

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
December 15, 2011

Call to Order. Vice Chair Kraft called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council order at 4:00 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Vice Chair Sandy Kraft, Robert Fizzell, (for Regina Dunkin), Eric Nelson, Tom Gubbin (for Art Thurmer), Neil Deupree, Angie Moran (for Laura Kleber), Lorenzo Henderson, Chief David Moore, George Smith, Jr., Charmian Klyve at 4:17 P.M.

Committee Members Absent: Max Arriaga, Rich Gruber, Judge Daley, David O'Leary, Ed Pearson, Sheriff Spoden, Marv Wopat.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator.

Others Present: Supervisor Jason Heidenreich, Tiffany Walker and Vicki Trebian, ATTIC Correctional Services, Inc.; Lynda Owens, Steve Howland.

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Gubbin moved approval of the agenda, second by Mr. Nelson. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes from 11/17/11. Mr. Fizzell moved approval of the minutes, second by Mr. Gubbin. ADOPTED.

Update on RFQ for Community RECAP and OWI Court. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen informed the committee that after going through the formal RFQ process, it was recommended that ATTIC continue to provide services to the Drug Court for 2012. The Resolution is going to County Board tonight. The OWI Court case management portion was not recommended and is currently out for proposals.

Action on Letter regarding Legislative Bills on Employment of Felons. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen passed around a letter for the committee members to review. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said that the letter would be personalized and mailed to each member of Rock County's legislative delegation. Mr. Deupree moved approval of the letter, second by Mr. Fizzell. ADOPTED.

Discussion regarding Involvement with Community Justice Reinvestment Group. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen passed around an email she received from the Public Policy Institute of Community Advocates regarding a statewide effort to work on community justice initiatives. They are trying to expand this initiative to other counties and have asked us if we would be interested in participating. If we participate, we could help move these initiatives to the state level. They are requesting that some of our stakeholders attend a meeting (end of January – early February) to learn more about it and provide feedback on what has been working and what Rock County would like to see. The consensus was favorable from the committee, agreeing that we could benefit, gain contacts and connections. Mr. Nelson added that another benefit would be that Eau Claire and Milwaukee County receive a huge grant and are reassessing their entire criminal justice systems through evidence-based practices/decision making; this would be an insight for us to observe. Mr. Deupree and Mr. Fizzell stated they are interested in attending the meeting. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen will inform them of our interest.

Strategic Planning. The four major issues the committee listed back in August were: Repeat Offenders, Juveniles, Reduced Governmental Resources and Mental Health /AODA. Vice Chair Kraft asked if these were still the priorities and suggested taking one of the issues and working on that at each meeting. Vice Chair Kraft asked the committee for feedback on the issues listed or for other topics that should be added. The consensus was to keep the four issues and work with them since they all mesh together.

Grants Update.

TAD Grant. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen stated that she still has not received the official award letter.

Federal Drug Court Grant. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen stated that the psychiatrist is not renewing his contract for 2012. We have not been able to find a replacement and have about 8 months left of funding to use. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said she has recently talked with Crossroads, which has previously helped some of the Drug court clients. They would be willing to help through the end of the grant, but our model would change: the psychiatrist would do the evaluation piece and medication evaluations, their APNP could write scripts, and there would be two dually credentialed psychotherapists. She said she would have to get approval from the feds to change this before moving forward with another provider. Additionally, we would need to go to the County Board for contract approval. The Sheriff, PD, Judge Werner, and the rest of the Drug Court team are on board with this and now are looking for the blessings of the CJCC to move forward. The committee gave their approval.

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant & Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said site visits are in progress. The committee agreed changing one site visit from Akron, Ohio to two different counties in Kansas. She also informed the group that the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant will not be offered for 2012. Mr. Deupree stated that he, Mr. Gubbin, and others from the Mental Health Committee went to visit the Mental Health Court in Rockford, both agreed it was a very positive visit and a good model to work with, a lot of resources.

Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns. Chief Moore wanted to share a positive telephone conversation he had with Burdette Erickson, a Fourth Ward resident. Mr. Erickson stated that probation officers attended a neighborhood meeting and the residents were very appreciative of the time shared together.

Areas of Future Action and Discussion for CJCC. None.

Future Meeting Date. The next CJCC meeting is Thursday, January 19, 2012, here at 4:00 P.M. Mr. Nelson mentioned that he would not be in attendance.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Ms. Trebian said she would be happy to have Community RECAP staff do a presentation regarding the LSI. Ms. Owens suggested that there be inclusions for females – recidivisms with women and children. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen informed the committee that she would be out on maternity leave for a couple of months (returning in late February) and during her absence, Nick Osborne, Assistant to the County Administrator, would be taking over some of the things she has been working on. Vice Chair Kraft read a letter from NMAI Rock County

to the Chairman of the CJCC supporting Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for all law enforcement officers in Rock County.

Ms. Moran and Mr. Fizzell both commented on the importance of CIT and CIP training for law enforcement.

Adjournment. Mr. Gubbin moved to adjourn at 5:16 P.M., second by Mr. Deupree.
ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Zastoupil
Human Resources Secretary

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