

Rock County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

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Report to the Community

Welcome from the CJCC Chair

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Welcome to the 2013 edition of the Rock County CJCC Report to the Community. The CJCC has been continuing to work hard to increase public safety and enhance the quality of life in Rock County by maximizing resources, providing a forum to discuss issues, and designing process improvements. There are several articles in this edition to highlight our recent progress. These include work on mental and behavioral health services, the debut of OWI Court, systems mapping of the criminal justice and behavioral health systems, ex-

amination of evidence-based practices, support for Crisis Intervention Team Training, and the heroin epidemic in Rock County. The CJCC continues to look at emerging problems, as well as, long-term issues.

At the end of May 2013, there were several CJCC members that moved on to other endeavors. They have been replaced by community representatives that share their passion and dedication to improving the justice system. The CJCC would like to specifically acknowledge the contributions of Neil Deupree, who decided to “retire”

from the CJCC in May. Neil was the first Chairperson of the Committee and has been a member since its inception. On behalf of everyone on the CJCC, I would like to thank him for all he has done for the CJCC and the community as a whole.

We encourage all members of the community to attend CJCC meetings, which are open to the public and always include time for citizen participation and input. Let us know what issues related to the criminal justice system are important to you.

Tom Gubbin, Chair

Special points of interest:

- Fifth Annual Resource Fair a success
- Behavioral Health and Justice a top priority
- CJCC committed to advocating for smart justice policies
- OWI Court Pilot Program up and running
- Drug Court and Vets Court saving lives

Fifth Annual Community Resource Fair

On June 6, 2013, the CJCC hosted the Fifth Annual Community Resource Fair for anyone involved in the justice system, their families, friends, and supporters. Held at the Rock County Job Center, the event drew over forty community organizations and over 125 participants. The purpose of the event is two-fold: to provide information

about resources available throughout Rock County, as well as to give people that work with offenders and services providers the opportunity to meet and network with each other. Many people involved with the justice system do not know what services are in the community that may be able to assist them or their families. Pro-

viders that offer food, housing, healthcare, employment, AODA (alcohol and other drug abuse), education, childcare, faith-based, and a myriad of other services were represented.

Next year’s Resource Fair will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at the Rock County Job Center.

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 supports and decreased involvement in justice systems.

Behavioral Health & Justice

Borne out of the CJCC's Justice and Mental Health Ad Hoc Committee, the County's Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee (BHRSC) has been working on a county-wide behavioral health system (mental health and AODA) redesign process. In operation since April 2012, the group 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.

In Fall 2012, a grant was received by the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance to hire Zia Partners, who previously worked with the Ad Hoc Committee, to develop a strategic plan and specific implementation processes. This work will be completed by the end of September 2013. The plan will include a detailed roadmap to follow in the short, mid, and long-term to improve the behavioral health system in the County.



CJCC Advocacy

For-profit bail bonding "is contrary to evidence-based pretrial decision making , which is based on individual risks and needs."

The CJCC has advanced some of its positions to the Wisconsin State Legislature. Most recently, the CJCC sent letters to the State's Joint Finance Committee and Rock County's legislative delegation opposing any legislation to bring back commercial bail bonding in the state of Wisconsin. Previously, the CJCC passed a resolution Endorsing a Wisconsin Criminal

Justice Act, which would address the needs of offenders who can be safely maintained in the community while providing a means to curb the increasing costs of confinement that should be reserved for those who pose the greatest risk to the community. The CJCC has also written letters to legislators in opposition to a bill which would have allowed an employer to

refuse to employ or fire any individual with a felony on his/her record unless pardoned and another letter advocating for a beer tax to provide treatment dollars for addicted individuals. The CJCC continues to evaluate potential legislation affecting the justice system and may take positions on relevant matters.

Statewide CJCC Established with Rock County Representation



In April 2012, Governor Walker established a statewide CJCC tasked with examining crime and criminal justice problems in the state, and recommending strategies to improve criminal justice system policy, operations, and outcomes. Like our local CJCC, the statewide Council

seeks to improve criminal justice system efficiency, effectiveness, and public safety. It works to identify and address gaps and needs within statewide justice system through collaboration and strategic planning. Rock County District Attorney David O'Leary has been ap-

pointed to this twenty member group and is Chair of the Evidence-Based Practices Subcommittee. Rock County's Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst is a member of the Communications and Outreach Subcommittee.



