

Justice and Public Safety Council

Friday, June 17, 2016 – 11th Floor Boardroom, 1001 Douglas St., 2:00 to 4:00

Minutes

Chair: Lori Wanamaker
Attending: Brent Merchant, Lynda Cavanaugh, Joyce DeWitt-Van Oosten, Richard Fyfe (vice-Chair), Clayton Pecknold, Bobbi Sadler, Kurt Sandstrom, Mark Sieben
Ex-officio: Allan Castle
Guests: Jane Morley, Coordinator, A2JBC
Regrets:

Agenda and prior minutes

The agenda was approved. The minutes from May 4, 2016, were accepted.

Access To Justice British Columbia (A2JBC)

The Chair welcomed Jane Morley as a guest of the Council. Jane is the Coordinator of A2JBC, the provincial committee established as a follow-up to the Supreme Court-led National Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters. A2JBC is chaired by Chief Justice Robert Bauman of the Court of Appeal for British Columbia, and has approximately 25 full members from various stakeholder groups and organizations.

Jane provided members with an overview of A2JBC activities. A2JBC is currently focused on civil and family access issues, with the “triple aim” of increased access for system users, improved user experience, and decreased costs. The intent is to employ a collective impact approach to encourage new initiatives directed towards the triple aim, with users as the focus and as partners, and an openness to multidisciplinary work and experimentation. Collective impact approaches are characterised by establishment of common goals and shared outcome measures, mutually reinforcing activities, consistent communications and the establishment of a backbone of resources/critical mass to knit the work together. Through these means, the intention is to overcome the implementation gap which has characterised historical approaches to A2J. To assess progress, A2JBC is being supported in its work by an Access Measures sub-Committee.

An example of the work being contemplated by A2JBC include a move to the presumption of consensual dispute resolution (Presumptive CDR) in the first instance.

ACTION: Richard and Allan will coordinate over a reciprocal presentation concerning JPSC at a meeting of the smaller coordinating committee of A2JBC, at an early opportunity.

Police Performance Measures

Clayton provided an overview of the recently-held BCACP workshop on police performance which he and Allan attended. The BC police community continues to develop a framework for performance measurement. In addition, advances with respect to warehousing of aggregate police operations data (regarding both dispatch and incident records) mean that a number of technical barriers to aggregate analysis of police information have been overcome.

ACTION: Clayton and Allan will follow up with the BCACP and PRIME Corp at the nearest appropriate juncture, regarding current organizational and technical readiness to consider incorporation of one or more province-wide measures of police performance within the Council's suite of key indicators.

Sixth and Seventh BC Justice Summits

The Council was in agreement that the Sixth Summit just concluded, on "Justice, Mental Health and Substance Use," had been successful in achieving objectives for the event. The draft report, when ready, should form the basis of engagement with key stakeholders in the development of the agenda for the Seventh Summit. The Seventh Summit will build on the conversation at the previous event and focus on actionable recommendations for concrete reforms.

The Council was advised of current steps being taken to identify a facilitator for future Summits beginning in 2018.

Aboriginal Justice Council of British Columbia (AJCBC)

The Council was advised that the Executive Lead of the Council's Secretariat (Allan Castle) had been invited to attend a meeting of AJCBC in September, to discuss the future Justice Summit process with respect to Indigenous justice issues.

ACTION: Allan will attend the meeting and provide a subsequent report to the Council.

Meeting adjourned; next meeting Friday, September 16, 2016, 1:30 to 3:30