

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

February 17, 2011

**Call to Order.** Chair Deupree called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 4:10 P.M. at the Merrill Community Center, Beloit.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Neil Deupree, Supervisor Sandra Kraft, Eric Nelson, Tom Gubbin (alt. for Art Thurmer), Charmian Klyve, Regina Dunkin, Judge James Daley, Lorenzo Henderson, Rich Gruber.

**Committee Members Excused:** Patrick Cork, Ed Pearson, Marv Wopat, Sheriff Robert Spoden, David O'Leary.

**Committee Members Absent:** George Smith, Jr., Chief David Moore, Max Arriaga.

**Staff Members Present:** Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Captain Brent DeRemer, Sheriff's Office; Phil Boutwell, Rock County Human Services.

**Others Present:** Lynda Owens, NAMI Rock County; Betty Conklin, NAMI Rock County; Effie Garret, Citizen; Kay Deupree, Janesville League of Women Voters; Chief Norm Jacobs, Beloit Police Department; Tom Dunkin, Beloit Police Department; Dr. Paul Gregory, UW – Whitewater; Ed Zapala, Veterans Administration; Ted Sullivan, Janesville Gazette.

**Approval of Agenda.** Ms. Dunkin moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Ms. Klyve. ADOPTED.

**Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2011.** Judge Daley moved approval of the minutes of January 20, 2011, seconded by Ms. Dunkin. ADOPTED.

**Drug Court Evaluation Presentation:** Chair Deupree introduced Dr. Paul Gregory the Drug Court's independent evaluator from UW-Whitewater.

Dr. Gregory handed out copies of the complete evaluation and a summary sheet. He said that the evaluation covers years 2 and 3 of the program. Dr. Gregory went on to point out that there are two sections of the report: (1) the process evaluation and (2) the outcome evaluation.

Dr. Gregory went over the process evaluation and said that in this part he was looking to see if Rock County's Drug Court follows the Ten Key Components of Drug Courts as laid out by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Dr. Gregory said that Rock County *is* meeting the Ten Key Components. He said that there were some needs that the Court was looking at, including: around the clock surveillance of participants by partnering with local law enforcement; a written policies and procedures manual; formal written goals established for future evaluations; more information on drug testing; and a need for a comparison group.

Dr. Gregory then addressed the outcome evaluation part of the report. He said that this section looks at the impacts of the program. He said there was a high rate of abstinence by participants while in the program—at 88%. He said the retention rate is 71%, which is the national average. Dr. Gregory went on to say that they did not have a real control group, so he compared

Drug Court graduates with those that did not graduate from the program and these groups had to be out of the program for a year. He only looked at convictions for the groups and of Drug Court graduates, there was a substantially lower rate of recidivism as compared to the non-graduates. He also commented that the Drug Court team may want to look at the target population to make sure they are treating higher risk people. Judge Daley said when the program started they took lower risk people but as the program has evolved, they are taking much higher risk people.

Dr. Gregory said that looking at how long people are in the program is important. He said best practices indicate that people need to be kept in the program for at least 90 days to start seeing change. He went on to say that a valid comparison group is needed and that the team was working on that. He added that in the future he recommends that they look at cost avoidance because spending less time incarcerated means spending less money.

Ms. Dunkin said a cost analysis is needed in the future as well as looking at different ethnicities and ages and what happens to people in the future. Dr. Gregory said the average age of people in the program was 26 and that having a high number of discharges in the early life of a program is not uncommon and will level off as time goes by. Judge Daley said some of the data may also be skewed because when the program began there were alternate ways to enter into Community RECAP, which were outside of the Drug Court and there were mostly failures using that method. Dr. Gregory said that Rock County's Drug Court serves a lot of people and that goes to impact, of which, the program is having a good impact and that the recidivism rate is excellent. Ms. Klyve said that looking at the educational background of people and having 40% of participants with less than a high school diploma, the recidivism rate is very admirable.

