

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**Minutes – September 18, 2014**

**Call to Order.** Chair Nelson called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 3:23 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

**Committee Members Present:** Eric Nelson, Steve Howland, Charles Jones, Max Arriaga (3:10 P.M.), Lance Horozewski, Charmian Klyve (3:35 P.M.), Sandra Kraft, Chief Moore (3:29 P.M.), David O’Leary, Bill Rankin, Troy Enger (3:20 P.M.).

**Committee Members Absent:** Regina Dunkin, Lorenzo Henderson, Judge Daley, Angela Moore, Sheriff Spoden and Marv Wopat.

**Staff Members Present:** Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst, Rebecca Rudolph and Kate Flanagan, Human Services Department.

**Others Present:** Supervisor Billy Bob Grahn, Neil Deupree, BHRSC; Brian Foster, Janesville Police Department; Lynda Owens, Betty Conklin and Colleen Wisch, NAMI; Ethel Below, Amanda Lake, Beloit Health System/AODA Steering Committee; Sarah Wampole-Maciejeski, Rock County Drug Court, Kate Buker, Assistant District Attorney, Rock County Drug Court.

**Approval of Agenda.** Mr. Howland moved approval of the agenda, second by Mr. Jones. ADOPTED.

**Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2014.** Supervisor Rankin moved approval of the minutes of August 21, 2014, second by Mr. Howland. ADOPTED.

**Discussion regarding Drug Court and Capacity Issues** Ms. Buker said due to the criminogenic factors, we cannot mix high risk and low risk clients together and we have had to turn many away because they do not meet the medium to high risk threshold required for the Drug Court. There was discussion regarding low risk people and high risk people. Ms. Buker mentioned there is also a perception that if you try drug court and fail, the punishment is greater than if you would have taken a deal up front. Drug Court is hard. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said other jurisdictions, such as Dane County does a risk assessments up front and only the high risk will go to Drug Court and the medium will participate in an alternative program. It would be ideal to have a continuum of programs to meet the needs and risk levels of offenders. Chair Nelson explained the reasoning and need for the pre-screening process. Mr. O’Leary said some addicts are just addicts, not criminals. Ms. Buker stated they cannot take participants with violent crimes, as mandated in the TAD legislation. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the census in Drug Court has been significantly below capacity for over one year. Ms. Wampole-Maciejeski said she is receiving more referrals from DOC.

**Follow-up Discussion about Heroin in Rock County with Officer Foster and SCAODA Report** There was discussion regarding treatment, waiting lists, if people have insurance or not. High risk offenders usually get into treatment within 1-2 weeks and the others will wait 1-2 months for treatment. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen was asked at the last meeting to check on what statewide CJCCs are looking at and who was looking at the SCAODA report. She said she received responses from a few of her colleagues across the state. She said the statewide CJCC does not have a clearing house nor are they focusing on the heroin issue at this time. She said Waukesha County went through the pillars identified in the SCAODA report and they are in the beginning process. LaCrosse County set

up a task force last year and have a report issued in April as to how they are going to address the heroin epidemic. Officer Foster shared his progress, 17 O.D. documented with 4 or 5 fatalities as of mid-June, he has had 6 O.D. and 0 fatalities, for a total of 23 documented O.D.'s this year. He shared a story regarding a call he received regarding a 33 year old heroin addict and the treatment she received once an AODA sponsor took her in and continues to take her to Janesville Counseling Center. Since August 24<sup>th</sup>, she has been clean. Officer Foster said the Janesville PD has vouchers for motel stays. Officer Foster knows of 110 heroin users and he has been in touch with 60 of them. Mr. Horozewski said drug court is expensive and we are trying to utilize the community resources. Mr. O'Leary said the criminal justice system is a last resort and the most expensive. We need the treatment programs in Rock County. Mr. O'Leary asked Officer Foster if there are any special conditions regarding bond issues or curfews, let his office know as this information would be helpful to their office and would also help the client. Officer Foster mentioned 4 of his clients are doing well, 3 are not doing so well but are still in contact with the services we have and 1 is currently in drug court. Supervisor Kraft congratulated Officer Foster and the Janesville PD on this program and asked about the continuation of this program. Chief Moore said this is so new and they are constantly learning, he added the need for results and success and will be checking this again in December. Discussion regarding various ways Officer Foster could use help with his duties, such as driving clients to and from appointments and waiting. The Committee said there are resources available to assist him in various ways. Ms. Rudolph and Ms. Flanagan distributed various handouts and explained each one. Ms. Flanagan said we are one of six counties to work with the Niatx Project involving the heroin issue and they will keep CJCC updated as this moves along, as we are in the early stages. Ms. Flanagan said Rock County also received the TAP grant in the amount of \$225,000 which will increase access to medicated assisted treatment and mental health services for OWI and Drug Court participants, as well as an ATR program for Probation & Parole.

**Update on Evidence Based Practice Decision Making Initiative** Mr. O'Leary stated he was at the Planning Committee today working on a grant initiative. He feels Wisconsin and Colorado will be selected. He said he would be attending a week long EBDM learning program this November in Colorado.

**Briefing on Law Enforcement Concerns** Chief Moore stated they are coming in contact with vials of urine when searching for drugs. They are watching the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward neighborhood, reports of manufacturing meth.

**Consideration of Future Areas for CJCC Focus/Action** Chair Nelson stated Officer Foster will be returning in November. We have many continuing agenda items to work on.

**Citizen Participation and Announcements** Mr. Enger announced David Melby was recently hired to replace Tom Gubbin at the DOC. Supervisor Kraft said she attended the Wisconsin Counties Association conference and one of the speakers (Kerrie Taylor, Administrator of Juvenile Corrections) spoke highly of Mr. Horozewski. Ms. Conklin announced the week of October 5 – October 11 is National Mental Illness awareness week. She said various articles will be published in the Janesville and Beloit newspapers informing the public of the need for more involvement from the community.

**Future Meeting Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014, 3:00 P.M., Merrill Center, Beloit**

**Adjournment.** Mr. O'Leary moved adjournment at 4:50 P.M., second by Chair Nelson.  
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Zastoupil  
Human Resources Secretary

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