Meeting Notes: 7/12/2010

Members present: Jackson, Strong, Hancock, Keogh, Harris and Nunez, Stubbs and Maldonado

Staff: Knox, Clark, and Hampton

Public: Progressive Dane Representative

Call to order: 5:45 pm

No Public Comments

Approval of June 28 meeting minutes:
Moved by Strong, Seconded by Nunez. Unanimous approval.

Opening Remarks: Keogh
“Your tomorrow is the result of your today…create it.”

Each member reflects and relates what the quote means to them.

Chair’s Report: See attached
Chair Jackson shares updates.

Chair relays that member of the MUM audience has written a letter to the County Executive requesting funds for the Implementation Team. Letter will be sent to Team via email. Discussion ensues around who/when to ask for letters to be sent to County Executive, Mayors?
Group decides to invite friends/colleagues to write letters.

Jackson describes in more detail the work with the Wisconsin Bar “adult education” piece. Pilot project for Dane and Columbia Counties on “substance abuse”. The group will have different panels travel to various locations in Dane and Columbia Counties. The attorneys will be paired with community based organizations and provide listening and information to constituents.
Introduction of Ishmael Ozane
Jackson thanks him for his attendance and welcomes him.

Ozane states that it is an honor to be present. He further states when looking at racial disparities in the criminal justice system each area has to be willing to “look in the mirror” at each stage to make potential changes. He is looking to gain efficiencies without losing humanity.

The Implementation Team discusses a number of different areas with incoming DA Ozane. They include:

Charging Conferences
Charging decisions and CCAP
Police Harassment of people of color
Hiring practices within the DA’s Office
Risk Assessment Tools
Community Education
Drug Court disparities
Funding resources
Diversion Programming
Juries and selection process
Restorative Justice
Cultural Competency and training in the DA’s Office
PROTECT System

Homework:

✓ Review the full report and top twenty recommendations. Prepare a list of your own top three recommendations to discuss on Monday, July 19, 2010

✓ Examples of moving policies into practice

✓ Enter the online doodle poll to check your availability for Mondays in Aug, Sept and Oct.
Check out:
**Share one word about your feelings regarding tonight’s meeting:**

Overwhelmed (given multiple times)
Hopeful (given multiple times)
Challenged (given multiple times)
Burning
Disappointed

**Next Meeting:**

**Monday, July 19, 2010**
**Room 351 City County Building**
**5:30-7:30 pm**

Adjournment: 7:45 pm

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