

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
Minutes - June 18, 2020

Call to Order. Chair Mattingly called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 3:05 P.M. via teleconference.

Committee Members Present: Chair Kelly Mattingly, Chief David Moore, Steve Howland, Bill Rankin, Supervisor Shirley Williams, Kate Luster, Troy Enger, Carol Wickersham, Ryan Trautsch, Marc Perry, David O’Leary, Sheriff Troy Knudson, Billy Bob Grahn and Chief David Zibolski.

Committee Members Absent: Judge Daniel Dillon, Lonnie Brigham and Angela Moore.

Staff Members Present: Dr. Kendra Schiffman, Analyst; Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager; Kofi Abaidoo, Coordinator of Quality Improvement; and Gina Koehl, Deferred Prosecution Director.

Others Present: Erin Davis, JM4C; Denise Peters-Kauihou, United Way; Supervisor Stephanie Aegerter, Supervisor Mary Beaver, Supervisor Kathy Schulz and Supervisor Kara Purviance, Rock County Board of Supervisors; Faun Moses, Ashley Morse and Michelle Brandemuehl, State Public Defender’s Office; Jonah Beleckis, Janesville Gazette; Vicki Brown, YWCA; Harriet Everette, Kevin Smith, Neil Deupree and Chloe Mattingly, citizens.

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Howland moved approval of the agenda, second by Ms. Luster. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2020. Ms. Brown would like the minutes changed to reflect a correction. Under ‘Discussion on Institutional Racism’ fourth sentence, remove wording ‘Hopefully, this report will be complete by the end of the year and’ replace with ‘when complete’. Mr. Trautsch moved approval of the minutes of May 21, 2020 with this change, second by Mr. Enger. ADOPTED.

Support for Wisconsin DOJ Pretrial Grant Application. Since EBDM has not met, support is needed for the grant application. This grant will mainly cover the cost of a case manager for pretrial. They are hoping to implement pretrial beginning in July. Mr. Perry moved to support the Wisconsin DOJ Pretrial Grant application, second by Ms. Williams. ADOPTED.

Support for Resolution Condemning George Floyd Death, Supporting Peaceful Demonstrations, and Calling for Action on Racial Reconciliation. Ms. Williams moved to approve the resolution, second by Ms. Luster.

Mr. Howland moved to amend the resolution to add an additional paragraph: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rock County Board will work to establish a plan to address systemic/structural racism in Rock County that would include adopting set metrics to measure racial disparities in our country and pledge to work to reduce those disparities, second by Ms. Luster. AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Mattingly moved to add an additional paragraph after the second paragraph to include the name of Rayshard Brooks, second by Ms. Wickersham. Chief Zibolski said he disagrees with this and it may muddy the waters of the true intention of this resolution. AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED ON THE

FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – Williams, Rankin, Wickersham, Mattingly, Howland and Perry. NO – Moore, Knudson, Grahn, Trautsch, Luster, Zibolski, and O’Leary. ABSTAIN – Enger.

RESOLUTION WITH MR. HOWLAND’S AMENDMENT ADOPTED.

Follow-Up to Presentation on Disorderly Conduct Data and Discussion of Next Steps regarding Criminal Justice System Racial and Ethnic Disparities Data. Chief Moore said all his staff have been trained for the following: implicit bias, procedural justice, a robust de-escalation training and ICAT training. They have utilized body cameras for over a decade. Chief Moore said transparency is very important. His department has a robust citizen complaint process also. He said in 2019 they had roughly over 100,000 police contacts and only 54 times some level of use of force.

Chief Zibolski said his department has done everything that JPD has done. He has held in depth conversations with his staff on the Rayshard Brooks case and other options that may have been available. They will be working on additional training scenarios. He has also had impactful discussions with individuals on their personal experiences.

Sheriff Knudson said it is critically important to have a good plan in place with constant review.

Mr. Perry asked what has been done with the departments to increase community engagement. Chief Zibolski said they had a bias training in 2017. He has reached out to bring that training back for new hires. He invited committee members to attend the bias training as well. He also has community conversations planned including local clergy. Chief Moore said he has changed some policies to add the sanctity of life. COVID is making community discussions a little harder. Typically during the summer months, his department does the neighborhood picnics which is on hold because of COVID.

Chief Moore said it is difficult to hire a diverse workforce due to the demand. His department is currently working with the Explorer post and mentoring high school students. He feels we have a community problem. Chief Zibolski said recruitment is difficult. His department has a relationship with Western Illinois University. Sheriff Knudson said he has reviewed their recruitment process recently.

Chief Zibolski said he feels that school resource officers (SRO) have an important relationship with students and is good for community engagement. Chief Moore said school shootings are still of concern and SRO’s offer a sense of security. The committee discussed how SRO’s don’t arrest juveniles but rather refer them to Juvenile Justice. Juvenile Justice decides if they have resources to help or if they refer to the DA’s office.

Mr. O’Leary said the case management systems that are used in his office cannot analyze data easily. He said it has been some time since his staff have had implicit bias training and is looking in to it again.

Supervisor Schulz asked the Sheriff for data on inmates that were released from jail at the start of COVID. Did they excel being out on the bracelet? Sheriff Knudson said they did better than expected. He will evaluate and bring data back to a future meeting.

EBDM Update. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said they will meet in July. They have signed the Phase 2 contract with JusticePoint and hope to start pretrial in July.

Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns. Sheriff Knudson said they are still planning the remodel of Pinehurst and is looking for input from this committee.

Consideration of Future Areas for CJCC Focus/Action (from current and past meetings).

- Chief Moore would like to track school violence
- EBDM presentation on Risk Assessment
- Mr. Perry would like to speak with Homeless liaisons in Beloit and Janesville to get an update on unaccompanied youth population
- Ms. Wickersham would like a conversation on AODA/Mental Health services in the Rock County jail and wrap around services in the community. Mr. Brigham would like to extend this to Rock County youth.
- Safe Families presentation
- Mr. Perry said there have been several studies that name Wisconsin as the most segregated state. He would like to have a conversation around solutions to this issue. He will forward the links to these studies for Ms. Pohlman McQuillen to distribute.
- Mr. Brigham would like to know the percentage of juvenile citations in schools and how this is working.
- Mr. Brigham would like a presentation on bullying in schools and carryover outside of school (at risk youth behavioral data)

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Ms. Morse asked the committee to keep the issues discussed today at the forefront.

Ms. Everette said she is interested in becoming more involved.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, July 18, 2020, 3:00 P.M., Location TBD

Adjournment. Mr. Perry moved to adjourn at 4:59 P.M., second by Mr. Howland.
ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,
HR Secretary

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