

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Minutes – February 21, 2019

Call to Order. Chair Horozewski 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: Kelly Mattingly, Billy Bob Grahn, Kate Luster, David O’Leary, Deputy Chief John Olsen (alt. for Chief David Moore), Chair Lance Horozewski, Vicki Brown (alt. for Angela Moore), Marc Perry, Carol Wickersham, Bill Rankin, Mike Fallon (alt. for Steve Howland), Troy Enger, Captain Thomas Stigler (alt. for Chief David Zibolski) and Judge Barbara McCrory (alt. for Judge Daniel Dillon) at 3:55 P.M.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Terry Fell, Sheriff Troy Knudson and Lonnie Brigham.

Staff Members Present: Dr. Kendra Schiffman, HSD Analyst; Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager; and Captain Brent Deremer, Rock County Sheriff’s Office.

Others Present: Faun Moses, Public Defender’s Office; Supervisor Kathy Schulz, County Board Supervisor; Erin Davis, JM4C; Rahn Gearhart, J.O.B.; Hanna Metcalfe, Community Action; Dorothy Harrell, NAACP; and Ethel Below.

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Fallon moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Grahn. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2018 and January 17, 2019. Mr. Mattingly moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Ms. Wickersham. ADOPTED.

Discussion regarding Law Enforcement Response to Opioid Overdoses. Captain Stigler said the Beloit Police Department (BPD) started tracking overdoses back to January of 2017. There were 135 overdoses in that timeframe. (This number is only overdoses that police responded to, it is unknown how many overdoses police did not respond to.) Of the 135 overdoses, 15 were fatal. Half of the fatal overdoses contained fentanyl. 20 individuals accounted for 45 of the overdoses. Out of those 20, six are now dead. These numbers make it apparent that we have an opiate epidemic. This epidemic is taxing our resources. What are we going to do about this epidemic? Deputy Chief John Olsen said JPD (Janesville Police Department) doesn’t have data but he is sure JPD’s numbers would be similar to BPD. JPD has a dedicated officer assigned to the opiate epidemic. Ms. Davis reported that the Heroin Taskforce is working on a couple things they hope will help the epidemic. They are forming a mobile response team and working on increasing prevention coalition through HIDTA. Milwaukee County has shared some of their prevention strategies. Rock County Health Department is looking at a platform for tracking data. Ms. Davis said she has seen Narcan training attendance dwindling over the past six months. One of the largest problems is the lack of treatment beds.

Discussion regarding Jail Reentry Efforts in Rock County. Chair Horozewski handed out a memorandum that was issued to the County Board of Supervisors from Kate Luster and Sheriff Troy Knudson in regards to jail reentry services. The committee reviewed the memo. Captain Deremer said 203 individuals were served in 2018; 96 so far in 2019. Ms. Wickersham would like to see the reentry services information disbursed to faith networks in Rock County. She feels the biggest reentry problem is no housing available. In general, there is a housing shortage in Rock County. She thanked the jail for

now providing a GED program for women. Captain Deremer said they were able to work this out through Blackhawk Technical College.

Follow-Up to Criminal Justice System Data and Racial and Ethnic Disparities and Criminal Justice Reform Discussion and Develop Action Steps. Dr. Schiffman continues to work on analyzing the data at point of arrest and disparities at arrest by jurisdiction. More information will be forthcoming.

EBDM Update. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said they met last week. The committee has been reformed through the County Board and the workgroups continue to work on their change targets. The JusticePoint contract has been signed and they have begun assessments at the jail. The data will be analyzed after the three month pilot. Diversion is close to being implemented. At the state level, there is a new executive order reauthorizing the State CJCC. They are hoping to have a two-day training soon.

Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns. Nothing besides earlier discussion today.

Consideration of Future Areas for CJCC Focus/Action (from current and past meetings).

- Chief Moore would like to track school violence
- Mr. Brigham would like a presentation on Restorative Justice
- EBDM presentation on Risk Assessment
- Mr. Perry would like to speak with Homeless liaisons in Beloit and Janesville to get an update on unaccompanied youth population
- Ms. Wickersham would like a conversation on AODA/Mental Health services in the Rock County jail and wrap around services in the community. Mr. Brigham would like to extend this to Rock County youth
- Safe Families presentation
- Mr. Perry said there have been several studies that name Wisconsin as the most segregated state. He would like to have a conversation around solutions to this issue. He will forward the links to these studies for Ms. Pohlman McQuillen to distribute.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Supervisor Schulz asked if we had an estimate of how many beds/housing we are short in Rock County. Mr. Perry said he did not have the data with him but it is a significant number. Just for example, House of Mercy currently has a waiting list of 140 people and on any given day there are 300 to 350 people homeless in Rock County.

Ms. Moses said she contacted Angel Eggers at Rock Valley Community Programs to do a presentation on the jail reentry programs. Ms. Moses will email the presentation information to Ms. Pohlman McQuillen for distribution.

The Diversity Action Team of Rock County is sponsoring a presentation on School Policing tonight at 6:30 P.M. at Craig High School.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen requested everyone on the committee complete the CJCC survey she emailed out.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019, 3:00 P.M., Courthouse Conference Center, 2nd Floor Courthouse East

Adjournment. Mr. Fallon moved to adjourn at 3:58 P.M., second by Mr. Grahn.
ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,
HR Secretary

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