

Williston Community Justice Center Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2019

Present: Cristalee McSweeney (Director), Brenna Deavitt (Restorative Specialist), Diane Kinnon (Restorative Assistant), Marty DelNevo (Chair), Lillian Colasurdo (Vice Chair), Greta D'Agostino, Brant Dinkin, Adele Jennings, Cathy Kelley, Lorayne Lapin, Mia Marinovich, Carmella Martone, Jackson Neme, David Newton, Adina Panitch, Avery Paquin, Amanda Payne, Beckett Pintair, Bob Stafford, Katie Titterton, Alex Tucci

Absent: Melissa Akey, Stevie Allen, Josie Colt, Marion Cushner, Katherine Lee, Hannahlei McSweeney, Liz Merrill, Bill Pellechia, Mary Reynolds-Wahl-Greer, Ashley Sutton, Laura Wainer

I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- a) Minutes from the September 9th meeting were distributed.
- b) Motion to approve minutes: Brant Dinkin.
Motion seconded: Katie Titterton.
- c) Minutes approved.

II. Office Notes & News

- a) Both Greta and Tim have stepped down from the board due to commitments with work. They each contributed a lot during their time with the WCJC and will be missed.
- b) Thank you to Marion, Marty, and Lorayne for stepping in at the last minute to cover cases or phones this month.
- c) All 21 intakes for the protest cases have been complete and hearings are scheduled out through the end of the year.
- d) Our grant administrator at DOC has stepped down to accept a job with the Burlington Housing Authority. Grant reporting will now be directly to Derek.
- e) There will be a meeting at the end of the month about the future of CJC's in Chittenden County and potential funding cuts/reallocations.
- f) Scheduling:
 - i) Because a lot has shifted, everyone must confirm their permanent/regularly scheduled hearing dates.

- ii) Seven additional case nights have been added to handle the surge of cases. Please sign up if you are willing to pick up an extra case night or two.
- iii) Brenna will develop and share a Google Calendar and Lily will make sure it is linked on the WCJC website. <http://www.willistonjustice.org>
- g) Katie and Bob are working on outreach and education for the Richmond Police Chief and Richmond Selectboard. The hope is to increase awareness in Richmond about what the WCJC does for their town and explain the Center's need for support.
- h) The WPD has promoted two officers. Officer Joshua Moore has been promoted to Lieutenant. Officer Eric Shepard has been promoted to Sergeant.

III. Youth Panel Update

- a) Beckett updated the Board about the Youth Panel and a meeting the members had together to welcome the newest volunteers. The Youth Panel members did some icebreakers to get to know each other better and then did some problem-solving exercises to see how they work together as a team.
- b) They plan to get together for a few hours a month to work on things together and connect.
- c) The WCJC was recently acknowledged about the work it has done with our Youth Panel and the media has expressed an interest in interviewing members as part of a youth empowerment story.

IV. Training

- a) Next month there is planned training with:
 - i) Law enforcement about street drugs.
 - ii) New Americans about sexual violence.
 - iii) Experts on gang-related violence.
- b) At the January meeting everyone must complete the DOC 2 hr refresher course.

V. Time Allotted for Case Discussions.

VI. Adjournment

Marty DelNevo, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm

Minutes submitted by: Lillian Colasurdo, Vice Chair