

Judicial and Law Enforcement Task Force Meeting  
June 22, 2016 4:30 p.m.  
Roger B. Wilson Government Center, Room 214

Present: Bernie Andrews, Kimberly Shaw, Chris Fitzgerald, Ric Doubet, Jacob Clifford, Ann Peters, Michael Trapp, Lisa Thomas, Keith Hoskins, Carisa Kessler, Kelly Wallis, Megan Steen, Michael Hestir, Toni Messina, Christine Carpenter, Mary Epping, Kelli Canada, Phil Steinhaus, Janet Schisser, Michael Foster, Rusty Antel, Janet Thompson.

Janet Thompson first gave an update on the Stepping Up initiative. A Sequential Intercept Mapping workshop, co-facilitated by Dr. Don Kamin and Dr. Steve Lamberti, will take place at the Sheriff's Annex on August 22, 2016. The facilitators explained to Rusty and Janet that the maximum number of participants for this process to really work is 40, so only 40 participants will be invited to this initial meeting. Janet used the analogy of a wheel, with this group being the hub of the wheel, and stated that those who, for sheer lack of space, weren't included in the workshop, will be added to the group as we break into work groups, that form the spokes of the wheel. (Janet now believes that her analogy was flawed because the hub of the wheel is the people of our community, and the group of 40, joined by the rest of those working with these issues, form the rim of the wheel and what interventions we create will be the spokes of the wheel).

Mike Hestir, with the City of Columbia Community Outreach Unit, then spoke about the new policing model that he and the other officers involved in the Unit are utilizing to make a difference in the community. Their mission is to open lines of communication with the community while rebuilding community partnerships and relationships. Their goals are to listen and act upon the cares and concerns of the community; to establish a network of community contacts; to create an environment in which community members can communicate with police; to identify problems areas, people and situations within the community; to identify areas in which police meet the needs of these communities and areas in which police don't meet their needs, to responsibly enforce the law and build trust in those who call police; and to make police available to network and interact with community members.

Mike spoke about the need for a database that officers and others in the community can use to readily identify resources for those in need. Phil Steinhaus and others referred to the 211 and VAC and Columbia/Boone County guides that can be used and Mike told the group about a volunteer who is creating a searchable database that can be edited in real time and will be a clearinghouse for these resources.

Kelly Wallis gave an update about FACE, and how it might interact with the Community Outreach Unit.

Toni Messina described the neighborhoods that Columbia had identified and the factors used to identify them and Mike shared diagrams of those neighborhoods.

Mike told the group that ride-alongs are available so that people can see firsthand what the program is doing and seeks to accomplish. Contact Mike at [michael.hestir@como.gov](mailto:michael.hestir@como.gov)