

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

May 20, 2010

**Call to Order.** Chair Deupree called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 4:00 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

**Committee Members Present:** Neil Deupree, Supervisor Sandra Kraft, Supervisor Marv Wopat, Supervisor Robert Fizzell (for Regina Dunkin), Ed Pearson, Eric Nelson, Ruth Bettin, Charmian Klyve, Art Thurmer, Lorenzo Henderson.

**Committee Members Absent:** Judge James Daley, David O'Leary, Sheriff Robert Spoden, Jose Carrillo, Jan Devore, Chief David Moore, Rich Gruber.

**Staff Members Present:** Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice Planner/Analyst; Jason Witt, Human Services Deputy Director/Juvenile Justice Division Interim Manager; Craig Knutson, County Administrator; Judge Alan Bates; Jeremy Brown, Supervisor, Juvenile Probation Janesville Office; Ryan Trautsch, Supervisor, Juvenile Probation Beloit Office; Kate Flanagan, Mental Health/AODA Division Manager; Ariel Barak, Human Services Division Program Analyst; Amanda Galaviz, Juvenile Justice Diversion Program Supervisor.

**Others Present:** Supervisors Terry Thomas and Jason Heidenreich; Kay Deupree, League of Women Voters; Angel Eggers, Director, Rock Valley Correctional Programs; Jana James, Rock Valley Correctional Programs; Effie Garret; Angie Moran; Maximo Arriaga; George Smith; George Smith, Jr.; Lynda Owens; Loretta Evans.

**Approval of Agenda.** Supervisor Fizzell moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Wopat. ADOPTED.

**Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2010.** Ms. Klyve moved approval of the minutes of April 15, 2010, second by Supervisor Kraft. ADOPTED.

**Update and Presentation on Juvenile Justice.** Mr. Witt gave an overview of his presentation:

- 1) The Context of Change: Evaluation and Human Services Board Reaction
- 2) Status of Key Change Areas
- 3) Upcoming Activities
- 4) Questions/Discussion

Mr. Witt expressed his thanks to Human Services employees, the Human Services Board, the D.A.'s Office, Eric Nelson, Public Defender's Office, Janesville and Beloit Schools, Sheriff Spoden, Police Chiefs Moore and Jacobs and said this is a team effort. He said it has been 5-1/2 months since the evaluation went to the Human Services Board. The process will involve changes and upgrades that will be long and difficult, taking as long as two years.

Mr. Witt said there were 34 recommendations in the report, however, the key conclusion was that dissension developed because leadership and management did not adequately prepare. There were organizational issues, i.e., poor communication and leadership, outdated or non-

existent policies and practices and a lack of under-lying vision and values. Rock County has an out-dated approach to juvenile detention and is using the Juvenile Detention Center inappropriately. Youth are being locked up who would not be in other areas. Rock County is over-reliant on sanctions and is not placing enough attention and priority on Juvenile Detention programming.

Mr. Witt said the Human Services Board gave the following direction to the Department: 1) Follow-up on the report's recommendations; 2) Bring past practices in line; 3) Use the full range of available technical support, i.e., the Wisconsin Council for Children and Families and the Office of Justice Assistance.

Mr. Witt said the goal of the Department is to provide services that are effective in keeping kids from re-offending. The areas of focus are: 1) Preparation – moving from a court-monitored model to a true case management model, with every youth assessed. 2) Move from a jailer model to a treatment model. Staff will receive advanced intake guidance. The most evident problem is with the inappropriate use of the Juvenile Detention facility. Detention should be reserved for youth who pose a risk to the community or those who are not responding.

Mr. Witt said our success in implementing these changes and upgrades will provide better outcomes for youth, increase the system fairness, expand funding and resource options, improve our ability to recruit and maintain skilled staff and be fiscally responsible.

Judge Bates said he is impressed with the staff dedication to solving the problem. Supervisor Wopat said he is pleased to see everyone taking ownership of where we are and thanked everybody for their cooperation. Ms. Klyve thanked the other system partners around the table as well. Supervisor Fizzell commented the inertia comes in the conceptual frame of participants. Mr. Nelson said thanks to everyone who has worked on this, your efforts are obvious to everyone. Supervisor Thomas thanked all the players involved and said we need everyone to make the system work. Chair Deupree requested a link to this report be put on the website.

**Presentation and Discussion on Crisis Mobility.** Ms. Flanagan distributed three sheets: Crisis Mobility Update, Crisis Mobility Tracking (1/1/10 through 5/10/10), and the current staffing schedule. She said she has been the Division Manager for Mental Health and AODA Services for 4-1/2 months, during which time there have been 311 mobile events. They are trying to increase mobile assessments by going to sites. She went through the "Crisis Mobility Update". She advised Rock County's strengths are the experienced staff in the Crisis Unit, new laptops and the electronic document system. Ms. Flanagan distributed a current schedule which shows the shift breakdown. She said restructuring shifts is a primary goal to increase mobility. Aligning staffing resources and patterns will insure adequate resources in the office and on the phones.

**Drug Court Capacity Update.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen advised this has been done by adding an addendum to the contract. The funding is in place and they are ready to hire.

**Resource Fair Report.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the Resource Fair is scheduled for Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> in Beloit. They currently have 18 vendors and hope to get 30-40.

**Update on Federal Grants.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said we are doing well on grants. She reminded the Council that the Drug Court Team will be going to Boston for training in a few weeks. The Team will do a presentation at the July or August meeting.

**CJCC Appointments.** Chair Deupree advised Supervisor Jason Heidenreich will be appointed as the alternate for Supervisor Sandra Kraft.

**Educating the Public About the Criminal Justice System.** Postponed to a future meeting.

**Establishment of Work Groups.** Postponed to a future meeting.

**Future Meeting Dates and Locations.** The next meeting of this Council will be Thursday, June 17, 2010.

**Citizen Participation and Announcements.** None.

**Adjournment.** Chair Deupree adjourned the meeting at 5:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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