

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
July 15, 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, Regina Dunkin, Kelly Mattingly (for Eric Nelson) (at 4:08 P.M.), Max Arriaga, Art Thurmer, Lorenzo Henderson, Patrick Cork, Perry Folts (for David O'Leary), George Smith, Jr., Charmian Klyve (at 4:03 P.M.).

Committee Members Absent: Judge James Daley, Sheriff Robert Spoden, Ed Pearson, Chief David Moore, Rich Gruber.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice Planner/Analyst; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator.

Others Present: Supervisor Terry Thomas; Kay Deupree, League of Women Voters; Lynda Owens; Dr. Steve Singer; Tony Farrell Sr.; Vicki Trebian; Tom Gubbin; Brad Munger

Approval of Agenda. Ms Dunkin moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Kraft. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2010. Supervisor Kraft moved approval of the minutes of May 20, 2010 as presented, second by Supervisor Wopat. ADOPTED.

Welcome new CJCC Members. Chair Deupree welcomed the new members to the CJCC and had them introduce themselves. Patrick Cork said he is the Area Administrator for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and works for the southern region. Max Arriaga said he is well known by the Hispanic community in Janesville. George Smith said he is from Edgerton, is in recovery and is here to share his experiences and help give others a new life.

Ms. Klyve arrived at 4:03 P.M.

The other members of the CJCC introduced themselves and the area of the system they represent.

Mr. Mattingly arrived at 4:08 P.M.

Report and Recommendation on RECAP/Community RECAP Aftercare – ATTIC Staff. Ms. Trebian said the idea is to help people coming out of incarceration who have successfully completed the appropriate programs. She handed out two options on Ideas Regarding the Aftercare Programming for RECAP Clients (attached) and Ideas Regarding Drug Treatment Court Aftercare (attached) and went over them. She said they have people on staff to help with resumes and the case managers could ask what they have been doing to seek employment. She said she felt interns could help a lot and would help keep costs down.

Mr. Henderson asked what the major concerns are and what an average person in RECAP looks like? Ms. Trebian said they are in their 20's, have used heroin, are through high school, and are just not motivated.

Supervisor Wopat said they need something to motivate them to work. Mr. Smith said he graduated from the program in 2003. For him it was the more he used and drank the less important things became. He only made it part way through high school and got his GED in RECAP. He had self esteem problems. Attitude is a big problem for most. He feels community service is very important to success. If nothing is set up after incarceration for most of the people it is too easy for them to go back to their old ways. In the beginning it is important to have someone listen to them and help them after their release. Supervisor Wopat said he feels it is helpful to have some teeth in it to make them do it.

Mr. Arriaga agreed that aftercare is key for any individual so they do not go back to the old ways. He added that it takes a long time to change and to get a different view on things.

Mr. Thurmer said they agree it is good for all of them to go through Aftercare, whether supervised or unsupervised. He felt they needed to go back to the judges to ask them how we can put some teeth in it. He added he liked Option 1 better.

Chair Deupree said he feels it is important to start with offenders before they are released from jail.

Supervisor Kraft asked Ms. Trebian how long they keep interns? Ms. Trebien said it varies but the average is about a semester.

Chair Deupree asked how long a treatment program should last? Supervisor Wopat said about a year. Mr. Arriaga agreed a year was about right with meetings about three times per week to check in and maybe remind them where they will end up if they don't do it.

Chair Deupree asked for thoughts on the drug treatment court aftercare. Mr. Thurmer asked if this was a deferred prosecution program? Mr. Mattingly said it was more or less, that everyone signs a contract, and most are for about nine months. Usually a felony is held open until graduation, they then go back to court and the felony is then usually reduced to a misdemeanor.

Mr. Folts said they may need to redefine what graduation of Drug Court is.

Mr. Gubbin asked what other drug courts do? Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said many of the drug courts around the country have alumni groups, they may call it something other than aftercare.

Supervisor Wopat said that Dr. Dennis Donovan has a great deal of evidence that shows the longer a person stays in and the more groups they attend the less the rate of recidivism is.

Mr. Henderson asked if there was a matrix on our program yet? Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the data is being tracked and analyzed at the state level through TAD as well as through our drug court evaluator.

Chair Deupree asked for everyone to get back to Ms. Pohlman McQuillen with their comments.

Update on Process & Opportunities Subcommittee Regarding OWI. Chair Deupree said there have been a few meetings and Ms. Pohlman McQuillen has put a chart together on the different possibilities, what is most effective and most cost effective.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said she has talked to other counties and she has a meeting with them the next day.

Supervisor Wopat said last year there were about 1,200 arrests, the same number as eight years ago.

Mr. Thurmer said the DOC has a statewide committee meeting each month to deal with the new OWI legislation. The DOC received a \$6.6 million grant to deal with the new legislation. They cannot use the money for just anything and it must be AODA certified. This committee is working/coordination with counties. They are in their infancy but there are some good ideas coming out of the committee.

Ms. Klyve said she feels Safe Streets is a better program than OWI Court.

Mr. Thurmer said one of his staff sits on this statewide committee and he will have them come and give a report to this committee.

Discussion Regarding Treatment Options. Supervisor Wopat said he feels the money spent on inpatient treatment is better spent than for outpatient treatment and those in outpatient treatment have a higher rate of failure. He asked what is done for adolescents, as there are no treatment plans for adolescents in Rock County. He added they need to figure out a way to put people in residential treatment.

Ms. Klyve said she goes back to mapping out where resources are and how best to use them. She is concerned the amount of money they have now they will not get receive next year unless it comes from the tax levy. They need to lay out funding streams and then fill in the gaps. Until they know what their monetary needs are it is hard to tell what to do.

Resource Fair Recap. Mr. Gubbin said there were between 70-80 participants in attendance this year and that the event was held on June 10th at Peoples Church in Beloit. He said that we need to continue to focus on increasing turnout. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen added that we also needed to try and get more employers in attendance. Mr. Thurmer thanked the working group for doing such a good job organizing the fair. Ms. Deupree added that several family members of incarcerated individuals also attended. Mr. Thurmer also said that DOC may be able to provide a small budget for the event if needed.

Federal Grants Update. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said that the federal drug court enhancement grant was going well and the team attended the NADCP national conference the first week of June in Boston. She said that the team would be making presentation to the CJCC

at its August meeting as to things they learned and what new things may be implemented in Rock County.

Educating the Public about the Criminal Justice System. Chair Deupree said the best way to deal with this issue is to work with the League of Women Voters, which has agreed to partner with CJCC in this endeavor. He said he would ask the League to come up with a specific idea for the CJCC to react to. Ms. Deupree requested that a couple people from CJCC meet with the League in coming up with ideas. Ms. Dunkin agreed to work with the League and it was recommended that Rich Gruber be contacted to work on this project as well.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations. The next regular CJCC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14th at 4:00 p.m. in this room.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Dr. Singer said he appreciates listening to the comments made by the group and observing the proceedings. He recommended the Wisconsin Lawyer article on the new OWI legislation. Mr. Henderson said that gun violence is a big problem in Beloit and he would like to see the group discuss ideas as to how to tackle this issue. Chair Deupree said it would be added to the next agenda

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen
Secretary II

Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen
Criminal Justice Planner/Analyst

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