

Justice and Public Safety Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 14th, 2017 – 11th floor boardroom, 1001 Douglas St.

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Chair: Richard Fyfe (Chair; for Lori Wanamaker)
Attending: Elenore Arend, Patti Boyle, Lynda Cavanaugh, Clayton Pecknold, Bobbi Sadler, Kurt Sandstrom, Mark Sieben
Ex-officio: Allan Castle (Coordinator)
Regrets: Members: Lori Wanamaker; Ex-officio: Rozi Debreci, Jason Kuzminski, Caroline McAndrews

1. Agenda and minutes

The agenda and minutes from January 16th were approved as previously circulated.

2. Membership changes

The Chair extended welcome and congratulations to Elenore Arend of BC Corrections further to her recent appointment to the Council.

3. Update on action items

Further to actions requested at the January 16th meeting:

- The Council's Performance Measures Update for 2016-17 has been released to the public and may be viewed online via the Council's website (www.justicebc.ca).
- A draft of the 2017-18 strategic plan renewal has been prepared and circulated to Council members for review. Updates of some data elements are still outstanding, along with accompanying analysis, and will be incorporated on receipt.

4. Seventh Justice Summit ('Justice, Mental Health and Substance Use')

The Summit report was delivered to the Ministers, the Chief Justices and the Chief Judge, and released to participants and the public, on February 6th.

With respect to implementation of the Summit recommendations on coordinated crisis response and continuity of care, Allan Castle has been asked to lead development of a draft plan document for signature. Discussions regarding an advisory committee have begun with the Ministry of Health, BC Corrections, and the BC Association of Chiefs of Police, with other key stakeholders to be invited as consultations continue. The goal is a draft document for dissemination and review in the spring.

ACTION: Allan to provide regular status reports to Council on plan development, through to the deadline in November.

5. **2017 Summit Cycle (Eighth and Ninth Summits)**

The Council was provide with a summary of discussions between Council members and the BC Aboriginal Justice Council in the past month. It has emerged that more substantial engagement is required on the way forward for Indigenous justice issues before the Summit process might be brought to bear. Therefore, by mutual consent a BC Justice Summit on Indigenous justice matters is deferred until at least 2018.

Council members then discussed a range of alternative topics for the 2017 cycle. The consensus of the membership was that the topic of 'Technology and the BC Justice System' be suggested to the Ministers for their consideration in selecting a theme.

ACTION: Mark and Richard to secure briefing time with the Ministers of Justice and Public Safety to identify the preferred topic for the forthcoming Summits. Allan to begin identification of a Steering Committee once the Ministers' preference is known.

6. **2017-18 Strategic Plan draft**

The Council acknowledged receipt of the initial draft of the Strategic Plan renewal for the coming year, providing some feedback on content and organization of the draft text.

ACTION: Members are to provide feedback on the first draft to Allan not later than Monday, February 20th. Allan to circulate a second draft by Monday, February 27th.

7. **ROUNDTABLE**

Members were reminded of additional opportunities for frontline sector staff to attend the upcoming Trauma-informed Practice training event, scheduled for March 1-2 in Richmond.

Additionally, given some members' and the coordinator's attendance at the above event, the next meeting of the Council may require rescheduling.

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, March 1st 2017, 2:30 to 4:30 (but see above)