

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
Minutes – October 15, 2015

Call to Order. Chair Nelson called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 3:00 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Eric Nelson, Supervisor Billy Bob Grahn (alt. for Supervisor Sandra Kraft), Lance Horozewski, Steve Howland, Charles Jones, Bill Rankin, Marc Perry, Max Arriaga, Mary Weaver, Troy Enger, and then Charmian Klyve at 3:05.

Committee Members Absent: Judge Richard Werner, Lorenzo Henderson, Sheriff Robert Spoden, Angela Moore, Chief David Moore, and David O'Leary.

Staff Members Present: Tracey VanZandt, HR Secretary; Gina Koehl, Deferred Prosecution Director.

Others Present: Neil Deupree; Ethel Below, Lynda Owens and Jim Neitzel, Department of Corrections.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Grahn moved approval of the agenda, second by Mr. Howland. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2015. Mr. Jones moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Perry. ADOPTED.

Presentation on DOC Initiatives. Mr. Enger began by providing background on Probation and Parole. There are three counties in Region 1 (Dane, Rock and Green County). There are two field offices in Rock County, one in Janesville and the other in Beloit. There are approximately 40 agents between both offices. There are four Correctional Sergeants in Region 1. The Correctional Sergeant does not have an active caseload but does transports and GPS monitoring. They also employ interstate contact agents as well as a jail liaison, and other specialty agents. As of September 30, there are 2,069 offenders being supervised in Rock County. There are 66,000 offenders in the state on community supervision. The typical length of supervision is based on the Judge but minimum is usually one year up to maximum of incarceration followed by supervision. The Judge now determines length of confinement separate from probation. Mr. Rankin stated there is a ton of research and data on the internet at www.doc.wi.gov. DOC works with local law enforcement on things such as compliance checks, bar checks for individuals on OWI supervision, and the Halloween initiative for sex offenders. Probation and Parole is beginning to put in place some changes due to EBDM initiatives, one of these being the COMPASS Risk Assessment tool. The assessment is done on every individual. This helps determine recidivism rates and supervision levels. Low risk individuals require minimum contact. Most services are provided to medium to high risk offenders. The assessment can be overridden on an individual basis based on professional judgment. There are a series of approval levels to this override. The risk level determines the amount of time they are required to meet with their agent. There is a 6 month review process. At this point, individuals through progress on their case plan, can earn the ability to go down levels. This is an incentive for offenders to follow rules. Field offices have minimum report days for low risk individuals so as not to mix with other risk levels. This is not foolproof as individuals can stop in at any time. There is a lot of data that can be obtained from the COMPASS assessment. New contracts that are coming out, for example with a halfway house, are more risk based driven. DOC staff are trained in four core competencies. The first being building professional alliances. The

Department is holding monthly trainings to improve agent's skills and interactions. They have also purchased a briefcase training session which is working on changing the way an individual thinks. Offenders will receive a homework Carey guide. The second competency is skills practice. This helps with effective case planning. The agent establishes a case plan with the individual using their input, making them think about a long term plan. The agent provides community support resources if the need is known. Treatment options are available as well. Short-term incarceration sanctions are available through the Rock County Jail. While individuals are in Jail they may work on the Thinking for Change program. Upon successful completion, individuals can shorten their sanction. This has proven to be successful in Dane County. Agents are using a matrix as a guidance tool to align behaviors with a calculated response. It was asked if this new initiative is causing workforce turnover. There is more turnover than historically so one can assume this may be in part due to the change. This initiative is harder on the tenured offenders to embrace. It was noted that there are currently no African American probation agents in Rock County. DOC is working on expanding their employment outreach. Mr. Perry suggested having a job fair at a historically black college. That has worked for the Beloit School District in the past.

Support for TAD Grant Application to Fund Drug Court. TAD Grant applications are due November 11th. This grant funds approximately 1/3 of Rock County's Drug Court. Supervisor Grahn made a motion for CJCC to support the application of the TAD Grant. Mr. Howland second the motion. ADOPTED.

Mr. Nelson spoke with Dr. Gregory and he will come to a CJCC meeting to discuss his evaluation once it is completed. We would like to aim for the January meeting for his presentation.

Update and Discussion on EBDM Initiative. Mr. Nelson handed out the decision point's matrix that was created after the last EBDM meeting on Sept. 30. At each decision point, three questions were asked and then discussed. The questions were "What do we want to have happen at this decision point?" "What data do we have or need?" "What are the opportunities at this decision point?" The next meeting will be on Oct. 21st.

Discussion about Law Enforcement Concerns. No law enforcement present.

Consideration of Future Areas for CJCC Focus/Action. With the recent events in the City of Beloit with the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief on leave, Mr. Howland would like to discuss what measures we have in place to monitor our Rock County Criminal Justice System. He also would like to discuss community relations with the police.

The committee would like to put out another invitation to the Beloit Police Dept. to attend our CJCC meetings. There has never been an official representative from the Beloit Police and it would be beneficial. We like to discuss the policing strategy within the community of Beloit as the Rock County Sheriff has had some presence in the city for a while now.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Neil Deupree announced that the Beloit NAACP Freedom Fun Banquet will be Nov. 12. The cost is \$50 (\$30 of which is your membership fee). The County will be represented at the banquet with a table of eight as well.

YWCA anti-racism full day training is also on November 12th at the Holiday Inn Express.

Mr. Perry requested that members check out WKOW website as they ran a feature on the Community Action High School Mentoring Program in Beloit. They did a great job.

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

Adjournment. Supervisor Grahn moved adjournment at 4:30 P.M., second by Mr. Jones.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt
HR Secretary

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