Justice and Public Safety Council

Agenda

Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016 – 11th floor boardroom, 1001 Douglas St. 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Minutes

Chair: Lori Wanamaker

Attending: Lynda Cavanaugh, Brent Merchant, Clayton Pecknold, Bobbi Sadler, Kurt Sandstrom,

Mark Sieben

Ex-officio: Allan Castle (Coordinator)

Guest: None

Regrets: Joyce DeWitt-Van Oosten, Richard Fyfe, Jason Kuzminski, Caroline McAndrews, Rozi

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1. Agenda and Minutes

The agenda and minutes were approved.

2. Seventh Justice Summit

Allan provided Council members with an overview of the draft agenda for the upcoming Summit on November 25th, addressing "Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Use." Members discussed the draft, and made a number of suggestions to be relayed to Steering Committee regarding the balance of speakers; the addition of reference to progress made following prior Summits; and the importance of lived-experience speakers and participants in such an event.

3. 2017 Justice Summits

Members were advised that it is anticipated that the Ministers will approve a cycle addressing Indigenous justice issues for the 8th and 9th Summits in 2017. Preliminary discussions with the Aboriginal Justice Council of BC have already occurred with respect to a prospective agreement between AJC-BC and the Council to cooperate on developing an agenda for these events. Meetings will begin in early January.

4. Performance Measures Update

The draft 2016 Performance Measures Update, previously circulated, was discussed. Members responded favourably to text added with respect to Mental Health, Access to Justice and Police performance measures which may be developed in the coming 12 months. Data updates for 2016 from various branches have yet to be received and the document cannot be finalized for approval until they are in hand.

ACTION: The revised document will be circulated for approval and release once data updates are complete.

5. Proposed Membership Changes

It was recommended that, with the appointment of Joyce Dewitt-Van Oosten, QC to the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and the forthcoming retirement of Brent Merchant from the position of ADM Corrections, some membership changes previously scheduled for summer 2017 be recommended by the Chair to the Ministers for actioning sooner, i.e.:

- immediate appointment of Patricia Boyle, ADM of Community Safety and Crime Prevention;
- immediate rescinding of the appointment of (now Justice) Dewitt-Van Oosten;
- in the New Year, appointment to the Council (on selection) of newly-incumbent ADAG Criminal Justice Branch and ADM Corrections Branch; and rescindment of appointment of Brent Merchant on retirement.

Members were supportive of the recommendation.

ACTION: This recommendation will be made to the Ministers for approval at the next available briefing opportunity.

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, December 7th 2016, 2:30 to 4:30