

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
INITIATED BY

Public Safety & Justice Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen
DRAFTED BY

March 1, 2010
DATE DRAFTED

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM GRANT

1 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice, through the ~~through the~~ Office of Justice Programs, Bureau
2 of Justice Assistance, has appropriated funding for grants through the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment
3 and Crime Reduction Act of 2004 and the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction
4 Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2008; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, the goal of the grant is to increase public safety through innovative cross-system
7 collaboration for individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse
8 disorders who come into contact with the criminal justice system; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, this grant would be used toward one or more of the following initiatives: (1) plan or create
11 programs that promote public safety and public health by providing appropriate services for system-
12 involved individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders; (2)
13 plan or create specialized training programs for criminal justice and mental health and substance abuse
14 treatment personnel; (3) plan or create law enforcement strategies to provide response options that are
15 tailored to the needs of people with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse
16 disorders; (4) plan or create mental health courts, other court-based programs, or diversion and alternative
17 prosecution and sentencing programs; and/or (5) promote and provide mental health co-occurring
18 treatment and transitional services for those incarcerated or transitional reentry programs for those
19 released from a correctional institution; and,
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has decided that addressing mental health and
22 co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders in the criminal justice system are the top
23 priorities of the Council; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is recommending that Rock County apply for
26 a Planning Grant, which provides funding of up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), with an
27 Eighty/Twenty (80/20) percent split (between federal and county) to design a strategic, collaborative
28 plan to initiate systemic change for the identification and treatment of offenders with mental illness or
29 co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders; and,
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31 **WHEREAS**, the twenty (20) percent match that the county is responsible for could come in the form of
32 an in-kind match; and,
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34 **WHEREAS**, the planning process will ultimately form the basis for a problem solving model, or
35 strategic plan, to intercept individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance
36 abuse disorders from the system at the earliest point possible while promoting public safety; and,
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38 **WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council will continue to refine the proposal and further
39 develop the details of its plan prior to the grant application deadline of April 8, 2010.
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41 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
42 this 25th day of March 2010 does hereby endorse the concept of applying for a federal grant
43 to address mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders in the criminal
44 justice system and authorize the submission of the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program
45 planning grant application.

10-3B-522

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Ivan Collins

Ivan Collins, Chair

Absent

Brian Knudson, Vice Chair

Mary Beaver

Mary Beaver

Hank Brill

Hank Brill

Larry Wiedenfeld

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and, therefore, has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.

Jeffrey A. Smith

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Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.

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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson

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County Administrator

Executive Summary

Authorizing Submission of JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM Grant Application

The U.S. Department of Justice, through the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has authorized funding for grants through the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004 and the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2008. The goal of the grant is to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who come into contact with the criminal justice system.

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is recommending that Rock County apply for a Planning Grant, which provides funding of up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), with an 80/20 percent split (between federal and county) to design a strategic, collaborative plan to initiate systemic change for the identification and treatment of offenders with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. The twenty (20) percent match for which the county is responsible could come in the form of an in-kind match, as opposed to any monetary expenditure by the county.

The planning grant requires development of an effective collaboration representing support from all levels of government, justice, mental health and AODA treatment services, transportation, housing, advocates, consumers, and family members. This collaboration will ultimately form the basis for a problem solving model, or strategic plan, to intercept individuals from the system at the earliest point possible while promoting public safety.

The Council will continue to refine the details of its proposal prior to the application deadline of April 8, 2010. This resolution seeks the County Board's endorsement of the program concept, as well as the authority to submit the grant application. Should the grant be received, another resolution would come before the Board accepting the grant and amending the 2010 budget.