

Restoring Relations

Community Advisory Board (CAB)

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 31, 2020, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

viz Zoom

Present: June, Jody, Cindy, Melanie, Cameron, Mattie, Stephanie, Sarika (joined at 6 pm)

Absent: Steve, Tony, Connie, Townes, Nora, Jamie, Conor

Staff: Carol, Alfred, Yvonne, Pat

ITEM	ACTION
Welcome & Intros	Introductions – everyone shared something good from last 5 days
Agenda & Minutes	• Agenda approved • Minutes approved
New CAB Chair	• Jody thanked June for her years of service and constructive ways in which she has led the CAB meetings over the years. • Jody shared her story: Grew up in Newbury, VT. Mom an elementary counselor – natural intro to RP. Taught social studies 14 years at Spaulding. Moved into administration (Vice Principal) at U 32 in 2014 where she was told they use RP for discipline but given no training. In 2015, she went to IIRP for training. They decided that all U32 teachers should be trained in RP. Jody got trained to be a trainer with others and now they train all teachers and some staff. Barre CJC worked with truancy case at U 32, which introduced Jody to CJs. Then involved as affected party in cases handled by MCJC RJ Panel. Finishing MA in RP this Spring. • Talked about work she is doing with training school staff and students in RP.
New RJ Program Coordinator	• Carol centered herself for her new job with a 5 day retreat & meditation practice • About Carol: Hardwick CJC Director for 13 years. A small organization so was only staff - both Director and RJ Program Coordinator. Also started COSA there. Interest and passion for RJ took root when she worked for Smuggler's Notch as their ski school administrator. Hiring was through experiential learning – prospective staff invited to come for for two days of team activities. Facilitating team activities introduced Carol to the power of relational team building. In 2002 went to Woodbury College Mediation Program & introduced to RJ through that program. Served as a volunteer on an RJ Panel in Johnson. Did conflict management training

	and consultation and mediation for businesses for several years. Has known Yvonne & Judy for years through CJNVT. Experience with CJNVT – active in building accreditation standards and as its last Board Chair. Has been active with other statewide initiatives engaged in growing RJ in Vermont. Project Director of the Safe Driving program, which is a restorative program and has facilitated the program at times. Knit & work in friend's yarn shop on Saturdays.
MCJC Program Updates – continuing during Coronavirus environment	• Yvonne: DOC & DCF requesting CJs to provide RJ services to manage conflicts emerging in motels where DCF has arranged for people who have been homeless to be housed. Trying to figure out need in Washington County and work with Barre CJC to respond. • Alfred: 5 COSA meetings happening weekly using Zoom. Still involved with COSA core member who has been involved for 3 years & holding monthly meetings. Another core member going to rehab and one coming back from rehab. Going to start a new COSA – a bit of a challenge since it will all be remote. Reaching out to men in ACTV groups to touch base until groups resume. • Pat: has heard from someone who was in COSA years ago. In constant communication with Carol and happy because they work the same way with Excel Spreadsheets and time stamps. Working out the glitches related to work from home. • Carol: Trying to keep up and learn everything. Cancelled RJ Panel meetings for 2 weeks. Have to reschedule into late April & early May. First Zoom RJP meeting happening tomorrow. Have to make sure participants have access to needed technology. Learning Judy's systems and figuring out files. Still working on remote connection to documents. Staff is taking turns in office. New MPD referral & from SA office in past week.
Follow up discussion from the last CAB meeting	• Justice Reinvestment Act seems to have taken a back seat in the Legislature • CJs being called on to do more • In the midst of other priorities and current need for CJC services, there has been no indication that CJC grants will not continue into next grant cycle
Next steps	• Next meeting – June 30, 2020 • Yvonne's retirement and plan for new Director must be addressed prior to June meeting. Yvonne will be in touch when there are fewer unknowns.