

**ROCK COUNTY CRIMINAL
JUSTICE COORDINATING
COUNCIL**

**CJCC
PURPOSE:**

- Enhance public safety
- Make suggestions to provide better outcomes for justice system users, their families, and the public at large
- Make suggestions for more efficient use of resources
- Increase communication
- Eliminate duplication
- Provide coordination across departments and budget areas
- Provide ongoing oversight for new or alternative programs

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Rock County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

JUNE 2011

County Receives Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Grant

Rock County received a one-year, \$50,000 planning grant from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance to conduct a full needs and resource assessment of the County's mental health and co-occurring disorders system in relation to the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Zia Partners, Inc. and Tri West Group were hired to undertake this ambitious project. Working with the CJCC and a specially designated Ad Hoc Committee, Zia Partners and Tri West visited Rock County April 4-5th and met with mental health providers, alcohol and drug treatment providers, law enforcement,

Human Services, hospitals, consumers, family members of people with mental illness



and co-occurring disorders, and community members. From their visit, the consultants produced a 33-page draft of a preliminary report detailing their recommendations, findings and next steps to improve the system. In August, the consultants will re-

turn to Rock County and work with the CJCC and Ad Hoc Committee on developing a strategic plan and implementation recommendations to help guide our system forward. With an overrepresentation of people with mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse disorders repeatedly cycling through our criminal and juvenile justice systems, the CJCC believes it is imperative that an objective, comprehensive assessment is completed. Then, changes can be made to make it more efficient and cost effective, all while addressing the needs of these individuals.

County Awarded \$10,000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils Grant

Rock County was awarded \$10,000 from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance to enhance the County's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. This money will be used to hire a consultant to perform three tasks. First, the consultant will conduct a strategic planning session with the CJCC to solidify a

mission statement, further define its purpose, and determine long, mid, and short range goals. Second, the consultant will examine best practices for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Treatment, specifically in regard to criminal justice programs. Finally, the consultant will devise a way to track

individuals coming out of these AODA programs to determine if they are remaining substance free. These projects will be completed by the end of September 2011. The CJCC is excited to be working with Criminal Justice Associates, Inc. on these projects.

Offender Reentry Resource Fair



On June 2, 2011, CJCC sponsored the Third Annual Offender Reentry Resource Fair. Helmed by a group of dedicated community representatives and CJCC designees, this year's event was more successful than ever, drawing over a hundred participants. Thirty-four community organizations, governmental agencies, educational institutions, faith-based groups and more were on-hand to provide offenders

and their families with information that will help them successfully reintegrate back into society. Many of the returnees are unaware of the services that are available to help them. Further, many of them encounter barriers due to their involvement in the criminal justice system. This event puts as many resources as possible in one place at the same time so people have ready access to this important information.

Drug Court Evaluation

In February 2011, Dr. Paul Gregory, Assistant Professor at UW-Whitewater, released the Drug Court's first outcome evaluation for years 1-3 of the program. The significant findings were as follows:

- 88% of all drug tests were negative
- Retention rate was 71% (the national average)
- Overall crime rate for graduates was .15 while the non-graduate crime rate was .37
- Recidivism rate for graduates was .04 while for non-graduates it was .19

"Drug Court helps you with the changes in your life that are necessary to survive." Drug Court Graduate

County Board Recognizes Drug Court

The Rock County Board of Supervisors proclaimed May 2011 Drug Court Month and recognized the significant contributions Drug Court has made toward reducing substance abuse, crime, and recidivism, while saving valuable resources. Two graduates, as well as a current participant spoke to the Board at its May 12th meet-

ing to tell them how Drug Court changed their lives. Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson also sent a webcast congratulating the team.

Drug Court provides various treatments, intensive case management, and diversion to non-violent offenders with demonstrated substance abuse disorders. From 2007 through April 21, 2011, there

have been 124 successful graduations for a total of 29,047 jail bed days averted.

Drug Court is funded through a state Treatment Alternatives & Diversion grant, as well as tax levy. It also received a 2009 federal enhancement grant to provide mental health and residential AODA treatment to participants.

Workender & Electronic Monitoring

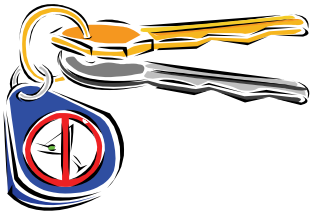


The CJCC continues to support the Sheriff's Workender and Electronic Monitoring (EM) programs as an alternative to housing low-risk offenders in the jail. Workender participants work off fines through community service. In 2010, Workenders per-

formed 18,973 hours of service in the community. In 2011, through June 30th, 8,096 hours were completed. Since its inception in 2007, 1,425 people have participated in the program and \$921,392.85 in fines have been worked off. Inmates in the Electronic Monitoring program pay \$16.88/day for

the cost of the bracelet (may be alcohol sensing and GPS) and other equipment. This is a savings for the County of \$64/day if the inmate was in jail. In 2010, 512 people participated in EM and 30,114 jail bed days were saved. Through June 2011, 13,087 jail bed days have been saved.

