

Racial Justice Improvement Project 2nd Annual Training Conference

October 21st-22nd 2011

American University, Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Thursday, October 20th

6:00pm-8:00pm Dinner, *Alfio's La Trattoria* 4515 Willard Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Friday, October 21st

8:00 Board Atlas Limo Shuttle at Marriott Hotel for transport to Washington College of Law (WCL)

8:00-8:45 ***Conference Registration***
WCL --Room 603
(courtesy continental breakfast provided by WCL)

8:45-9:30 ***Welcome/Introductions/Conference Overview***

9:30-10:30 ***Task Force Reports***
Each task force will give a short (10-12 minute) presentation on the major accomplishments of their task force during the past year, discuss their racial justice reform proposal, followed by a brief Q & A period.

9:30-9:45 Delaware (Justice Henry duPont Ridgely)

9:45-10:00 Saint Louis County, MN (Rebecca St. George)

10:00-10:15 New Orleans, LA (Jee Park, Esq.)

10:15-10:30 Brooklyn, New York (Gayle Dampt, Esq.)

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:45 ***Supplemental Funding and Technical Assistance***

This panel will discuss opportunities for each task force to receive additional grant funding and technical assistance to implement its racial justice reform initiatives. Presenters:

1. *V. Nadine Daniel*, Program Manager, Fox Valley Technical College (BJA NTTAC)
2. *Julius Dupree*, Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
3. *Carolyn Cooper*, Associate Director, Criminal Court Technical Assistance Project (BJA CCTAP)
4. *Lori Eville*, Correctional Program Specialist, National Institute of Corrections (NIC)

- 11:45-1:00 ***Luncheon Presentation: Prosecution and Race***
 Guest speakers from two leading national non-profit organizations will discuss their ground-breaking work in addressing racial disparities in the prosecution of criminal offenses.
 Speakers:
Nicole Austin-Hillery, Director and Counsel of The Brennan Center’s Washington, DC Office and contributor of “*Racial Disparities in Federal Prosecutions*”
Whitney Tymas, Director, The Vera Institute Prosecution and Racial Justice Program
- 1:00 Board Atlas Limo Shuttle at WCL to go to the MLK Memorial
- 1:15-2:15 ***Martin Luther King Memorial Tour (and group photo)***
 We will take a shuttle bus to tour the newly-erected Martin Luther King Memorial and take a group photo on site.
- 2:30-4:00 ***Site Visits***
 Each Task Force will be transported by shuttle bus to meet with a government agency or non-profit organization that has subject matter expertise in the specific area of criminal justice reform that will be the focus of the work of the task force.

New Orleans Task Force: Diversion and Language Access Services

American Bar Association, 740 15th Street, NW, WDC, 8th floor Hughes Conf. Rm.
 Two Maryland diversion programs--Montgomery County and Baltimore--will discuss how they service Latino clients and how they incorporate community service and GED education. Salma Safiedine will moderate the discussion. Panelist include:

- *Nan Reagan*, Supervisor of Diversion Programs Montgomery County, Maryland;
- *Sharon Trexler*, Chief of Pretrial Services Division Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation
- *Robert Weisengoff*, Director, Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services Baltimore Pretrial Release Services Program;
- *Spurgeon “Kenny” Kennedy*, D.C. Pretrial Services Agency, Vice-President of National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies (NAPSA)

Minnesota Task Force: Alternatives to Pretrial Detention

D.C. Pretrial Services Agency, 633 Indiana Ave., NW, WDC (11th Fl. Boyer Conference Room)
 Representatives from the nation’s premiere Pretrial Services Agency and the nation’s leading advocacy organization for bail reform and pretrial detention alternatives will discuss the reforms proposed by the task force and assist with an implementation plan

Presenters:

