

ROCK COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ Community Resource Fair provides valuable information on services available to offenders and their families, p.1.
- ◆ Mental health and the justice system addressed in a variety of ways, p. 1&2.
- ◆ Focused planning leads to effective programs, p. 2.
- ◆ Specialty Courts support changed lives, p. 3.
- ◆ Council members represent broad range of interests in the criminal justice system, p. 4.

4th Annual Community Resource Fair



On June 6, 2012, the CJCC hosted the fourth annual Community Resource Fair from 1-4 p.m. at the Rock County Job Center. With approximately 150 participants and 46 vendors in attendance, this year's event was the most successful ever. The purpose of the event is twofold: to provide information about resources available throughout Rock County to anyone that has been touched by the criminal justice system, as well as to give people that work with offenders and service providers the opportunity to meet and network with each other. Many offenders and their families are

unaware of the services that are available. Therefore, the CJCC tries to bring many of these service providers together in one location to share their information with this population. Service providers attended from many sectors, including the following: healthcare, education, housing, AODA, faith community, food pantries, legal services, mental health providers, government agencies, and various other non-profit organizations. This year a booklet was created and disseminated with a listing of all the vendors and the services they provide so participants could contact the providers for services after the fair was over. Due to the huge success of this event, next year's date was already selected: Thursday, June 6, 2013. Any community provider interested in participating can contact Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen at the contact information on the back of this newsletter.

"I really enjoyed myself and got a good list of resources. I'm looking forward to using them!" 2012 Participant

Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT)

In March 2012, Rock County, in partnership with Janesville PD, Beloit PD, and Town of Beloit PD, received a grant from the Office of Justice Assistance for CIT training. CIT is a 40-hour training program for law enforcement officers that includes basic information about mental illnesses and how to recognize them; information about the local mental health system and local laws;

learning first hand from consumers and family members about their experiences; verbal de-escalation training, and role plays. Thirty officers will be trained to more readily identify and respond to individuals who suffer from mental illness. Additionally, local law enforcement will be able to better coordinate their efforts between agencies with regard to address-

ing mental health issues within Rock County. Officers will also develop improved working relationships with public and private mental health professionals, advocacy groups, and other resources within the community to assist those who are diagnosed with mental illness. The training will be facilitated by NAMI Waukesha and held in September at the Rock County Job Center.

Justice & Mental Health

In 2010, Rock County received a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant to hire a consultant to conduct a needs and resource assessment of the County's mental health and criminal justice systems. After a two-day site visit, numerous conversations and correspondence with Rock County professionals, and a document review, in September 2011, a final report was issued by nationally renowned experts, Zia Partners. It detailed Zia's observations about Rock County's justice and mental health systems and recommendations for improvement in a comprehensive 100+ page report. Members of the grant's Justice & Mental Health Ad Hoc Committee also visited some best practice sites

to observe what other counties are doing nationally to deal with mental illness in the justice system.

In March 2011, the County Board solidified its commitment to working on this issue and created the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee as a standing advisory committee to the County Board. The purpose of the BHRSC is to facilitate the implementation of a broad system quality improvement process that will lead to positive outcomes for Rock County residents experiencing mental illness and/or substance use disorders and their families. Through the efforts of this committee, these individuals will experience improved access to effective treatment and

support and decreased involvement in justice systems.

The BHRSC endeavors to:

- Develop a system of care that welcomes and inspires hope for those with co-occurring disorders and other complex needs;
- Adopt a standardized process and strategic plan to organize the system transformation effort;
- Provide a forum for key stakeholders (public, private, consumers, families) to communicate and collaborate on system improvement action steps;
- Organize the effective use of data to conceptualize problems and identify priority areas to facilitate change.



CJCC Strategic Planning

In August 2011, the CJCC held a strategic planning session to solidify a mission statement, further define its purpose, and determine long, mid, and short range goals. Criminal Justice Associates, Inc. was hired to facilitate this process.

Separated into four groups, CJCC members and alter-

nates spent the afternoon discussing CJCC's mission, values, and vision. Later, the group engaged in a SWOT analysis to determine top priority areas and identify threats, opportunities, strengths, and weaknesses.

The priority areas identified by the group are: repeat offenders, mental health/

substance abuse in the justice system, juveniles, and reduced governmental resources. The CJCC, at its regular meetings are addressing these issues systematically beginning with repeat offenders. A specialized workgroup is being created to tackle this topic and bring potential ideas/solutions to the full CJCC.

The mission of the CJCC is to increase public safety and enhance the quality of life in Rock County.

Electronic Monitoring & Workender Programs

The CJCC continues to laud the Sheriff's Workender and Electronic Monitoring (EM) programs as an alternative to housing low-risk offenders in the jail. Workender participants work off fines through community service. In 2011, Workenders performed 14,448 hours of service in the community. In 2012, through June 30th, 7,600 hours were completed. Since its inception in 2007, 1,252 people have participated in the program and \$1,370,328 in fines have been worked off. Inmates in the Electronic Monitoring program pay \$16.88/day for the cost of the bracelet (may be alcohol sensing and GPS) and other equipment. This is a savings for the County of \$64/day if the inmate was in jail. In 2011, 385 people participated in EM and 24,423 jail bed days were saved. Through June 2012, 14,161 jail bed days have been saved.





