

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
October 20, 2011

Call to Order. Chair Wopat called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council order at 4:04 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Chair Marv Wopat, Supervisor Sandra Kraft, David O'Leary, Robert Fizzell (for Regina Dunkin), Charmian Klyve, Chief David Moore, Eric Nelson, Art Thurmer, Sheriff Spoden, Ed Pearson, Lorenzo Henderson, Laura Kleber (for Patrick Cork).

Committee Members Absent: Max Arriaga, Patrick Cork, Neil Deupree, Rich Gruber, and George Smith, Jr.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Kate Buker and, AODA, Sue Zaspoupil, Human Resources Secretary.

Others Present: Angel Eggers and Emma Harrell, Rock Valley Community Programs; Supervisor Jason Heidenreich; Judge Werner; Tiffany Welker and Leslie Swanson, ATTIC; Josie Lopez, DOC; Darren Matavka and Roberta Elmer, ARO Behavioral Healthcare.

Approval of Agenda. Sheriff Spoden moved approval of the agenda, second by Ms. Klyve. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes from 9/15/11. Mr. Fizzell moved approval of the minutes, second by Mr. O'Leary. ADOPTED.

Report on NADCP Conference. Judge Werner said it was nice to be able to have the whole team attend the national NADCP conference in Washington DC. They went to different sessions and came together in the evenings to discuss what they had attended. He added that the Rock County Drug Court is in line with what is happening nationally with just a few tweaks here and there. They have made changes along the way to meet the needs of the population. Mr. Nelson agreed he enjoyed the conference and being there with the team. He added that the Drug Court team works well together and has been able to put resources together to get them to the people who really need them.

Chair Wopat thanked Judge Werner and the Drug Court team. He said he sees people coming out of Drug Court and how they have changed their lives.

Judge Werner thanked the Council for their support.

Presentation on Transitional Outreach Program (TOP). Mr. Matavka handed out a summary of the TOP Program (attached) and went over it. He said they have up to 15 clients per caseload at any given time in the 6-month program. The goal is to have a support team for them after release too.

Mr. O'Leary asked if they had a waiting list while they are incarcerated. Mr. Matavka said that ¾ of them are getting treatment while incarcerated. They also have domestic violence groups to help.

Mr. Thurmer asked if they only get one shot at the program. Mr. Matavka said they expect them to make mistakes and they help them deal with them.

Ms. Lopez asked if any of the people who have gone through the program have gone back to help others. Mr. Matavka said they can always use mentors, volunteers, role models, etc.

Mr. Fizzell asked if there is cultural competence training. Mr. Matavka and Mr. Thurmer both said they do training annually if not more often.

Action on Letter of Support for Human Services Department IV Drug Court Application.

Ms. Klyve said they did not need to apply previously, but now they do. She said they would appreciate support.

Mr. Nelson moved approval for the letter to be signed by the Chair and Vice Chair, second by Mr. O'Leary. ADOPTED.

Discussion Regarding CJCC Strategic Plan. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen handed out copies of a Strategic Issue, Goals and Objectives. She said they had talked about a Mission, Values and Vision and said they need to have specific strategies in creating the Strategic Plan. She said this needs to reflect what the Council feels the focus should be. She said she put in the first goal and objectives. She said this needs to be expanded on and said she needs the Council's thoughts and input.

Ms. Klyve said she likes the format Ms. Pohlman McQuillen used.

Officer Henderson suggested frequent fliers.

Mr. Thurmer said Dane County identifies the most serious felons and would like to consider this in Rock County. He said they work with probation, parole and holds them accountable by using a team approach. He said he feels this is the direction we need to go, to hold the offender accountable.

Chief Moore said he hopes we can move ahead with this. To look at it from the bottom up, look at the most serious. This would be most helpful.

Officer Henderson said he remembers hearing the Sheriff say "If they need treatment, get treatment or go to Jail" and that he agrees with this.

Sheriff Spoden said he feels this is a step in the right direction and agreed they need to be held accountable and to track them.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen asked if the Council felt the structure was good. The Council all agreed it was.

