

Burlington Community Justice Center (BCJC)
Citizens' Advisory Committee
Thursday, 3.15.18 at 8:00 am
BCJC (200 Church Street)

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Our mission is to create opportunities with the community to address the effects of crime and conflict

Meeting Agenda

- 8:00-8:10 Relationship Building
- 8:10-8:15 Approval of November minutes
- 8:15-8:25 Update of CAC-revision research thus far
- 8:25-8:55 Ken Shatz Award discussion

The ***Ken Schatz Award*** was created in 2013 to honor those who have demonstrated exemplary commitment to restorative justice, community-based responses to crime and conflict, and helping people stay out of (or preventing their return to) the criminal justice system.

Previous awardees were:

2013: Ken Schatz

2014: Sally Fox

2015: Richard Kemp

2016: Marija Valencak

Nominees received from CJC staff thus far for 2017 are:

- Officer Brian DeFranco, School Resource Officer at BHS who is stepping down from that post at the end of this school year and has been a strong advocate of RP and of the CJC
- Outdoor Gear Exchange: the CJC has established a firm connection with OGE as an engaged business which supports the work of the RJ panels. The Loss Prevention staff as well as management have spent a good amount of time in conversations with CJC staff about accountability balanced with deterrence and how OGE can promote both goals
- Christine Longmore: as a former VABIR employee and CJC contractor, Christine worked for over 12 years to help people with criminal records find training and employment.

- 8:55-9:00 Additional items / confirm agreement on hiatus for CAC for time-being

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Notes

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In attendance: Jan Wright, Sara Moore, Deb Thibault, Henri Sparks, Gabe Dixon, Eileen Blackwood

Staff: Rachel Jolly

1. Reviewed and approved November minutes
2. Rachel shared with the group the discussions she's had with external partners (the Chiefs of the BPD, Pablo Bose, Cindy Cook, Gail Champnois, and Jay Diaz, as well as observing Montpelier CJC's CAB and a Chittenden County Court Diversion panel) thus far regarding the redesign of the CAC. The Committee brainstormed a variety of ideas including using the Committee for time-limited, project-based needs, rather than meeting on a regular basis. We should check the Safer Communities DOC grant language for the requirement of this body. The need for better community representation, specifically youth and New Americans, was discussed as well as being very clear on roles and expectations of the Committee. In the meantime, we agreed to put the Committee on 'hiatus' until such time as we have a clearer proposal.
3. The group discussed the three nominees for the Ken Schatz award and unanimously voted for Christine Longmore as the 2017 awardee.
4. Appreciation was shared for both Sara's and Gabe's contributions to the CAC as we wished them well!
5. Adjournment at 8:55 am