

Champaign County Racial Justice Task Force (RJTF)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 25, 2017
6:30 pm

I. Call to Order

Sara Balgoyen called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

There was no quorum at this point in time. 9 members were present.

A quorum was met at 6:51pm.

The quorum was lost at 8:12pm.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: M. Ar-Raheem, S. Balgoyen, L. Branham, E. Dee, A. Felty, R. Hughes, E. Patt, C. Randolph, S. Silver, G. Walter.

Members Absent: S. Byndom A. Evans, D. Harber, S. Lerner, A. James, H. Ross, A. Shelton, D. Turner.

III. Approval of Agenda

Maryam Ar-Raheem moved to approve agenda. Esther Patt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Esther moved to approve the minutes. Gerry Walter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. Public Participation

There were no public comments at the time of this agenda item.

VI. Presentations

Juvenile Justice Initiative - Betsy Clarke

The JJI is working to right-size the juvenile justice system including decreasing incarceration. Betsy shared data regarding the 16 juvenile detention centers. She also shared information about Redeploy Illinois. She spoke about efforts and programs that should be implemented to reduce the need for juvenile detention. Sara will send the presentation that was shared with the task force.

Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission/DMC - Susan Witkin and Karima Douglas

Susan and Karima discussed their work to improve the juvenile justice system. Susan works with agencies and communities to improve data collection. She shared materials that help explain the

juvenile justice system and how it operates. Juvenile justice councils was one recommendation shared with the task force.

Karima discussed her work with other groups on the topic of race and the criminal justice system, especially how to effectively analyze data through the lens of race. She stressed how to think about and communicate the recommendations that we would like to make.

VII. Task Force Member Comments/Updates

This item was tabled.

VIII. New Business

These items were tabled.

IX. Subcommittee Meetings

This item was tabled.

X. Adjournment

Esther moved to adjourn.