OWI Court Pilot Program Up and Running

In October 2012, the Rock County Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) Court saw its first participant start the program. Judge R. Alan Bates and his team established the program with the mission of improving public safety by producing sober drivers. The Court incorporates research driven principles and accountability to save money, lives, and create a better community. Accepting only third offense OWI offenders, the program

has already seen sixteen participants and has had one termination. Participants plead guilty to the third offense OWI charges for a reduction in penalties. The offenders participate in a four phase, 18-month program while on probation and commit to random urinalysis and breathalyzer testing, intensive AODA and cognitive based treatment, case management services, home visits, pro-social activity/support group attendance, and regular judi-

cial oversight. The program is overseen by a multidisciplinary team made up of the judge, Assistant District Attorney, Assistant State Public Defender, Sheriff's Representative, Human Services AODA Coordinator, Treatment Provider, Case Manager, Probation Officers, independent evaluator, and the County's Criminal Justice Planner/Analyst. OWI Court meets bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 4pm in Courtroom B.

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.

Drug Court: "Abstinence, Honesty & Responsibility"

In operation since April 2007, Judge Richard Werner and the Rock County Drug Court team, continue to increase public safety, save lives, and reduce costs for substance dependant offenders. Through June 2013, the program has had 423 participants, 197 successful graduates, 169 terminations, and

50,507 jail bed days averted. Coming to the end of a federal drug court enhancement grant, which has allowed the program to send participants to residential treatment and provide mental health treatment, the drug court team will be working closely with the County's Human Services Department to provide these

services. Additionally, the team has discussed medicated treatment options for participants addicted to heroin. The team and the CJCC will be working on addressing these issues and others during the coming year. Drug Court meets weekly in Courtroom B at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings.

Drug Court "helps me think before I act, maintain sobriety, and keeps me out of trouble." A Drug Court Participant

Rock County Regional Veterans Court

Judge James Daley continues to lead the Rock County Regional Veterans Court, which serves veterans from Rock and surrounding counties. Over the past year, nine veterans started the program, ten have graduated, and two have been terminated. Since its inception in September 2009, 31 veterans have participated in the program, 16 have

graduated and five have been terminated. In January 2013, the Veterans Court underwent a process evaluation by Dr. Paul Gregory, a UW-Whitewater professor. The report detailed the process of the program and compared it to the national Ten Key Components for Veterans Courts. The report identified several positive aspects of the

program as well as some areas for improvement. The team has also applied for national training to continue to learn about national trends and improvements for Veterans Courts. Veterans Court meets 1-2 times per month on Thursdays, at 3:00 p.m., in Courtroom D.



Veteran Mentors are always needed. If you have served in the military and are interested in helping a Veteran through this program, please contact Denise Davideson, Mentor Coordinator, at 608-758-5495.

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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.

For additional information, please contact Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst, at 608-757-5510.

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.

We're on the Web!

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
- Honorable James Daley, Presiding Judge, Rock County Circuit Courts
- Regina Dunkin, Executive Director, Merrill Community Center
- Rich Gruber, Vice President, Mercy Health System
- Lorenzo Henderson, Beloit Police Department
- Lance Horozewski, HSD Juvenile Justice Division Manager*
- Steve Howland, Community Representative*
- Charles Jones, WI DWD*
- 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
- Bill Rankin, Community Representative*
- Robert Spoden, Rock County Sheriff
- Marv Wopat, Community Representative

Alternates

- Honorable R. Alan Bates, Judge, Rock County Circuit Courts
- Heath Bierman, WI DWD*
- Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director,

Rock County Human Services

- Commander Erik Chellevoid, Rock County Sheriff's Office
- Devan Dutra, Community Representative*
- Stanley Evans, Community Representative*
- Perry Folts, Rock County Deputy District Attorney
- Amanda Galaviz, Juvenile Justice, Diversion Supervisor
- Billy Bob Grahm, Rock County Supervisor
- Kelly Mattingly, Assistant State Public Defender
- Troy Enger, WI DOC
- Deputy Chief John Olsen, Janesville Police Department
- Randy Westby, Community Representative

* Indicates new members