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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Fourth Meeting-The Planning Subcommittee**

**Date:** May 25, 2021

**Time:** 12:00PM-2:00PM

**Microsoft Teams Virtual Location:** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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**Agenda Items:**

**1. Welcome and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm

		Video	Absent
1	Chair- Mary Quinn	X	
2	Strong Oak	X	
3	Becky Michaels	X	
4	Erin Freeborn*	X	

\*left at 1:30pm

**EOPSS Staff:** Anjeza Xhemollari and EOPSS intern Katie Queally

**Others in attendance:** Brenda, Armand, Jill, Jo-Ann, Kathy, Anya, Vikki and Susan

**2. Welcome and introduction of everyone present**

Mary Quinn was the circle leader for the day. All members of the subcommittee and members of the public went around the circle as a way of checking in with everyone and welcomed new members of the public, Anya, Vikki and Susan. The new members of the public were identified by responding to the survey and outreach by EOPSS.

**3. Discussion of a circle process**

Members of the subcommittee and members of the public jointly discussed the process of a circle. New members did not know what was discussed at the last meeting and therefore they passed. Subcommittee members and public members love and respect the circle process. They found that sometimes dialogue and discussion is very important but there is no real opportunity for dialogue. At times, there are some conflicts and confusion, so perhaps there should be some process of time to hold dialogue and that way it will help with the confusion of the process. In the end, the subcommittee decided to continue with the circle process and to make

sure that members do not get out of the circle and participate in order. Public members find the circle process helpful because this is the only subcommittee that they could participate and give feedback.

**4. Discussion: action items to bring back to RJAC as recommendations, including items raised at 4.27.21 meeting**

- a. Education about RJ should be a priority of the RJAC.
- b. Essential to include more people and more diverse voices in discussion about what the education should include and who the audiences should be.
- c. Participants in the meeting committed to inviting more people to the next subcommittee meeting (5/25) specifically returning citizens and respondents to the RJAC survey.
- d. The subcommittee wants short-term next steps to be guided by a long-term vision.
- e. Long-term visions for RJ include support for RJ in communities, schools, prisons, support at reentry.
- f. Long-term vision legislative changes include revisiting provisions concerning confidentiality, mandated reporting, and who can be a voting member of the RJAC.

Subcommittee members and members of the public talked about their individual experiences with RJAC. The theme of the meeting was education. Who does the education? Whom are we educating? Who are the communities that want to collaborate with us? These questions keep coming up and the circle continues to talk about this important topic.

The subcommittee at whole talked about including more people from the community and to ensure there are more people of color on the committee. The committee needs to include returning citizens and the background check needs to be more lenient.

Strong Oak brought up changes of mandatory reporting. She had concerns about those changes and she was not happy about it. She was worried that mandatory reporting rules may prevent some people from participating in restorative justice because anything they say will be used against them. Strong Oak will bring this up at the full committee and EOPSS was advised to provide an update to what is going on with mandated reporting changes and or legislation.

**5. Topics to address at next meeting**

N/A

**6. Adjourn**

Meeting ended at 1:55pm