

Washtenaw Equity Partnership (WEP) Post-Sentencing & Reentry Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, March 18, 2022, 2:30-4:00 PM

<https://verainstitute.zoom.us/j/96989371249?from=addon>

Agenda

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1. Welcome, grounding & introduction of new members 10 min
2. Review WEP research priorities 15 min
 - What are the primary drivers of racial disparities within and upstream of the criminal legal system and how can they be intervened on?
 - What do county residents need to thrive and feel safe, and are government agencies and other service providers delivering those needs?
 - What gaps exist in access to community resources/services?
 - What opportunities exist to increase the use of non-punitive alternatives and to move problems outside of the criminal legal system?
 - What are strategies to increase transparency around racial disparities in the criminal legal system?
 - What are strategies to increase accountability around racial disparities in the criminal legal system?
3. Set subcommittee's research priorities and direction discussion* 45-60 min
4. Any other business and questions 5 min
5. Adjourn

Attachments:

Subcommittee Priorities Brainstorm

Guiding questions/ideas:

Wrapping our heads around postconviction issues:

Conditions of confinement after sentencing: jail and prison conditions—do they foster healing and rehabilitation?

Access to programs—therapeutic and vocational/educational within prisons and the jail—what are they? Do they work?

Are we interested in exploring probation, jail, and prison sentences and the patterns in sentencing and practices towards release (kinds of sentences, who is sentenced--age, race, gender, geography and for what and for how long) and who gets released (parole)? Numbers and demographics of successful parole and probation completion?

More?

Reentry

Getting the data. What do we know? What do we need? Who is on parole / probation in Washtenaw county?

What programs and practices are working well? Where are the gaps? Who gets services? Who does not get services?

Resources to help with discussion:

Reentry:

Colorado community reinvestment: <https://transformingsafety.org/>

Impact Justice's Homecoming Project: <https://impactjustice.org/impact/homecoming-project/get-involved/become-a-host/>

[Decarceration Strategies: How 5 States Achieved Prison Population Reductions](#)

Post-conviction:

Conditions in jails and prisons+programs/education:

Food in prison Report: <https://impactjustice.org/impact/food-in-prison/#report>

[How Michigan became a success story for prisoner college programs-Michigan Advance](#)

[Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Case Study](#)

[A google link to view some conditions advocacy on women's huron valley:](#)

Sentencing and Parole information from Safe and Just:

https://www.safeandjustmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Michigan_sentencing_and_parole_system.pdf

[“I Don’t Want To Die in Prison”: Prison Conditions, Decarceration, and Mutual Aid in the Age of COVID-19](#)