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ROCK COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Report to the Community

Rock County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

The Rock County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is pleased to present its fourth *Report to the Community* on the actions it has taken to bring stakeholders in the

criminal justice system and members of the public together to address the needs of the County's criminal justice system. The *Report to the Com-*

munity is intended to keep community members informed of how the CJCC is working to meet its goals and to highlight important criminal justice initiatives in the County.

Rock County Receives Federal Drug Court Enhancement Grant

Rock County was notified in July 2009 that its application for a federal drug court enhancement grant was successful. As a recipient, the County receives close to \$200,000 over a two year period to augment drug court services. The grant period runs from September 2009 through August 2011. This funding provides for three enhancements: (1) residential AODA treatment; (2) mental health services; and (3) training for the drug court team. The

grant allows for 24 residential treatment stays of 30 days to participants that need more intensive treatment than outpatient services can provide. The County also contracted with a psychiatrist for up to 23 hours per month for mental health services to participants with a co-occurring mental health need. Prior to the addition of the psychiatrist, people with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders were unable

to participate in the drug court program. Finally, the grant allows the drug court team to attend the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) annual conference in both 2010 and 2011. This comprehensive training will allow the development of greater proficiency in each member's respective role, thereby increasing the drug court's effectiveness and improving outcomes for participants.

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Special points of interest:

- *Rock County receives federal drug court enhancement grant*
- *Rock County starts Wisconsin's First Veterans Treatment Court*
- *New Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) legislation in effect as of July 1, 2010*

Offender Reentry Resource Fair

In June 2009, the CJCC sponsored its first annual Offender Reentry Resource Fair entitled *Promoting a Successful Transition: Supporting Formerly Incarcerated Individuals and their Families*. The purpose of the event was twofold: to welcome returnees home and to provide information about resources available throughout Rock County. The CJCC has found that many of the returnees are unaware of the services that are available. Further, many of these returnees encounter barriers. Obtaining and keeping employment, accessing housing and healthcare are often major barriers for these individuals and their families.

Therefore, in 2009, CJCC and a group of



dedicated community representatives brought 33 of these service providers together at the Job Center to share their information with this population. Service providers that attended were from many sectors, including healthcare, education, housing, AODA, faith based organizations, labor organizations, banking, food pantries, Head Start, mental health care providers, government agencies and other various non-profit organizations.

The event was a success, drawing close to 70 participants, and it was decided to hold a similar event on June 10, 2010 in the auditorium of People's Church in Beloit from 2-4 p.m.

Veterans Court

In September 2009, Presiding Judge James Daley started Wisconsin's first Veterans Court in Rock County. Modeled after the country's first Veterans Court in Buffalo, NY, the program utilizes the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to provide treatment for individuals that have served in the military. These individuals have ended up in the criminal justice system and typically have AODA, serious mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders. Following the Drug Court model, Veterans Court also employs volunteer mentors that act as facilitators, advisors, sponsors and supporters of the Veteran in the program. Judge Daley's Court accepts Veterans not only from Rock County, but also from the surrounding counties. If the Veteran successfully undergoes treatment and adheres to the terms of the contract signed with the prosecutor, his/her criminal charges are reduced or dismissed.

Workender & Electronic Monitoring

CJCC has been a strong supporter and advocate for the Sheriff's alternatives to incarceration. Workender is one program used as an alternative to housing inmates in the Jail. It began in June 2008 and allows low-risk inmates to serve their sentence on the weekends or during the week without disrupting their jobs, childcare, or school. Their sentence is served by participating in community service work. The program helps reduce jail overcrowding and the high cost of housing non-violent offenders who do not have the means to pay off fines or forfeitures. In 2009, 22,832 hours of community service were performed and so far in 2010, 10,096 hours have been performed.

Since its inception, the program's 2,683 participants have performed 44,792 community service hours and worked off \$831,602 in fines (through June 1, 2010).

The Sheriff's Office also continues to use its electronic monitoring program. It is a cost effective way to impose sentences on low-risk offenders that are sentenced with Huber Law privileges. Placing inmates on the bracelet helps alleviate jail crowding while maintaining community safety. Inmates on the bracelet pay \$16.88 per day to be

in the program, which covers the cost of the bracelet and other equipment. This is a savings of \$64/day (if the offender was in jail). So far in 2010, there have been 223 admissions to the electronic monitoring program. Since the program was expanded at the direction of Sheriff Spoden, there have been 1,926 admissions to the program and 32,933 jail beds saved. The average length of time an offender is on the bracelet is 189 days. A majority of participants end up on the alcohol bracelets, which not only monitor the offenders by GPS, but also can sense if any alcohol has been consumed by the offender.



