

NORTH CAROLINA TASK FORCE ON RACIAL EQUITY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Victim Advisory Panel Meeting

2.2.2022 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Present: Angelica Wind (TREC), Deborah Maxwell (TREC), Mike Hawkins (TREC), CocoEva Soleil (North Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking), Murphy Sullivan (Guilford Family Justice Center), Shatara Sheppard (Buncombe Family Justice Center), Nisha Williams (North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence), Ruhani Amin (North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence) Latiana Appleberry (North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission)

Absent: Teresa Avant (NCVAN), Brenda White (Guilford Family Justice Center)

1st Meeting Agenda

- 1) Welcome, Introductions (Icebreaker? “What Does Racial Equity Mean to you?” (Angelica Wind, member of Task Force)
- 2) Overview of TREC (Holly Jones, NCDOJ, Public Protection)
- 3) Setting Expectations/What This is and Isn't? - (Angelica and Holly)

The Victim's Advisory Committee was formed with the understanding that as policies are being created that impact victims/survivors of crime as it relates racial equity within the criminal justice system, that victim/survivor voices need to be a part of those discussions.

Victim/survivors are not a monolithic group and justice looks different from victim/survivor to victim/survivor. Survivors understand that justice and safety does not always equate to calling the police or having someone incarcerated, and for communities like mine, for example, calling the police may not always be the best option.

It is wonderful to getting to know everyone and what you bring to the table to the Victim's Advisory Committee. While I am sure that you are all aware of what an Advisory Committee is and what it isn't, I wanted to still be sure we are all on the same page. The Committee is an opportunity for victims/survivors to provide input on recommendations drafted by TREC. Your insight and voice are important.

However, want to make sure that we understand that while some of us are primary, secondary or both types of victims/survivors, the group is not for us to air out our grievances about our specific case, we will be discussing policies that impact larger community of victims/survivors. If want to air out grievances about your particular case, feel free to contact me and I would be happy to talk to you about it.

Understanding trauma and healing is cyclical and not linear, some days we are going to show up in different ways and we want to honor that. The fact that you showed up is a gift to us and we want to be mindful. As such, we ask that you speak in terms of generalities. We don't want to silence your story but ask if you are going to share specific details of your story, that you ask

the group if it is okay to do so. We want to make sure that there is consent and that we are ready to receive your story.

If you are someone that tends to be an active participant, we ask that you step back some and for the folks that tend to be a listener more than talker, we ask that you step up because everyone's voice is important. We also ask that you not interrupt someone when they are talking.

4) Set Regular Meeting time (Angelica)

5) Adjourn (Angelica)