

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
Minutes – February 19, 2015

Call to Order. Chair Nelson called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 3:01 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Eric Nelson, Supervisor Sandra Kraft, Lance Horozewski, William Rankin, Heath Bierman (alt. for Charles Jones), Chief David Moore, David O’Leary, Steve Howland, Max Arriaga, Jim Neitzel (alt. for Troy Enger)--then Troy Enger at 3:33pm, and Kelly O’Brien (alt. for Angela Moore).

Committee Members Absent: Judge Daley, Regina Dunkin, Lorenzo Henderson, Sheriff Spoden, Charmian Klyve, and Marv Wopat.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst and Tracey VanZandt, HR Secretary.

Others Present: Neil Deupree; Ethel Below; Lynda Owens; Sarah Johnson, Janesville Mobilizing for Change; Mike Fallow, J.O.B.; Jeb Searks, Beloit/Monroe Probation & Parole; and Tawsif Anan, Representative for Senator Ron Johnson.

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Howland moved approval of the agenda, second by Mr. O’Leary. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2015. One change, in call to order it should be changed that Mr. Nelson is Chair not Vice Chair, in the Call to Order. Mr. Howland moved approval of the minutes with this change, second by Mr. O’Leary. ADOPTED.

Discussion Regarding Probation Revocation Article in Janesville Gazette on February 8, 2015, and its Connection to Evidence-Based Practice Decision Making. Chair Nelson noted that he invited Assistant District Attorney Jerry Urbik and Judge Fitzpatrick, who the article cites, to see if they could attend today’s meeting. Neither could make the meeting. Chair Nelson asked for discussion on the article. Mr. Rankin stated that anytime there is a position with discretion there will always be criticism. There are some that feel that Probation/Parole is too quick to revoke. Mr. Rankin cited a study regarding revocations. Mr. O’Leary stated that he has a meeting on March 12th with a DOC supervisor to discuss some of these issues. Community safety must always trump budget concerns. Mr. O’Leary will bring information back to the next CJCC meeting. Mr. O’Leary feels that the bigger problem is the lack of communication between agencies. Mr. Horozewski stated that EBDM will help find where the communication breakdown is. Mr. Neitzel stated they will have a violation staffing guide in place by October and this should provide more consistency in the process. DOC uses a COMPASS, a risk assessment, which helps determine how likely an individual is to commit another crime. Mr. Howland stated that we need to help these offenders succeed.

Chair Nelson passed out a handout on Justice System Decision Points. He stated that good decisions should be made at all points. Every point is a chance to intervene. The goal is harm reduction.

Update on EBDM Initiative. It was announced by Mr. O’Leary and Ms. Pohlman McQuillen that the State of Wisconsin was selected for the NIC EBDM initiative.

Three states were chosen to participate in the initiative. Six counties in Wisconsin will be participating with the state. Besides Rock County, the other counties that will participate are Outagamie, LaCrosse, Waukesha, Chippewa, and Marathon. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen stated we will hear soon as to what the next step in the process will be.

Follow-Up on Collaboration with the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee on Heroin Issue. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen passed out a handout and turned the meeting over to Sarah Johnson, from Janesville Mobilizing for Change. Ms. Johnson reported they will be hosting town hall meetings and resource fairs about heroin. Posters are being printed and will be distributed soon to advertise for these events. Ms. Johnson also stated there will be a massive press release. It was asked of Ms. Johnson if they have asked Janesville Schools to help distribute information. She stated that is next on her task list. Ms. Johnson will send information/announcements to Ms. Pohlman McQuillen who will forward it to the group.

Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns. Chief Moore announced that Officer Foster has been working on the heroin pilot project. He met with the Attorney General and he is very interested in this issue. They are looking for grant opportunities to help funding. Chief Moore stated that of the 25 individuals that Officer Foster has worked with, 10-15 are clean. 80% of these individuals are without insurance. Officer Foster is helping these people obtain outpatient treatment and getting jobs. Chief Moore is very concerned that funding is running short on this very worthwhile project. He will report back at next month's meeting about any funding updates. Mr. O'Leary stated he knows the Attorney General is making heroin a top priority. Mr. Horozewski noted that outpatient treatment is far cheaper than prison time. Supervisor Kraft would like to see this topic added to the Human Services Board agenda. She also stated that we are working with the Board of Health on a prescription round-up. Chief Moore is working on getting drop boxes in all Mercy pharmacies. Currently there is only one drop box at the Janesville Police Department and it fills quickly and they have no way to dispose of these items.

Consideration of Future Areas for CJCC Focus/Action. It was agreed that the Committee should revisit the Gazette Article and update on EBDM. Mr. O'Leary passed out a handout on District Attorney staffing issues.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. None.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015, 3:00 P.M., Courthouse Conference Center, 2nd Floor Courthouse East

Adjournment. Mr. Rankin moved adjournment at 4:19 P.M., second by Mr. O'Leary.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt
HR Secretary

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