman FitzGerald made an official roll call, and commented on membership, and increased participation specifically from the Juvenile Court Division, as it relates to best practices and increased knowledge regarding juvenile offenders.

Future agenda items to include discussion on organized criminal activity within the jail populations.

XII. 2014 Meeting Schedule

April 29, 2014

July 29, 2014

September 30, 2014

XIII. Adjournment

With no further business Chairman FitzGerald called for adjournment; meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 2:00 PM

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