

Transforming Our Criminal Justice System: Engaging Our Community

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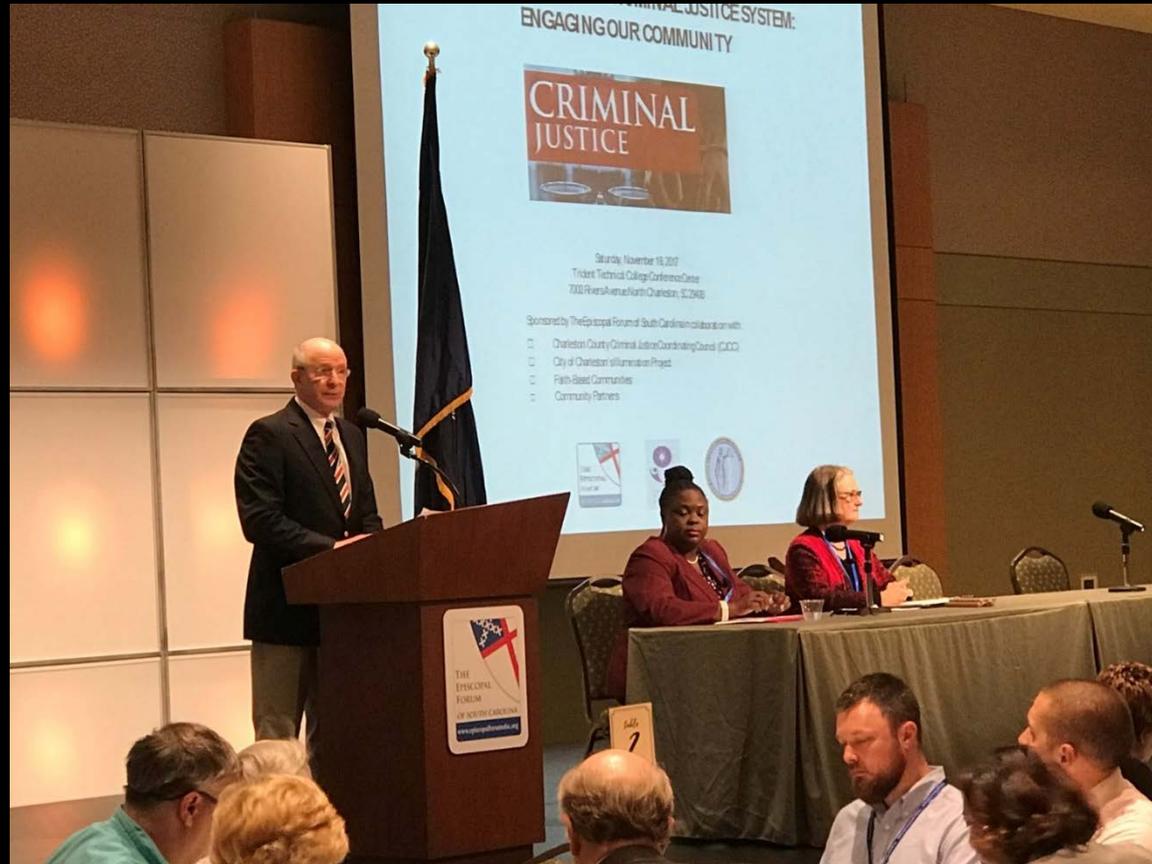
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Warren Mersereau, President of EFSC, welcomes attendees.