Drug Court & Community RECAP

The Drug Court just completed its third full year of operation and is in its fourth year of funding under TAD, a state-funded program providing substance abuse treatment and diversion to non-violent offenders with substance abuse disorders in the criminal justice system. The grant has been used to fund the program which provides alcohol and drug treatment services, anger management, group sessions to change patterns of criminal behavior and thought, and referrals to community resources such as education and employment services. Case managers also assist with hous-

ing issues and provide services to participants' families to promote family reunification. With the inclusion of residential AODA treatment and mental health services provided by the federal grant the County received, outcomes continue to improve for participants.

As of June 1, 2010, there have been 93 successful graduates from the program, for a total of 16,737 jail bed days saved (at \$52/day for previously send-

ing these offenders out-of-county, nets \$870,324 in savings). Also, seven drug free babies have been born because of participation in the Drug Court.

Drug Court "has proven to be successful as individuals address issues within their lives and build tools to be successful and emerge into sober living."

—Drug Court Judge Richard Werner

The Drug Court is a collaborative effort between the Rock County Courts, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, and Sheriff's Office. Participants are in the Drug Court program for a minimum of nine months and are subject to random drug testing and various levels of intensive case management throughout.

New OWI Legislation

Beginning July 1, 2010, Wisconsin's new OWI laws will go into effect. Undoubtedly, the new provisions will affect Rock County, which had 1,235 OWIs in 2008. The



CJCC is looking at the potential implications of the new laws as well as ways the County may be able to deal with the impacts of the changes. Modifications in the law may put stress on the criminal justice system, including increasing the Jail population and increasing workloads on

system partners. All of the players are working together, through the CJCC's Process & Opportunities Subcommittee, looking at possible programs to implement, such as a treatment program or OWI Court, which would provide alternative ways to approach the issue.

Some of the New OWI Law Provisions:

- 1st offense OWI criminalized as misdemeanor if there is a child under age 16 in the vehicle
- Mandatory minimum jail time increased for 3rd offense OWI
- 4th offense OWI becomes a Class H felony (previously a misdemeanor)
- 7th, 8th, and 9th OWI offenders to serve mandatory minimum prison terms of 3 years & 10th OWI offenders to serve mandatory minimum prison term of 4 years
- Court required to order Ignition Interlock Device (IID) be installed on every vehicle owned by offender for 1st offense OWI with alcohol content of 0.15 or higher, for all 2nd and above OWIs, and chemical test refusal
- Criminalizes non-compliance of IID order or removal, disconnection, tampering, or circumvention of IID
- Period of license revocation begins on conviction date and is extended by number of days offender is sentenced to incarceration & license reinstatement fee increases from \$60 to \$163
- Prohibits pre-sentence release and stay of execution of incarceration time for 3rd or subsequent OWI offenders until after mandatory minimum time of confinement is served



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CJCC Purpose:

- Enhance public safety
- Make suggestions to provide better outcomes for justice system users, their families, and the public at large
- Make suggestions for more efficient use of resources
- Increase communication
- Eliminate duplication
- Provide coordination across departments and budget areas
- Provide ongoing oversight for new or alternative programs

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.

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

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[HTTP://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

- Neil Deupree, Community Representative (Chair)
- Marv Wopat, Rock County Supervisor (Vice Chair)
- Max Arriaga, Community Representative
- Patrick Cork, Interim Director, WI DHS
- 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
- Charmian Klyve, Rock County Human Services Director
- Sandra Kraft, Rock County Supervisor (Board Vice Chair)
- 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
- Art Thurmer, Regional Chief, Division of Community Corrections, WI DOC
- Perry Folts, Rock County Deputy District Attorney
- Tom Gubbin, Corrections Field Supervisor, WI DOC
- Jason Heidenreich, Rock County Supervisor
- Laura Kleber, WI DHS
- Kelly Mattingly, Assistant State Public Defender
- George Smith, Community Representative
- Captain Russ Steeber, Rock County Sheriff’s Office
- Jason Witt, Deputy Director, Rock County Human Services
- Kenyata Wright, Detention Supervisor, Rock County Juvenile Detention Center

Alternates

- Honorable R. Alan Bates, Judge, Rock County Circuit Courts
- Dr. Robert Fizzell, Merrill Community Center & Rock County Supervisor