Goals & Benefits

- To break the cycle of alcohol and/or drug use and driving, thereby enhancing public safety
- To reduce criminal justice costs by reducing alcohol/drug addiction and crime.
- To reduce incarceration for participants who undergo treatment and case management.
- To provide a comprehensive treatment and monitoring program.
- To enhance personal, academic, and employment abilities among program participants.

OWI COURT

Judge R. Alan Bates and his OWI Court team are putting the final touches on Rock County's OWI Court program. The intended start date is September 2012. The Rock County OWI Court's mission is to improve public safety by producing sober drivers. The Court incorporates research driven principles and accountability to save money, lives, and create a better community. It is a voluntary, post-adjudication specialty court created to reduce recidivism by allowing OWI 3rd Offense defendants to participate in substance abuse treatment under judicial and community supervision.

It is a four-phase program consisting of intensive supervision of defendants by a case manager and probation officer, frequent appearances before the OWI Court judge, individualized drug/alcohol treatment, other treatment/counseling as necessary, random drug testing, home visits, and support group attendance. Participants are required to be on electronic monitoring/Sobriotor through Probation. AODA treatment will be provided by the Human Services Department through Crossroads Counseling Center. Monitoring and linking to collateral services will continue throughout all phases of the program. OWI Court will also work in concert with the Human Services' Intoxicated Driver Program in an effort to secure participants' licenses. The average length in the program is 18-months.

Veterans Court

Judge James Daley continues to see positive outcomes for participants in Veterans Court. Since its inception in September 2009, Veterans Court has seen six participants graduate from the program, three terminations, and twenty-two total participants. The Veterans Court utilizes the U.S. Department

of Veterans Affairs to provide treatment for individuals that have served in the military. Often those vets ending up in the criminal justice system have substance abuse and/or mental health issues that need to be addressed. Participants are given an opportunity to tackle their treatment issues

for reduced or dismissed criminal charges. Veterans Court also utilizes volunteer Veteran mentors that served in the same branch of service as the participants to help support and guide participants through the process. Veterans Court typically meets one Thursday a month at 3:30 p.m. in Courtroom D.



If you are a veteran interested in being a Veterans Court mentor, please contact Mentor Coordinator, Denise Davidson, at 608-758-5495.

Drug Court

The Rock County Drug Court, led by the Honorable Richard T. Werner, continues to make a difference for participants and the community as a whole. Since the program began in April 2007, there have been 173 successful graduates from the program. This accounts for 39,602 jail or prison days averted. At \$52/day, which was the amount paid to house these types of offenders out of county, this would be a savings of \$2,059,304. This is a significant savings for Rock County taxpayers and has helped decrease the jail population.

In July 2011, the entire Drug Court team attended the National Association of Drug Court Professionals annual conference in Washington D.C. Besides being an excellent team building opportunity, each member of the team learned about innovations in the field and additional best and evidence-based practices to incorporate into Rock County's program. Additionally, it was a fantastic networking opportunity for team members to talk with national experts and other drug court practitioners from across the country.

More Information on our treatment courts can be found at www.co.rock.wi.us/jail-diversion-programs



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The purpose of the CJCC is to bring stakeholders in the criminal justice system and members of the public together on a regular basis to discuss issues affecting the system, resolve problems, and plan for the future.

The mission of the CJCC is to increase public safety and enhance the quality of life in Rock County. This is done by:

- Maximizing resources;
- Providing a forum to discuss important issues; and
- Designing interventions and process improvements.

MEETING INFORMATION

CJCC meetings are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, typically in the Courthouse Conference Center, located on the second floor of the Courthouse, East Wing. Meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend.

We're on the Web!

[www.co.rock.wi.us/
index.php/about-the-cjcc](http://www.co.rock.wi.us/index.php/about-the-cjcc)

CJCC Members & Alternates

Members

- Tom Gubbin, Corrections Field Supervisor, WI DOC (Chair)
- Sandra Kraft, Rock County Supervisor (Vice Chair)
- Max Arriaga, Community Representative
- Laura Kleber, WI DHS
- Honorable James Daley, Presiding Judge, Rock County Circuit Courts
- Neil Deupree, Community Representative
- Regina Dunkin, Executive Director, Merrill Community Center
- Rich Gruber, Vice President, Mercy Health System
- Lorenzo Henderson, Beloit Police Department
- Charmian Klyve, Rock County Human Services Director
- David Moore, Chief, Janesville Police Department
- Eric Nelson, First Assistant State Public Defender
- David O'Leary, Rock County District Attorney
- Ed Pearson, Superintendent, Rock County Juvenile Detention Center
- George Smith, Jr., Community Representative
- Robert Spoden, Rock County Sheriff
- Marv Wopat, Community Representative
- Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director, Rock County Human Services
- Commander Erik Chellevoid, Rock County Sheriff's Office
- Perry Folts, Rock County Deputy District Attorney
- Amanda Galaviz, Juvenile Justice, Diversion Supervisor
- Kelly Mattingly, Assistant State Public Defender
- Troy Enger, WI DOC
- Angie Moran, WI DHS
- Deputy Chief John Olsen, Janesville Police Department
- Deloyde Sanders, Rock County Supervisor
- George Smith, Community Representative

Alternates

- Honorable R. Alan Bates, Judge, Rock County Circuit Courts