Ms. Kleber said the #4 bullet needed to have the following added: AODA, was the Crisis Plan followed, method used, after care plan, and if all people in their life know about the plan.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said not everyone was able to make the planning session and asked for the members who did not make the session to send her their thoughts.

Some suggestions were: Mental Health, Juveniles, and Government Resources.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the CJCC had not previously delved deeply into Juvenile Justice issues and wanted to know if this was a CJCC priority now.

Ms. Klyve said that would be up to this group on how they would want this to interface. Chair Wopat said he personally feels the changes made in the past two years have been good. That he feels the group in adolescent is going in the right direction. Mr. Fizzell said he agrees, that they need our support and to monitor them but to let them move ahead.

Sheriff Spoden said they need long range planning to assist. That they don't want to get out of focus. They need to focus in one direction, work on one thing then move on to the next.

Officer Henderson said they have reduced the Jail population, made changes in the Juvenile Justice System, and repeat offenders now. They cannot spread themselves too thin, they need to keep on target with the issue before moving on to the next one.

Ms. Klyve said the geo-mapping done by UW Whitewater on hot spots of high need areas for juveniles.

Officer Henderson said they are struggling with burglaries, and how do we prevent our younger people to stay on the right side, do we use ankle bracelets. Mr. Pearson said they have some juveniles on monitors. He said it seems there is someone older who is behind this.

Mr. Nelson said he agrees with Sheriff Spoden that these changes are positive. He thinks this is a good forum for communication and would like to discuss juvenile justice more to keep up on what is going on and what is changing.

Chair Wopat said he feels they should address mental health and repeat offenders.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said her intent is to make this an easier format to read, to see if the Council is on board, then get their thoughts and put them together for their buy-in.

Chief Moore said sometimes there is so much on the agendas, that it should be cut down to a couple key elements on the agenda. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen asked the group if they wanted to have a limited agenda for the December CJCC meeting to focus on strategic planning. The group agreed.

Update on RFQ for Community RECAP and OWI Court. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the RFQ is out, they have received a couple questions, and the proposals are due Monday. She said she feels we will have a good panel to evaluate them.

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution Supporting a Wisconsin Community Justice Reinvestment Act. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said this resolution is similar to what Dane County has.

Mr. Fizzell moved to have the resolution go to the Public Safety and Justice Committee, second by Mr. Nelson. ADOPTED.

Grants Update.

TAD Grant. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said we have been recommended to receive additional funding but the applications have not been approved yet.

Federal Drug Court Grant. Nothing at this time.

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant & Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said CJCC received the 6-month extension and now the grant will run through March 2012.

OJA Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils Grant Done.

Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns. Chief Moore said the Sheriff's Office, Beloit and Janesville agreed to publish fourth offenders with their picture and what led to their arrest. He said letters went out that day on how to better serve African Americans.

Sheriff Spoden said the medical treatment area at the Jail is nearing completion and they are hoping to transition sometime in November. The first of the year they are looking at contracting out for pick-ups, looking at radio updates, moving to day reporting and getting rid of Huber.

Mr. Fizzell asked about the change in the intake area. Sheriff Spoden said it is a completely different philosophy, if the inmate is cooperative they are allowed access to the waiting area with phone use and TV. The stress level is low, it is much calmer, and there is less tension. About 95% - 96% cooperate. He said they are very happy with it and the booking officers are really enjoying it.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said Dane County and the City of Madison are dealing with heroin and opiate abuse and asked if this is still a big problem in Rock County. Mr. Thurmer said they are having an average of two people dying each day from abuse. Sheriff Spoden said they have been very aggressive here and it doesn't seem to be as bad here. Chief Moore said there are about two ODs per month. Ms. Klyve said it is still in the community though.

Areas of Future Action and Discussion for CJCC. None.

Future Meeting Date. Chair Wopat said the next CJCC meeting is November 17th here at 4:00 P.M.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. It was asked if parenting programs are being implemented to help with recidivism. Mr. O'Leary said Juvenile Corrections have tried but they have no control over parents. They need to partner with Ministers, Human Services, Juvenile Detention, etc. Ms. Klyve said they are trying to get parents in early bonding working with Head Start and other such programs, and they will be starting to work with families in Beloit in January 2012.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 P.M. by acclamation. ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

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