North Carolina Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice

Working Group #4
Addressing Racial Equity in Trials and Post-Conviction
Meeting #3

Date: 18 August 2020
Time: 8:00 AM EST
Chairperson: Hill, Henderson

AGENDA

I. Welcome & Motion to Approve 8/11 Minutes (3 minutes)
   • Workgroup Chair, Henderson Hill

II. Meeting Outcomes/Review Agenda (2 minutes)
   • NCCJ Facilitation Team, Karen Dyer and Michael Robinson
     i. Approval/feedback on proposed schedule;
     ii. Gathering background information on jury selection and extreme sentencing;
     iii. Determination of any recommendations for upcoming Task Force meeting.

III. Review of Proposed Work Schedule (5 minutes)
   • Substantive Staff Lead, Mercedes Restucha-Klem

IV. Review of Comments from Listening Session (5 minutes)
   • Administrative Staff Lead, Malia Benison
V. **Presentation: Addressing Racial Disparities in Jury Selection** *(15 minute presentation, 3 minutes Q&A)*
   - UNC School of Government’s Racial Equity Network Project, Emily Coward

VI. **Presentation: Redressing racial disparities in extreme sentences** *(15 min. presentation, 3 mins. Q&A)*
   - NC Prisoner Legal Service, Ben Finholt

VII. **Discussion: Recommendation regarding expanded executive clemency** *(5 mins.)*
   - Task Force Member, Mary Pollard

VIII. **Discussion regarding Recommendations** *(10 mins.)*
   - NCCJ Facilitation Team, Karen Dyer and Michael Robinson

IX. **Data & Research Questions Review** *(5 minutes)*
   - Substantive Staff Lead, Mercedes Restucha-Klem

X. **Next steps** *(5 minutes)*
   - Workgroup Chair, Henderson Hill