

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

May 19, 2011

Call to Order. Vice Chair Kraft called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council order at 4:07 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Sandra Kraft, Neil Deupree, Regina Dunkin, Max Arriaga, Lorenzo Henderson, Phil Boutwell (for Charmian Klyve), Chief David Moore, Eric Nelson, Tom Gubbin (for Art Thurmer), and Perry Folts (for David O'Leary).

Committee Members Absent: Chair Marv Wopat, Patrick Cork, Judge James Daley, Ed Pearson, George Smith, Jr., Sheriff Spoden, and Rich Gruber.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Lance Horozewski, Juvenile Justice Division Manager, Human Services; and Steve Singer, Crisis Medical Director, Jail Psychiatrist.

Others Present: Kay Deupree, Janesville League of Women Voters; Supervisor Jason Heidenreich; Supervisor Bob Fizzell; Kathy Stephenson, Vice President, NAMI Rock County; Tony Farrell Sr.; and Lynda Owens, League of Women Voters.

Approval of Agenda. Vice Chair Kraft requested to move item 12. up after item 3. Ms. Dunkin moved approval of the agenda with this change, second by Mr. Gubbin. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes. Ms. Dunkin moved approval of the minutes of April 21, 2011 as presented, second by Mr. Henderson. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Vice Chair Kraft reported that for Drug Court Month we had asked Chief Justice Abrahamson to attend County Board and, unfortunately, she is not able to make it to the meeting but did send a video message.

Mr. Nelson said there were two graduates and one participant who spoke about their experiences at the Drug Court presentation. These are very moving accounts as they are not only getting off drugs but they are also patching families back together, and changing their lives. Chief Justice Abrahamson had many thanks for many members here at County Administration, and the Drug Court team. This was a very nice recognition and she was very complimentary.

Report on Mental Health Consultant Phone Conference, Draft of Preliminary Report, and Next Steps. Mr. Deupree said, as you remember, the consultants sent their 20-page report along with recommendations. The phone call was about 1 ¼ hour conversation and we were also given homework to get feedback on the report and also to get the report to the people who need to know. He said they also need to start thinking about a team to start looking at the mental health system and AODA. Who should be on the team to start implementing the strategic plan. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said we want comments from the Mental Health Committee and from the CHCC as well as those who have asked for it. They want feedback from everyone. Mr. Deupree said he feels they need to treat both AODA and mental health together because they go hand-in-hand. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said comments are all due back by June 1, 2011.

Update on Offender Reentry Resource Fair 2011. Mr. Gubbin said they are trying to get a few more vendors involved and he went over the list of those who will be there. He asked if anyone

knew of others who would be interested and to contact them or get the information to either Ms. Pohlman McQuillen or him.

Legislative Update: Assistant District Attorneys and Concealed Carry. Mr. Folts said the furloughs for the ADAs were rescinded and the Joint Finance Committee took action on the next two fiscal years on pay, so ADAs will be working for the remainder of this year.

Mr. Folts said, regarding concealed carry, he knows that Mr. O’Leary has concerns and the Humphrey case is a good example for this.

Chief Moore said he is concerned from an officer perspective as they have to make split second decisions on who is a friend or a foe. This would cause the officer to hesitate and this could cause injury to officers and/or citizens.

Officer Henderson said he agrees with Chief Moore and added that he understands about second amendment rights, but he knows it worries the officers on the street. He said to look at some of the bigger cities who took an aggressive stand and the fallout they had.

Mr. Nelson said he believes the second amendment did not mean private citizens but this was shown wrong in 2008.

Ms. Dunkin said she does not feel this is a good idea for the children because they may feel this is okay for them too.

OWI Court Training Update. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said it looks like it’s official, they will be going for the training June 6-9, 2011. Mr. Knutson put \$100,000 in the budget to deal with OWI in 2011, but she does not know if they will be available in 2012. She said we need a lot of advocacy from this Committee if we don’t start up this year.

Grants Update.

TAD Grant Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said as part of the Omnibus, if passes, there will be significant changes that will affect us. There will be a 10% budget reduction, and will need a 25% cash match. We would also have to re-compete against all who want to apply. She added that we already match more than 25% now and this should be in our favor. It looks like there will be TAD funding whether we get it or not. Dr. Gregory should have numbers for us.

Federal Drug Court Grant Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the entire team is going to the conference.

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant & Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said they already covered this.

OJA Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils Grant. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said she thinks they are finally set with this. Bob Cressa was approved as the consultant and he is planning a three-site visit. We need the entire CJCC to participate this summer and she asked for times that are not good for them. Mr. Deupree suggested using surveymonkey to compile the information.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said that a half-day seemed appropriate. Officer Henderson asked if they could have talking points prior to the session to help cut down on the time. Chief Moore said if he knows he only has a half day he will do work prior to the meeting.

Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns. Officer Henderson said there is an increase in 51.15 and 51.45 in Beloit. If we had some of the officers trained as Crisis workers it may cut down on time. Mr. Boutwell said having law enforcement trained as Crisis would be good. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said there is a Crisis Response group and Kate Flanagan will be sending updates out. Maybe get more officers involved in the meeting, it is the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 A.M. at the Health Care Center. Mr. Boutwell said the mobile response will be helping soon. Chief Moore said he would like to have all field officers trained. Officer Henderson asked if there were resources to teach the officers. Supervisor Fizzell said he will be meeting with the local NAMI, but theirs is very small. Ms. Stephenson said this is the first she has heard of this and she will talk with Supervisor Fizzell.

Areas of Future Action and Discussion for CJCC. Mr. Nelson said we have talked about research based actions, maybe it would be worth having a session on educating the CJCC on what research is.

Max Arriaga said he would like to know how the system works with the Hispanic community, do they speak Spanish, are they treated the same. Chief Moore said they have some Spanish-speaking officers and they are called on quite often and try to make sure they understand what they are being told. Mr. Boutwell said Civil Rights Compliance requires we have bilingual workers or translators. Mr. Boutwell said he will check with mobile Crisis to make sure they have bilingual people working. Mr. Gubbin said they also have a bilingual agent.

Mr. Deupree suggested having a flowchart of services available. To ask each group at the table on how they deal with non-English speaking people.

Mr. Deupree said another idea is a tabletop every four months or so at the CJCC meeting.

Next Meeting Date. Vice Chair Kraft said the next CJCC meeting is June 16th here at 4:00 P.M.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said there will be people from the courts on effective justice strategies in various counties.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Mrs. Deupree asked about the impact of early release in regards to the budget. Mr. Gubbin said they did not get that many releases.

Ms. Owens asked why they don't have an African American on the Board. Mr. Deupree said they have one as an alternate.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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