Judge Daley asked how many points of similarity would be needed for a valid control group. Dr. Gregory said that a match on 4-5 variables would be good, including primary drug of choice, race, education, ethnicity, etc.

Chair Deupree thanked Dr. Gregory for his evaluation and said he is looking forward to further evaluations of the program.

**Discussion Regarding Burglaries in Rock County.** Mr. Henderson began by introducing the Chief of the Beloit Police Department, Norm Jacobs and Deputy Chief Dunkin. Chief Jacobs said there have been a rash of cluster burglaries in two areas and that they were able to find four suspects. He said that burglaries have been one of the biggest problems in Beloit. Deputy Chief Dunkin added that mental health issues also seem to be on the rise and they are working with Crisis and other departments to get a handle on this problem.

**Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns.** Chair Deupree asked what else law enforcement was seeing besides burglaries in Rock County that they were concerned about. Captain DeRemer said that burglaries have been on the decrease and he said that people need aftercare after they are done with various treatment programs to lower recidivism. Mr. Henderson said the community applauded when they caught a recent burglar in Beloit. Ms. Dunkin said Merrill Community Center was partnering with NAMI to hold some workshops regarding mental health issues.

**Discussion and Action on JAG Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils Grant.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said that although the CJCC decided not to apply for this grant, Criminal Justice Coordinators across the state were working together on an application regarding the

evaluation of criminal justice programs and if Rock County wanted to be a part of this, CJCC would have to submit a letter of support. Chair Deupree asked if there was a motion to submit a letter on behalf of this project. Ms. Dunkin moved to support this initiative with a second from Mr. Henderson. The group voted unanimously to support this initiative and submit a letter on behalf of the Rock County CJCC.

**Update on Offender Reentry Resource Fair 2011.** Mr. Gubbin said this workgroup had met and it looked like the next Fair would be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon. He said that the workgroup discussed how to fill the employment gap at the Fair and asked for CJCC's support to encourage more vendors and participants to attend.

### **Grants Update.**

**TAD Grant.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said things were status quo regarding this grant and they were waiting to see if there would be future funding by the State in the coming months.

**Federal Drug Court Grant.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the team has been moving the program forward in a positive manner. Chair Deupree said that in the future, if things we are doing now are positive (ie. psychiatry and residential treatment), we should be able to figure out a way to keep these services funded in the future.

**Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant and Ad Hoc Committee.** Chair Deupree said Ms. Pohlman McQuillen, Kate Flanagan, and Denny Luster went to the national Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Conference last week and learned a lot to hopefully continue to guide this process. He said that the County Board agreed to the consultant the Ad Hoc Committee and CJCC recommended for completing the needs and resource assessment.

**OJA Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils Grant.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said it was official that Rock County received this \$10,000 grant and the money was going to have to be spent by September 30<sup>th</sup>. She reminded the group that the money would do three things: (1) determine what are best practices for AODA treatment in the criminal justice system; (2) how to track people after they leave treatment programs in the criminal justice system to see if they remain substance free; and (3) facilitate a strategic planning session with the CJCC.

**Establishment of Working Groups for Priorities.** Not addressed at this meeting.

**Areas of Future Action and Discussion for CJCC.** Not addressed at this meeting.

**Future Meeting Dates and Locations.** March 17th at 4pm in the Courthouse Conference Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse East.

### **Citizen Participation and Announcements.**

Chair Deupree told the group that Ms. Pohlman McQuillen was coming up on her three-year anniversary with Rock County and thanked her for her efforts during this time.

Ms. Conklin said that she was from NAMI Rock County, which is a support group that works on education, advocacy, and support for people with mental health issues. She said they

meet once a month at the River of Life Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7 pm and that the meetings are open to the public should anyone like to attend.

Ms. Dunkin commended Judge Daley on his work with the Veterans Court.

Chair Deupree thanked Mr. Henderson for providing the Soul Food meal and invited everyone to enjoy the food.

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen  
Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst

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