

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM PROCESS AND OPPORTUNITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

March 15, 2011

Call to Order: Chair Deupree called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in Conference Room 519 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-West.

Committee Members Present: Chair Neil Deupree, Judge James Daley (at 12:05), Art Thurmer, David O'Leary, Eric Nelson, Phil Boutwell (alt. for Charmian Klyve)

Others Present: Capt. Brent DeRemer, Sheriff's Office, Tom Gubbin, Probation/Parole, Lila Schmidt, WI DHS, Emma Harrell, Rock Valley Community Programs, Angel Eggers, Rock Valley Community Programs, Julie Lenzendorf, Rock Valley Community Programs.

Approval of the Agenda: Mr. Thurmer moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Boutwell. ADOPTED.

Approval of the Minutes from 2/10/2011: Mr. Thurmer moved approval of the minutes, second by Mr. Boutwell. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Recommendations Regarding TAP.

Chair Deupree asked Ms. Eggers to start the discussion.

Ms. Eggers said that TAP has been around since 1989 and throughout the years has gotten away from the statutory requirements of the program. She said that they would like to figure out a way to get back into compliance. She went on to say that TAP cannot serve IDP clients and DOC needs to use the program as an alternative to revocation to be compliant.

Ms. Schmidt said that it is important for all the TAP programs to be in compliance and that the state hadn't had close oversight of the programs previously, but now they would be more closely monitoring them.

Mr. Thurmer said that from DOC's perspective, they've seen how TAP has evolved in Dane County, with judge's sentencing people directly to TAP, and now they can't get any of their people in the program. He asked if a certain number of beds could be set-aside for DOC if Rock County judge's started sentencing people directly to TAP. Mr. Gubbin added that DOC is afraid of large waiting lists and said that DOC definitely needs beds set aside for alternatives to revocation.

Ms. Schmidt said that everyone needed to remember what TAP is really about: not just a treatment resource, but also an intensive case management model.

Mr. Nelson asked how people were getting into TAP currently and if they were entering through a true ATR. Ms. Eggers replied that no, most were just there through their probation agent. Judge Daley asked how many beds probation uses per year. Ms. Eggers replied about 120. She added that, moving to a more intensive case management model, however, would reduce the number of people they could serve.

Judge Daley said that if the court could sentence directly, he could control how many would be getting "in" on the court end.

Mr. O'Leary asked how much money does the program get to operate. Mr. Boutwell said about \$300,000. Mr. O'Leary then asked what DOC's need for ATR's was. Mr. Thurmer said he didn't know but a number of people in the program would be possible ATR's but a significant number of people currently getting in also wouldn't qualify. He suggested waiting 6-9 months to see what is really going on and then make changes as necessary. Judge Daley said that whatever DOC wasn't using could certainly be used by the courts.

Chair Deupree summed up the discussion by saying that he is hearing that the group wants DOC to have 1st shot at the TAP beds but we don't know the number of beds for ATR's that will be necessary. He also said that if we knew how many beds DOC needed, then the courts could sentence people directly to unused slots.

Mr. Thurmer said that DOC also has use of the day report center for ATR's. Ms. Schmidt said that DOC should look at who's using the DRC vs. TAP and make sure people are getting into the proper programs.

Judge Daley said that in two months, this committee should reconvene to assess how TAP was being used. The group agreed with this.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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