



*What additional resources does the Committee need to do its work? What are some early wins?*

### **Priority Issues**

*The following were identified as possible areas for the Committee to focus its work. Please come prepared to prioritize a few (3-4) for action. We should think about a few 'quick wins' and a few systemic changes. We can also add to this list, combine issues, or correct anything that is misrepresented. We have also added issues that rose from the tasks of our first meeting*

#### *Scale what works*

1. Expand JRI
2. Use data and evidence based programs
3. Examine the Family Justice / domestic violence programs for their applicability to other populations
4. Expand the number of mental health courts
5. Expand the number of drug courts
6. Expand the number of ACT Teams
7. Expand use of intensive supervision
8. Increase diversion programming (funding, equal access)
9. Propose a streamlined rapid Medicaid enrollment process for individuals who are incarcerated for longer periods of time, who stay longer, for individuals who may have lapsed prior to entry, or for folks who are newly eligible (micro-expansion) (Tim's addition)

#### *End needless incarceration*

1. Legalize possession of marijuana
2. Increase non-incarceration alternatives for those who do not remain clean
3. Increase access to Legal Defender Services
4. Expand the earned time credit provisions for the state Justice Reform Initiative (JRI)
5. Reform the warrant program and increase people's ability to respond to outstanding warrants
6. End or greatly reform Justice Courts
7. End policies that encourage the incarceration of individuals who are homeless
8. Reform cash bail requirements that discriminate against low income individuals with low level offenses
9. Pass the original JRI proposed legislation providing for a new third degree felony (Patrick's addition)

#### *Ensure equal treatment*

10. Increase access to behavioral health services from the moment the need is identified.
11. Integrate primary care and behavioral health (substance abuse and mental health) services
12. Change policies that make it harder for people with felonies to get housing
13. Fight NIMBYism (enforce federal laws, strengthen state laws)
14. Change the Good Landlord provisions that reduce housing options for ex-offenders
15. Increase efforts to help individuals expunge their records
16. Expand employment programs for ex-offenders (Ban the Box) (See attached article)
17. Make recommendations to end the state and county's school to prison pipeline and its impact on communities of color (see data provided in minutes)
18. Review charges and treatment of women convicted for solicitation
19. Review risk / needs assessments for bias that (may) increase the score of people with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities and youth. (see reports provided by Ana and Nubia)
20. Create more housing alternatives for individuals who are not sober / clean (Jacki's addition)