



# Community Conversation: Public Safety

# Agenda

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Causes of crime – *Professor Sarah Greenman*
- ▶ What Ramsey County is doing to promote public safety – *Commissioner Nicole Frethem*
- ▶ Facilitated conversation with panelists



Welcome

# Conversation expectations

## Goals

Deeper understanding of community safety

Overview of how Ramsey County is promoting public safety

Respectful conversation

## Expectations

Listen to understand

Communicate to be understood

Be respectful

“The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned.”

Bryan Stevenson

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption (ed. 2014)

Grounding thought

# Causes of crime

Professor Sarah Greenman

# How Ramsey County is Promoting Public Safety

Commissioner Nicole Frethem

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Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.

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Albert Einstein

Strategic Priority: Aligning Justice System Outcomes with Community Values



# Criminal Justice and Public Safety Reforms

- Reducing fines and fees
- Alternatives to Juvenile Detention
- Appropriate (911) Responses
- Healing Streets Violence Prevention

# Goal: Structural Well-Being

## Social Determinants of Health



# Economic Inclusion





# Transforming Systems Together

## The Housing Continuum



# Housing Investments

- NYFS
- Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties
- State Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health
- Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative
- Youth Justice Transformation

## Other appointments

# Facilitated Conversation

Please write your comments and questions on notecards provided

Moderator will work to lift up the most common questions/comments for panelist discussion

Full list of submitted question and comments will be shared in follow up to event along with event feedback summary

# Facilitated Conversation Panelists



**Sarah Greenman** is an Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Hamline University. She does research in the areas of sanctioning and deterrence, violence and victimization, and community based crime prevention focusing on a variety of crime types from intimate partner violence to pyramid scheme victimization. In addition to conducting research, she regularly teaches courses on Victimology, Theories of Criminal Behavior, and Courts and Sentencing.



**Christopher Nguyen** is the Founder and Principal at Aberrant Law PLLC. He is the chair of the Ramsey County Corrections advisory board, a council member for the Minnesota State Bar Association's criminal law section, and a member of the Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Nguyen is also an Officer in the United States Army and Minnesota Army National Guard, serving as a Judge Advocate and as a member of the Judge Advocate General Corps. He has been married to the love of his life, with whom he shares share 6 children, for nearly 25 years.



**Bruce Peterson** was a District Court Judge from 1999 until his retirement in May, 2019, sitting in Hennepin County, Minnesota. From 2006 to 2008 he was the presiding judge of Hennepin County Family Court. From 2008 to 2013 he initiated and presided over Co-Parent Court, offering supportive co-parenting services to low income, unmarried parents establishing paternity. From 2013 to 2016 he presided over the Hennepin County Drug Court and specialized calendars for people who are homeless and women charged with prostitution.

Judge Peterson was a 1978 graduate of Yale Law School, a special assistant in the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and a partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Popham, Haik, Schnobrich and Kaufman. He was the 2013 recipient of the Hennepin County Bar Association Professionalism Award and many other recognitions. He has been an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota Law School since 2003. He has written and spoken widely on issues of law and public policy.



# Thank you

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