- *Susie Shaffer*, Executive Director, D.C. Pretrial Services Agency
- *Hon. Truman A. Morrison III*, Senior Judge, D.C. Superior Court and Chair, Pretrial Justice Institute Board of Trustees (invited)
- *John Clark*, Senior Project Associate, Pretrial Justice Institute
- *Cherise Fanno Burdeen*, Chief Operating Officer, Pretrial Justice Institute

Delaware Task Force: Automated Systems to Monitor Probation Revocation Decisions

Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), 633 Indiana Ave NW, 12th floor
Director’s Conference Room

CSOSA, the District of Columbia agency responsible for probation and parole supervision, will discuss the research and development of its state-of-the-art automated supervision management system (“SMART”) that will allow community supervision officers to provide more effective management of persons under criminal justice supervision and better use of graduated sanctions.

Presenters:

- *Calvin Johnson*, Director of Office of Research and Evaluation, CSOSA
- *Afi Harrington*, Managing Partner of Delta Decisions of DC (CSOSA consultant)
- *Tom Williams*, Associate Director for Community Supervision Services, CSOSA

Brooklyn, New York Task Force: Racial Disparities in Sentencing DUI Offenses

Location: The Sentencing Project, 1705 DeSales Street, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC

The Sentencing Project is one of the leading research and advocacy organizations in the area of sentencing disparities and racial justice reform. Its Executive Director, Marc Mauer, will discuss the work of the task force thus far and provide insight and guidance on possible reform measures.

Presenter: *Marc Mauer*, Executive Director, The Sentencing Project

4:00 Dinner (on your own); shuttle will be available for transport back to Marriott Hotel

Saturday, October 22nd

8:30 Board Atlas Limo Shuttle at Marriott Hotel to go to The Washington College of Law (WCL)

8:45 Complimentary continental breakfast provided by WCL (Room 524)

9:00-10:30 ***Year Two: Timelines, Expectations and Requirements***
All of the deadlines, milestones, interim deliverables, and reporting requirements in the second year of the Racial Justice Improvement Project will be discussed and explained.

10:30-10:40 Break

10:45-12:15 ***Individual Task Force Meetings***
Each task force will develop and discuss how they plan to implement their racial justice reform over the course of the year and make initial plans for task force programs, training sessions and “interim deliverables”.

Room 500: Delaware
Room 501: Minnesota
Room 504: New York
Room 526: New Orleans

- 12:15-1:30 ***Luncheon and Discussion***
 During lunch we will discuss and strategize about upcoming opportunities to obtain additional funding for each task force to implement their racial justice reform in Year 2 and beyond.
- 1:30-2:30 ***Task Force Presentations: The Implementation Plan for Racial Justice Reform***
 Each task force will give a short (10-12 minute) presentation on what steps they will take in the coming year to implement racial justice reform and outline any anticipated technical assistance or supplemental funding that will be required.
- 1:30-1:45 Delaware (Hon. Brendan O’Neill)
- 1:45-2:00 Saint Louis County, Minnesota (Judge John De Santo)
- 2:00-2:15 New Orleans, LA (Michael Bradley, Esq.)
- 2:15-2:30 Brooklyn, New York (Gayle Dampt Esq.)
- 2:30-3:00 ***Upcoming Racial Justice Improvement Project Presentations/Programs***
- December 8, 2011 - National Legal Aide and Defender Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
 - Feb. 4-6, 2012 - ABA Annual Mid-Year Conference (New Orleans, LA)
 - April 12-14, 2012 - ABA Criminal Justice Section Spring Meeting (Los Angeles, CA)
 - May 9-12, 2012 - National Conference for Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts (Omaha, Nebraska)
 - August 2-4, 2012 - ABA Annual Meeting (Chicago, Illinois)
- 3:00-4:00 ***Closing Presentation***
 This final presentation will address all outstanding administrative matters (i.e., contracts for grant funds, distribution of grant funds, training evaluations, etc.)
- 4:00 Atlas Limo Shuttle Bus to Airport (from WCL to National Airport)