

Washtenaw Equity Partnership, First Working Group Meeting, September 29, 2021

- 32 participants (- SK, LS, TD, AR, AC from Vera Institute)
 - Alma Smith, CREW
 - Nichollette Hoard, PD juvenile division
 - Peri Stone-Palmquist, ED of Student Advocacy Center
 - Brock Dietrich, MI DOC (6 counties)
 - Brad Schmidt, Dawn Farm
 - Judy Gardner, NAMI
 - Lisa Gentz, WC Community MH (jail, specialty court)
 - Deborah Labelle, attorney in Ann Arbor
 - Gregory Dill, County Admin
 - Belinda Dulin, Dispute Resolution Center ED
 - MaryAnn Sarosi, CREW
 - Carol Kuhnke, Circuit Court Judge
 - Sue Shink, WC Commissioner
 - Eli Savit, WC Prosecutor
 - Natalie Holbrook, AFSC
 - Heather Martin, Youth Arts Alliance
 - Justin Hodge, WC Commissioner (Ypsilanti)
 - Judge Miriam Perry, District Court Judge
 - LaWanda Hollister, returning citizen
 - Desirae Simmons, Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, CREW
 - Morgan Foreman, MI House of Rep., both parents incarcerated
 - Dan McNeil, person formerly incarcerated
 - Jim Fink, lawyer in private practice (Ypsilanti)
 - Delphia Simpson, Public Defender
 - Che Carter, Principal at Huron H.S.
 - (Jessica, young person, got disconnected)
 - (Alize Asberry Payne, Racial Equity Office of WC, had to leave early)
- Vera Institute presentation & answers to questions received:
 - This will be a yearlong process
 - Several different mechanisms are available for research; potential to conduct virtual interviews inside facilities, as well
 - Subcommittees will include membership from the WG and will report back to the WG.
 - There will also be a public website
 - Sounds pretty similar to our CJCC. How do they differ?
 - Answer: The two will work hand in hand. More community involvement here. The two can work together to report to BOCC.
- Goals activity: Saved chat with responses
- Voting
 - Voting:
 - Majority/Consensus
 - Blocking ideas and building consensus (Interest in exploring Fist to Five option? Materials to be sent over email)
 - Majority, but still collect ideas?
 - Majority by 2/3
 - 16 votes for; no opposed votes

- Quorum: 50% + 1 = 16/16; no opposing votes
- Delegates
 - Discussion on allowing for delegates, allowing for non-voting delegates, or no delegates at all.
 - No delegates: 14/20
- Guiding principles:
 - Yes: 20/20
- Subcommittee:
 - Yes: 18/18
- Co-chairs: Alma Smith, Sue Shink
 - Yes: 20/20