

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

April 21, 2011

Prior to a quorum being present, Mr. George Hutto from Beloit Area Community Health Center gave an overview of his organization.

Call to Order. Chair Wopat called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 4:48 p.m. in Conference Room N-1/N-2 on the floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Chair Marv Wopat, Neil Deupree, Supervisor Sandra Kraft, Eric Nelson, Judge James Daley, Art Thurmer, George Smith, Jr., Rich Gruber, David O'Leary, Charmian Klyve (at 4:58 p.m.).

Committee Members Excused: Sheriff Robert Spoden, Lorenzo Henderson, Chief David Moore.

Committee Members Absent: Regina Dunkin, Ed Pearson, Patrick Cork, Max Arriaga.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst.

Others Present: Lynda Owens, NAMI Rock County; Kay Deupree, Janesville League of Women Voters; Jule Cavanaugh, DOC; J. Russell Podzilni, County Board Chair; Cheryl O'Connell, NAMI Rock County; George Hutto, Beloit Area Community Health.

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Deupree moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Judge Daley. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2011. Mr. Deupree moved approval of the minutes of March 17, 2011, seconded by Mr. O'Leary. ADOPTED.

Update Regarding COMPAS Rollout for Community Corrections. Mr. Thurmer introduced his Deputy Chief, Jule Cavanaugh to provide more information about COMPAS. Mr. Thurmer said DOC purchased software from NorthPointe, the COMPAS, to provide risk and needs assessments, help with PSI's, and to help connect various DOC entities and other systems better together. He said that it is already rolled-out in Region 5 and the Region 1 (our region) roll-out will be in June.

Ms. Cavanaugh said DOC was looking to do unified case plans—assessments, screenings, case planning, case notes, etc. all on a web-based system. She said COMPAS is an evidence-based program and using it is a good way to reinforce the same things over various systems. She said that there are trainings coming up in May and June and if anyone was interested in attending from CJCC they could email her for a slot.

Mr. Thurmer said this is a totally new way of thinking for DOC employees. Judge Daley said the judges he knows that are already using it find it very helpful. He went on to say that the judges in Rock County are excited about it, as well. Mr. Thurmer added that the prisons will also

use COMPAS and then that information will be available to the probation/parole agents. Ms. Klyve said she is interested in seeing how COMPAS lines up with YASI, used by the Juvenile Justice Division.

Recap of Mental Health Consultant Visit and Next Steps. Mr. Deupree said that many of the CJCC members met with the consultants when they were here April 4th and 5th. He said they identified a lot of strengths in Rock County and things to work on in the future. Mr. Deupree said at the next Mental Health Ad Hoc Committee in May, they would be having a phone conference with the consultants and determine next steps.

Recommendation, Discussion, and Action on Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils Grant Consultant. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen handed out and gave an overview of each of the consultants' proposals. She said that all of them are more than qualified and they all received glowing references. Mr. Deupree said that the group of five people designated by CJCC to look over the proposals are recommending Criminal Justice Associates and its principal, Robert Kriesa for this project. Mr. Gruber made a motion that CJCC recommend Criminal Justice Associates be hired as the consultant for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils Grant consultant. Judge Daley seconded the motion. All voted in favor except for Ms. Klyve who voted in opposition to the motion. Motion passed.

Resolution Proclaiming May 2011 Drug Court Month. The Resolution was handed out to CJCC members. Judge Daley said although Chief Justice Abrahamson cannot attend the County Board for this recognition, she would be sending a short message we can play for the Board. Mr. O'Leary said he attended a recent alumni panel at Drug Court and said it was phenomenal to see how the program had impacted their lives. He said they were brutally honest and that was a good thing. Mr. Deupree made a motion to approve the Resolution, which was seconded by Judge Daley. The Resolution was approved by acclamation.

Update on Offender Reentry Resource Fair 2011. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the date has been set for June 2, 2011 at the Job Center, Room K, and will be held from 1-4 in the afternoon.

Grants Update.

TAD Grant. Nothing new to report.

Federal Drug Court Grant. Nothing new to report.

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant and Ad Hoc Committee. Nothing new to report.

OJA Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils Grant. This was discussed earlier.

Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns. No comments.

Areas of Future Action and Discussion for CJCC. Not addressed at this meeting.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations. May 19th at 4pm in the Courthouse Conference Center, 2nd Floor, Courthouse East.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Ms. O'Connell said she was the Rock County NAMI President and participated in a focus group when the mental health consultants were here. Mr. Deupree thanked Chair Wopat for the cookies and said that a pastor in Portage County was trying to get a CJCC established. Mr. Podzilni said he was delighted to be attending the meeting.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen
Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst

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