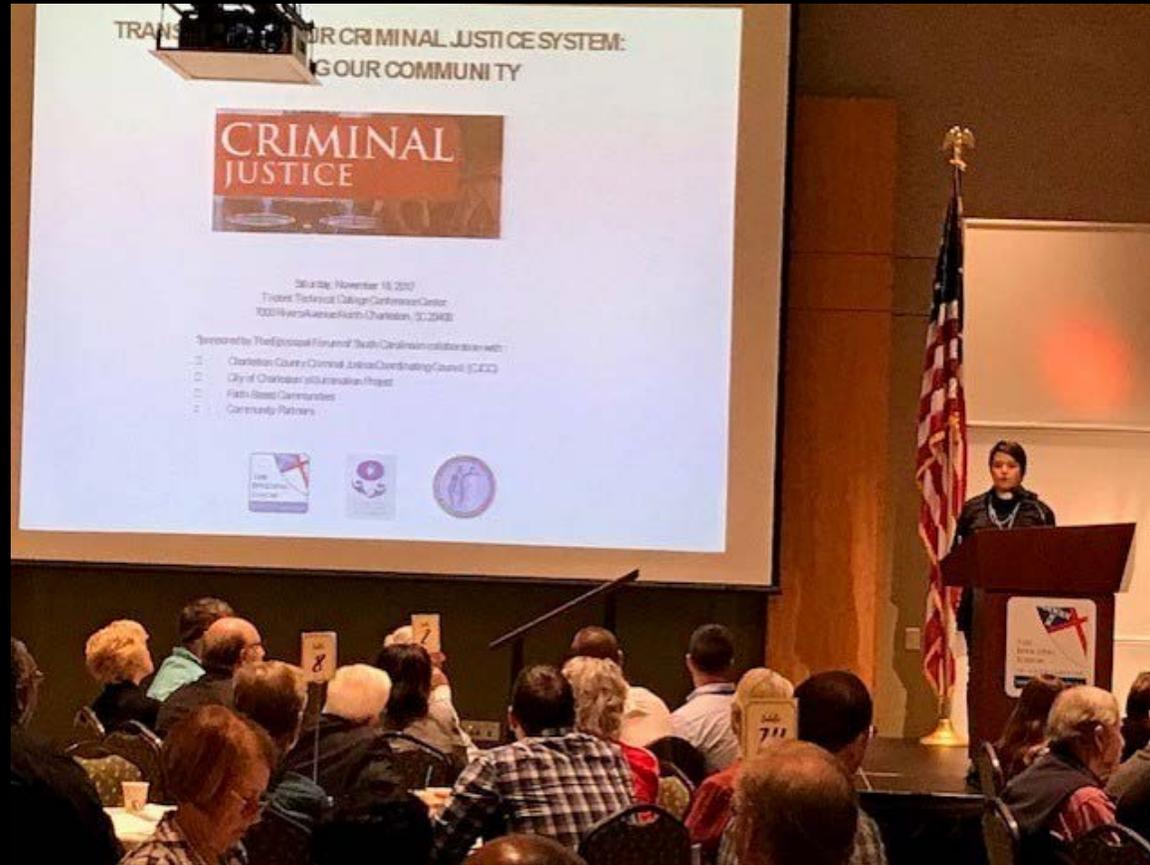
Margaret Seidler, Illumination Project, provides context and framework for mass incarceration issue and explains polarity thinking.



Rev. Dr. James Yarish, Chaplain and Vicar at St. Philips' Chapel, Voorhees College, introduces Archdeacon Walpole.



Archdeacon Calhoun "Callie" Walpole, Episcopal Church of South Carolina, discusses faith-based communities and the criminal justice system, highlighting the relationship that developed between Grace and Mt. Zion AME in the broader context followed by viewing of parts of 13th and a news reel about the CJCC.



LaVanda Brown, YWCA of Greater Charleston, leads second table group discussion asking what surprised or did not surprise viewers in the video clips. Table facilitators used printed guidelines to keep discussion on track.



Rev. Cress Darwin, Senior Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston, introduces local and statewide perspectives on current justice systems strengths and opportunities for improvement panel.



Kristy Danford, Charleston County CJCC Project Director, describes efforts to improve the local justice system and rethink jail use in Charleston, highlighting what the local data shows and translating research into practice.



What We Do

- Mission to assist in making sustainable, data-driven improvements to Charleston County's criminal justice system and thereby improve public safety and community well-being.
- Comprehensive efforts led by this sustained group to:
 - Focus on the system
 - Address common challenges through agreed-upon solutions.

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Bryan Stirling, Director, SC Department of Corrections, Representative of the SC Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee, discusses Department of Corrections improvements and challenges.



Margaret Seidler introduces “Poppa Smurf” as an individual who successfully transitioned to life after incarceration, mentors others in making good choices, and avoiding mistakes.



Bourouis El-Idrissi, Imam, Central Mosque of Charleston, introduces matters of pretrial justice that align with legal foundations and best practices panel.



