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**Subject:** Community Planning-Plans

**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon, Chairpersons-

Due to the current pandemic and as per our phone conversation, WCTCOG has elected to allow Chairpersons of Community Planning Committees in the 19-county WCTCOG Region to approve and adopt their current Community Plans for the next four years from the date it was last adopted, as long as it meets the requirements (e.g. includes the top 5 critical needs, how local communities are engaged in the process, gaps in resources, etc). *Please see below*. If it meets the requirements, I will need a letter by November 13, 2020 on letterhead from you stating that the Committee has approved this process and the plan would next need to be updated (new plan adopted) in 2024. Addendums will be permissible if applicable. With this said, WCTCOG has the right at any time during the duration of the next four years to mandate annual in person meetings. The individual county/counties are welcome to have in person or virtual community planning meetings any time they see fit. Keep in mind that you are required to notify our office of the date, time and location of all Community Planning meetings at least 72 hours prior to each meeting.

Per the new Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, Task CJ5 Strategic Planning

Task CJ5.1

*The COG shall create a strategic plan for prioritizing the criminal justice needs in the COG's Region. The criminal justice needs relevant to this plan include, but are not limited to, criminal justice system improvements, juvenile justice system improvements, direct victim services, and mental health/substance abuse treatment.*

*The strategic plan must describe the following:*

- a. How local communities are engaged in the planning process;*
- b. The data used to support the plan;*
- c. The stakeholders participating in the planning process;*
- d. The gaps in resources for criminal justice needs;*
- e. The criminal justice priorities identified during the planning process; and*
- f. How the plan will be used by the CJAC during the prioritization process.*

*The plan must also include an executive summary, not to exceed two*

*(2) pages, written for a general public audience that describes the following:*

- a. The strategic planning process; and*
- b. The top five (5) most critical needs for the region across all criminal justice areas.*

*The plan should not exceed a 5 year cycle.*

*Upon request from the PSO, COG shall provide a copy of the most current strategic plan to PSO.*

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for all you do for WCTCOG and your community.

## **Irene Laurance**

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