

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**December 17, 2009**

**Call to Order.** Vice Chair Wopat called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 4:08 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisor Marv Wopat, Supervisor Sandra Kraft, Supervisor Robert Fizzell (for Regina Dunkin), Eric Nelson, Ruth Bettin, Lorenzo Henderson, Sheriff Robert Spoden, Judge James Daley, Charmian Klyve, Chief David Moore.

**Committee Members Absent:** Neil Deupree, David O'Leary, Art Thurmer, Jose Carrillo, Jan Devore, Rich Gruber, Ed Pearson.

**Staff Members Present:** Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice Planner/Analyst; Josh Smith, Assistant to the County Administrator; Jason Witt, Human Services Deputy Director.

**Others Present:** Supervisor Larry Wiedenfeld; Lynda Owens, Tom Boswell, Tony Farrell.

**Approval of Agenda.** Supervisor Fizzell moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Judge Daley. ADOPTED.

**Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2009.** Judge Daley moved approval of the minutes of November 19, 2009, second by Mr. Nelson. ADOPTED.

**Update on Veteran's Court.** Judge Daley advised he had just come from Veterans Court. He said there are 12 mentors. He will be meeting with the National Guard leadership who want to provide more mentors. He commented there are 3,500 National Guard personnel coming back in January and February. Judge Daley said the Veteran's Court is supported by the Veterans Administration and they are seeking regional diversion courts. He will be meeting with Jefferson County to discuss sending their people down here for Diversion Court. He is also scheduled to meet with Walworth, Dane and Green Counties to see if they want to be part of this court in Rock County.

Judge Daley said the Veterans Court is working well. Participants must sign a contract and are screened. Judge Daley said the V.A. has developed treatment for post traumatic stress disorder and brain injury, but now they have to treat AODA at the same time. He commented the V.A. has the assets of the federal government behind them so this does not cost Rock County anything.

Judge Daley said that any woman who has served in the military and was a victim of assault is automatically eligible for benefits. He said there is a need for more women mentors. Veterans will be matched with appropriate mentors, i.e., Viet Nam, Desert Storm, etc. Judge

Daley said this is a real collaborative effort and is working well. He feels we are on the road to creating a system that can be exported to other counties.

Vice Chair Wopat asked if other counties use our facilities, who pays? Judge Daley said Rock County does not pay anything - the Federal government pays for treatment, which is a benefit of their service. Judge Daley said matching mentors with veterans is done before court so the mentor can appear in court with their veteran.

Mr. Henderson asked how a person is referred to the Veterans Court? Judge Daley said this is a piece that is still being worked on. He said when a person comes into the system, they should be asked if they served in the military, and if so, did they serve overseas? Mr. Henderson said maybe this could be put in the arrest report. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen commented they are looking for funding for a Coordinator position. Judge Daley said Mr. Solis, the County's Veteran's Service Officer, has been in on this from the beginning and the Veterans Clinic is where the initial screening is done.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld commented on a report from NBC news that the U.S. Army has 14% women in their service, a significant factor.

**Drug Court Statistics and Enhancement Grant Update.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen gave an update on Drug Court statistics. She said they do not include criminal court referrals as they were not successful and that method of entry was eliminated this summer. It also does not include DOC clients because they did not have a very good success rate. She said having a Judge oversee all participants in the program provides the best results. She said there are currently 49 clients served by three AODA Counselors. Five of these are DOC clients and are doing very well. A total of 69 clients terminated, quit or absconded and one died. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said 13,447 Jail days have been saved with the 70 successful graduates. At \$52/day this is a total of \$699,244 saved. She feels Drug Court is doing a good job.

Sheriff Spoden commented that the above figure does not take into account overtime, fuel costs, transportation costs, etc. from the Sheriff's Office, or the savings would be higher. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said there have been at least five drug-free babies born during the program, which is a huge cost savings. She also commented that through the federal enhancement grant, they have the services of a Psychiatrist who is currently working 16-20 hours per week and residential treatment for those who need it. Eleven clients have had 41 sessions with the Psychiatrist who started in October. This is a fantastic resource according to the counselors and we hope to be able to increase his hours. Four people have been sent to AlcoCare – a 30-day residential facility. Mr. Nelson said he thinks it is great to have them available – there are not many who need inpatient treatment, but there are a few.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said having our own resources allows us quicker access to a program than going through Human Services. Judge Daley commented he sees an amazing change from the first time he sees them and 9-10 months later. Ms. Klyve reminded the Council Human Services has an additional \$50,000 to fund more people going into opioid and heroin treatment.

**Discussion Regarding Gun Violence.** Vice Chair Wopat said this item is on the agenda because of the significant number of gun crimes in Rock County over the last few months. He asked the Council for their ideas because he doesn't see it getting better - just getting worse. A discussion ensued.

Supervisor Fizzell said the community itself has to get control. This is the bottom line - until people reclaim their communities, not much can be done. There is not enough law enforcement without the assistance of communities.

Judge Daley said law enforcement and the courts are "reactive". We have to do something other than what we have been doing. He referenced a program Sheriffs and Police Chiefs were doing "if you use a gun, you are going to jail". He said he is not sure this is the way it goes. Chief Moore commented that advertising does not work after a while. He said they have sent Gang Officers directly to the families of gang members to explain what will happen if they continue on this path. Gang Officers also meet with schools on a regular basis.

Sheriff Spoden commented that gun violence is not isolated in Rock County, they are seeing it in other cities. The use of guns is on the increase across the country. He reminded the Council that Rock County is 25 minutes from Rockford, 60 minutes from Milwaukee and 90 minutes from Chicago - all huge metro areas. The Sheriff's Office is lobbying the U.S. Justice Department to have Rock County admitted to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). This would allow for the sharing of intelligence with other counties and cities. He said this is an issue we will be dealing with for some time.

Mr. Henderson expressed his hope that Rock County is able to hook up with HIDTA because of the additional resources we will acquire. Sheriff Spoden said nine gangs have been identified in the Jail. The Sheriff's Office has a gang unit. He said the females in these gangs are just as violent as the males.

Chief Moore said we need to make it very uncomfortable for these people to come here. He advised U.W. Law School Professor Mike Scott is coming to Rock County in March to give a presentation on confinement and victims along with criminals—part of the Problem Oriented Policing program.

Supervisor Fizzell commented that the first step to becoming a community nuisance is getting kicked out of school. This has to be prevented to keep them off the streets.

Judge Daley said he sees the following consistencies in his felony calendar: substance abuse, no high school diploma, come from dysfunctional or one-parent family. Mr. Nelson said he would like to see us require more of parents and families.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said she sent the juvenile justice independent report to Council members via email for their information. She also reminded the Council that "Election of Chair and Vice Chair" will be on the next agenda. Neil Deupree and Marv Wopat have indicated they would be interested in continuing to serve.

**Future Meeting Dates and Locations.** Vice Chair Wopat said the next meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2010, 4:00 P.M., in the Courthouse Conference Center.

**Citizen Participation and Announcements.** Mr. Boswell talked about youth issues and asked why there are no representatives of Juvenile Justice issues around the table. The Council advised Mr. Boswell that there are Juvenile Justice members on the Council.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld said people should feel safe in the community and referenced some areas without appropriate lighting outside their facilities and people milling around.

Mr. Farrell thanked the Council for the tremendous progress with these issues and said he is very grateful for the hours the group is putting in.

**Adjournment.** Sheriff Spoden moved adjournment at 5:36 P.M., second by Ms. Bettin.  
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Milligan  
Confidential Administrative Assistant

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