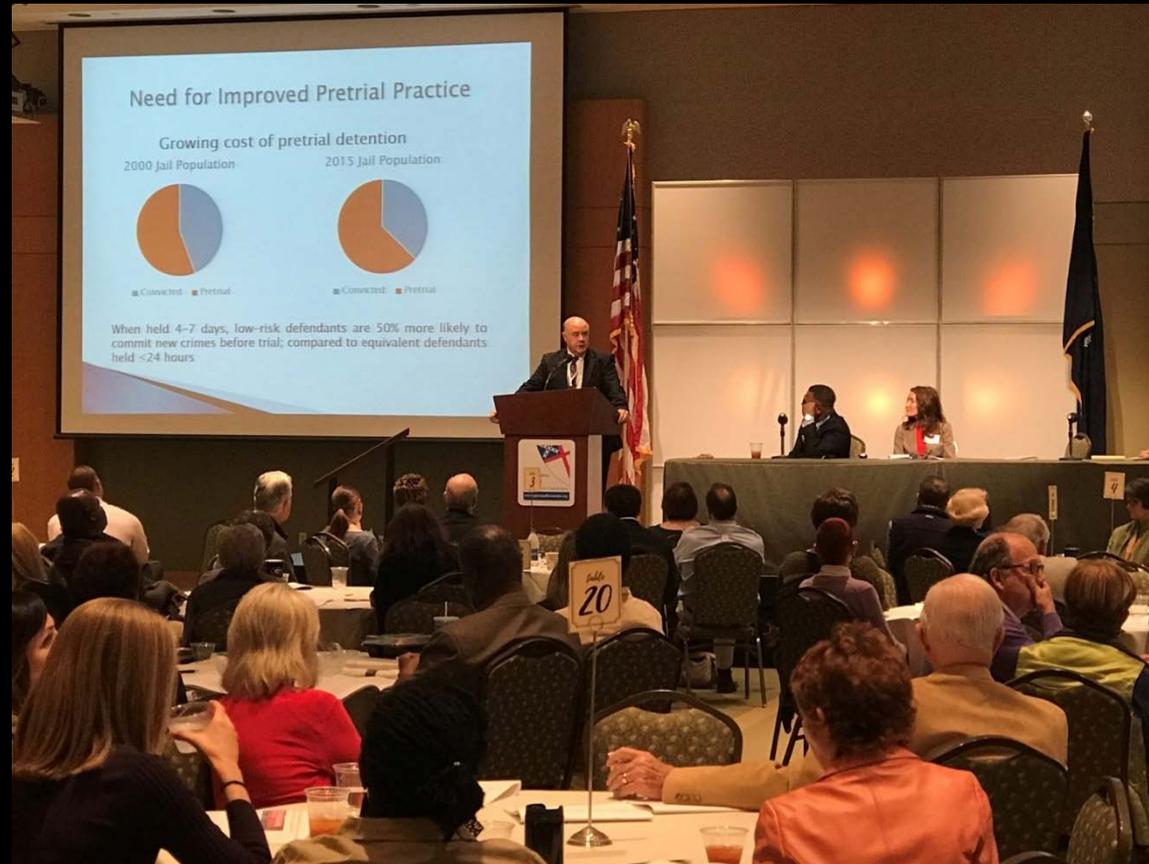
Honorable Leroy Linen, Chief Magistrate, Charleston County, delivers legal foundation for least restrictive conditions weighed against risk of new arrest and/or risk of flight pending trial.



Panel views CJCC video illustrating pretrial risk assessment process prior to bond court hearing and the public defender available at bond court.



Mitch Lucas, CJCC Chairman, Asst. Sheriff Charleston County, discusses law enforcement perspective on arrests and the use of detention pending trial.



A table facilitator asks question of panel about pretrial.



Ashley Pennington, Circuit Defender, talks about financial status and justice.



Rich Robinson, CJCC Community Representative, Senior Chaplain, Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, introduces the panel focused on addressing the needs of those living with mental illness, addiction, and/or homelessness.



Jeff Yungman, One80 Place Legal Services Director, talks about homeless justice.



Viewing CJCC crisis intervention scenario illustrating law enforcement deflecting individual to Tri-County Crisis Stabilization Center.



Dr. Chanda Brown, CJCC Co-Vice Chair, Charleston Center Director, presents best clinical practices for substance use disorder treatment.



Deborah Blalock CJCC Co-Vice Chair, Charleston Dorchester Community Mental Health Center Director, presents mental illness treatment perspective.



Kristy Danford, CJCC Project Director, shares potential to bring more evidence-based programs to scale in Charleston and why it matters for public safety, community well-being and taxpayers.



Police Chief (Retired) Greg Mullen, City of Charleston Police Department, speaks about community-based perspective on the problem of reoffending within the high-risk population.



Amy Barch, Turning Leaf Project, Director and Founder, presents high-risk offender treatment to reduce recidivism.



CJCC-created film includes video simulations of best practices classroom exercise at Turning Leaf Project.



Deon was released from incarceration in March 2017. He recently completed the Turning Leaf Program and shares how cognitive-behavioral therapy has helped his reentry into the community and changed the way he thinks.



Deon receives a standing ovation and a hug from Amy Barch.



Rev. Dr. Kylon Middleton, Pastor, Mt. Zion AME Church of Charleston, calls the community to action.



Mayor John Tecklenburg and Mrs. Sandy Tecklenburg attended the conference and were eager to talk to panelists at the close of the day.



Lowcountry RISE exhibitor table: there were 17 exhibiting organizations set up for attendees to visit.