CJCC Working Toward OWI Court



July 2010, the operating while intoxicated (OWI) laws in Wisconsin changed to increase penalties for drunk driving. The CJCC has been working to establish a program to deal with people convicted of multiple

OWI offenses in an effort to get them clean and sober and not a danger to society. CJCC considered several options including a post conviction monitoring program and a pre-conviction treatment option. The goal is to get people into treatment to address their dependency issues so they are not a threat to public safety. Due to the success of the County's Drug Court, the CJCC is exploring how to start another

specialty court to deal with high-risk, high-need offenders convicted of a 3rd or 4th offense OWI. An OWI Court team was established and they attended a national OWI Court training in early June. At this 4-day training, the team established a mission and vision for the Court, learned what evidence based practices should be followed, as well as began to develop the detailed policies and procedures for the program.

Interested in becoming a volunteer Veteran Mentor? Please contact Mentor Coordinator Denise Davidson at davidsond@opd.wi.gov or 608-758-5495

Veterans Court

Judge James Daley continues to see positive results from the County's newest treatment Court, Veterans Court. Since its inception in September 2009, the Veterans Court has seen three successful participants graduate from the program.

The Veterans Court utilizes the

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to provide treatment for individuals that have served in the military. Often those Vets ending up in the criminal justice system have substance abuse and/or mental health issues that need to be addressed. Participants are given an opportunity to address their treatment is-

suess for reduced or dismissed criminal charges. Veterans Court also utilizes volunteer Veteran mentors that served in the same branch of service as the participants to help support and guide participants through the process. Veterans Court meets 1-2 Thursdays a month at 3:30 p.m. in Courtroom D.

Community Education and Website

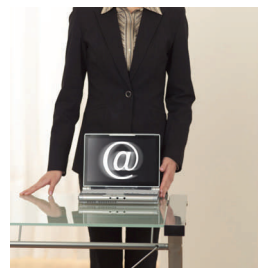
The CJCC has been working with members from the Janesville League of Women Voters on an informational website for the public regarding criminal justice topics. A portion of the CJCC's website is now dedicated to providing information regarding the justice system and will be further enhanced upon the community's input. Currently,

there is a flow chart to show people how cases progress through the criminal

justice system. It is anticipated that information on the various system players will be added, as well as "hot topics" that

arise both locally and nationally that are of interest to the community.

Check out the informational website: <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/criminal-justice-info>
Comments? <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/feedback--suggestions>





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Meeting Information:

CJCC meetings are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, typically in the Courthouse Conference Center, located on the second floor of the Courthouse, East Wing. Meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please contact Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst, at 608-757-5510.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!
[HTTP://WWW.CO.ROCK.WI.US/
INDEX.PHP/ABOUT-THE-CJCC](http://www.co.rock.wi.us/index.php/about-the-cjcc)

CJCC Members & Alternates

Members

- Marv Wopat, Rock County Supervisor (Chair)
- Sandra Kraft, Rock County Supervisor (Vice Chair)
- Max Arriaga, Community Representative
- Patrick Cork, Interim Director, WI DHS
- Honorable James Daley, Presiding Judge, Rock County Circuit Courts
- Neil Deupree, Community Representative
- Regina Dunkin, Executive Director, Merrill Community Center
- Rich Gruber, Vice President, Mercy Health System
- Lorenzo Henderson, Beloit Police Department
- Charmian Klyve, Rock County Human Services Director

- David Moore, Chief, Janesville Police Department
- Eric Nelson, First Assistant State Public Defender
- David O'Leary, Rock County District Attorney
- Ed Pearson, Superintendent, Rock County Juvenile Detention Center
- George Smith, Jr., Community Representative
- Robert Spoden, Rock County Sheriff
- Art Thurmer, Regional Chief, Division of Community Corrections, WI DOC

Alternates

- Honorable R. Alan Bates, Judge, Rock County Circuit Courts
- Dr. Robert Fizzell, Merrill Community Center & Rock County

Supervisor

- Perry Folts, Rock County Deputy District Attorney
- Tom Gubbin, Corrections Field Supervisor, WI DOC
- Jason Heidenreich, Rock County Supervisor
- Laura Kleber, WI DHS
- Kelly Mattingly, Assistant State Public Defender
- George Smith, Community Representative
- Commander Erik Chellevoid, Rock County Sheriff's Office
- Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director, Rock County Human Services
- Kenyata Wright, Detention Supervisor, Rock County Juvenile Detention Center