

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Minutes – August 18, 2016

**Call to Order.** Chair Nelson called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 3:02 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

**Committee Members Present:** William Rankin, Chair Eric Nelson, Lance Horozewski, Chief David Moore, Steve Howland, Supervisor Sandy Kraft, Billy Bob Grahn, Sheriff Robert Spoden, Kelly O'Brien (alt. for Angela Moore), David O'Leary, Jim Neitzel (alt for Troy Enger), Judge Daniel Dillon, Captain Dan Molland (alt for Chief David Zibolski) at 3:22.

**Committee Members Absent:** Mary Weaver, Kate Luster, and Marc Perry.

**Staff Members Present:** Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Tracey VanZandt, HR Secretary; Gina Koehl, Deferred Prosecution Director; and Jacki Gackstatter, Clerk of Courts.

**Others Present:** Neil Deupree; Lynda Owens; Supervisor Kathy Schulz; Kelly Mattingly, Public Defender's Office; Mike Fallon and Ruth Kopack, J.O.B. Beloit.

**Approval of Agenda.** Mr. Howland moved approval of the agenda, second by Sheriff Spoden. ADOPTED.

**Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2016.** Mr. Rankin moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Howland. ADOPTED.

**Follow up Discussion Regarding Jury Selection and Potential for Racial Bias.** The District Attorney has talked to the Clerk of Courts and there is a state wide procedure in place for jury selection. Judge Dillon introduced himself and cited two significant studies that were done on jury reform in Wisconsin, *Jury Reform in Wisconsin: Where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going* (dated May 2006, prepared by the Wisconsin Committee of Chief Judges Subcommittee on Juror Treatment and Selection) and *An Audit of the Jury Selection Process in the Milwaukee County Circuit Court System* (dated July 2007). Judge Dillon said that Rock County is currently operating in accordance with Wisconsin State law. There may be some small room for change. Judge Dillon quoted the report prepared by the Wisconsin Committee page 9: "The Department of Transportation annually provides a list of persons residing in the area to each clerk of circuit court. Each circuit may then either use that list or supplement it to create a master list with any of the following: 1) voter registration lists, 2) telephone and municipal directories, 3) utility company lists, 4) list of payers of real property taxes, 5) lists of high school graduates, 6) lists of persons receiving aid to families with dependent children (AFDC)." CCAP just recently made the decision to start pulling from all these supplemental lists. Judge Dillon read several other notable parts from both studies. He urged the committee to review the reports. Ms. Gackstatter said that the biggest discrepancy in responses is by age group not race. Ms. Gackstatter said that beginning in 2017 they will begin mailing the questionnaires every six months instead of annually to see if this will improve the response rate.

**Update and Discussion on EBDM Initiative.** Chair Nelson said that Phase V has ended and the committee is waiting for the Phase VI determination which will be in September. The EBDM kick-off event was held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at Blackhawk Technical College. The Janesville Gazette wrote an

article about the event and there was also an editorial. Not all information was correct in the articles but it did offer good publicity for the EBDM Initiative. The Community Education subcommittee will be meeting next week to review survey results from the kick-off event. The next EBDM meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns.** Sheriff Spoden reported that two weeks ago he and Sheriff Mahoney from Dane County were invited to our Nation's Capital to attend a meeting to review the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing. Some of the items they discussed were transparency, social media, use of force and mental health. They are working on creating a database of officers that have been decertified and have this database accessible to any agency. Rock County currently does a very thorough background check on potential candidates but this is harder for smaller agencies. Another recommendation was a call center where law enforcement officers can call anonymously when they have issues that they would like to talk to a Mental Health professional about. Sheriff Spoden also met President Barack Obama and the President spoke about his commitment to officers throughout the country. Sheriff Spoden said that the law enforcement executives that were in attendance started an email chain so they can freely share things that are going on in their parts of the country.

Chief Moore said that his department is having procedural justice training today in response to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century policing report.

Captain Molland said that the SRO (School Resource Officer) conference was held recently at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. A grant has been received which will allow for Rock County Crisis to work with law enforcement in three chosen Beloit schools. This will assist youth in crisis situations to avoid arrest. The community listening sessions have ended. The Beloit Police Department is now moving on to the education phase. They will reach out to youth to attend a meeting next Tuesday with community pastors.

Mr. Horozewski said that Beloit Schools have contracted with Community Action for a facility for expelled students.

Captain Molland said that the Beloit Police Department is taking their recruiting on the road. They recently have experienced a shortage of qualified candidates.

**Consideration of Future Areas for CJCC Focus/Action.**

- Discussion on Admission requirements for Drug Court
- Clerk of Courts Payment Plan (invite Judges for discussion)
- Discussion of TelMate program with Sheriff's Office

**Citizen Participation and Announcements.** Sheriff Spoden said that the Annual RECAP Farm to Table event was held yesterday. The food was fantastic. The program will break even this year. Sheriff Spoden encouraged the committee to attend next year.

Health Net of Rock County/Southern Wisconsin Conference on Mental Health will be held at the Pontiac Convention Center on September 19, 2016. For more information or to register go to the Health Net website at [www.healthnet-rock.org](http://www.healthnet-rock.org).

CIT training will be held the week of October 10<sup>th</sup>. Funding for this training will be provided by NAMI Wisconsin. More information will be forthcoming.

Chair Nelson announced that he had EBDM handouts from the kick-off event for anyone interested. The event was also recorded on video, contact Ms. Pohlman McQuillen if interested.

Ms. Owens asked what can be done to recruit more minority officers. Sheriff Spoden said that they did some recruiting at the National Night Out event and are actively working on recruiting a more diverse workforce. The goal is for the agency to reflect the population served.

Judge Dillon wanted to acknowledge Judge Werner and all that he has done for our community and congratulations in retirement.

**Future Meeting Date:** Thursday, September 15, 2016, 3:00 P.M., Courthouse Conference Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courthouse East.

**Adjournment.** Mr. Rankin moved adjournment at 4:12 P.M., second by Mr. O'Leary. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt  
HR Secretary

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