

## Rock County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

# Report to the Community

### WELCOME FROM THE CJCC CHAIR

Welcome to the 2014 edition of the Rock County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Report to the Community! There have been a few membership changes I would like to note. First, I'd like to thank former CJCC Chair Tom Gubbin, for his leadership over the past two and a half years. Tom has taken a new job with the state courts and although he will be missed on the CJCC, we will be working with him on the Evidence-Based Decision Making initiative. Additionally, I would like to thank Rich Gruber for his service on the CJCC since its inception and on the previous Jail Ad Hoc Committee. I would also like to welcome Angela Moore, Executive Director of the YWCA, who has recently joined the committee.

The CJCC has been busy with a number of issues over the past year, from the Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Initiative to addressing the spike in heroin use in Rock County. Our treatment courts continue to provide treatment and close monitoring to people charged with crimes who are addicted to substances or suffer from particular mental health issues. We are excited to now be offering reentry services for jail inmates with a mental illness. Over the coming year, we intend to engage in the EBDM framework and use evidence-based practices to protect public safety, make the justice system more efficient and effective, and ultimately change lives and communities for the better. We continue to encourage community members to attend CJCC meetings to be a part of the discussion about these important issues and let us know what is important to you.

Eric Nelson, Chair

### STAKEHOLDERS ATTEND EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING (EBDM) SUMMIT

January 28-29, 2014, Rock County sent nine stakeholders to the EBDM Summit held in Madison, which drew approximately 250 participants statewide. Sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, the Summit was designed to address the importance of statewide evidence-based decision making to achieve improved criminal justice outcomes and reduce the harm that crime causes. The Summit highlighted the *Evidence-Based Decision Making Framework*, which "conceptualizes a criminal justice system guided by goals defined and shared by policy makers, decision informed by research evidence, a collaborative policy development process, and ongoing data collection and analysis."



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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- CJCC Explores Evidence-Based Decision Making
- Treatment Courts Save Lives
- New Jail Reentry Services for Mentally Ill Inmates and Those With Co-Occurring Disorders
- Problems Due to Heroin/Opiate Use Spike in Rock County

## SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR A SUCCESS

On June 5, 2014, the CJCC sponsored its Sixth Annual Community Resource Fair for anyone touched by the justice system, including offenders, families, and supporters. It was held at the Rock County Job Center. Over a hundred attendees came to the event and obtained information from 50 community organizations/agencies that provide services in Rock County. The purpose of the event is to provide information about resources available throughout Rock County, as well as give people that work with offenders and service providers the opportunity to meet and network with each other. Booklets describing each of the participating agencies along with contact information were provided to participants. Additional copies of the resource booklet are available. If you would like a copy, please contact Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen at [pohlman@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:pohlman@co.rock.wi.us).

The 2015 Community Resource Fair will be held at the Job Center on Thursday, June 4th.

*This event was a great stepping stone. Thank you.*  
2014 Attendee

## EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING (EBDM)

CJCC members have agreed they are interested in pursuing the EBDM Initiative. The goal is to “build a system-wide framework (that spans arrest through final disposition and discharge) to achieve more collaborative, evidence-based decision making and practices throughout the criminal justice process, particularly focusing on the use of evidence to inform key criminal justice decisions.” The CJCC’s Process & Opportunities Subcommittee invited Tiana Glenna, Eau Claire County’s CJCC Coordinator, to speak with

the group in June. Eau Claire was chosen as one of seven sites nationally to embark on EBDM in 2010. She talked about Eau Claire’s experience with EBDM and gave practical advice should the CJCC decide to undertake the EBDM Framework. The next phase of the Initiative is an expansion to the state level and the addition of local jurisdictions. The CJCC has completed a readiness survey expressing its interest in being selected as one of the local jurisdictions chosen for the expansion.

“By applying evidence-based practices to decisions made throughout the criminal justice process, our goals are to reduce recidivism through treatment when appropriate and to focus the use of our limited resources on those individuals who pose the greatest risk.” David O’Leary, Rock County District Attorney

## TREATMENT COURTS RECOGNIZED

The national 25th Anniversary of Drug Courts was observed in May 2014. Rock County’s three treatment courts, Drug Court (2007), OWI Court (2012), and Veterans Court (2009), were commended by the CJCC and the County Board.

Treatment courts are judicially supervised court dockets that reduce correctional costs, protect community safety, and improve public welfare. Seriously drug-addicted individuals remain in treatment for long periods of time while under close supervision. Research shows treatment courts work better than jail or prison, better than probation, and better than treatment alone.

## OWI COURT CELEBRATES FIRST GRADUATE

On June 10, 2014, the Rock County OWI Court saw its first graduate. The intensive 18-month program provides comprehensive case management, treatment, and supervision to participants. Offered to 3rd offense OWI offenders, the program aims to protect the public from drunk drivers and stop the cycle of recidivism by rehabilitating alcohol/drug dependent individuals.

The graduate said, “Alcohol was taking over my life—mentally, physically, emotionally, financially and now my freedom. I knew, without a change in my lifestyle, one of three things would happen: I would kill someone else, kill myself, or end up in prison.” Her AA sponsor gave her a mantra that helps keep her sober—“I’m not going to drink right now.”

OWI Court Judge Alan Bates stated, “We are extremely proud to honor our first OWI Court graduate. She has worked very hard to meet the strenuous requirements of our OWI Court program. We believe that her investment of time and effort to change her life and the investment of the OWI Court team in her will make a real difference for the graduate, her family and for the safety of our community.”

## COUNTY RECEIVES \$250,000 JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM (JMHCP) GRANT

On September 5, 2013, Rock County was awarded a \$250,000 grant through the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance to provide dedicated reentry services to jail inmates with a mental illness or a mental illness with a co-occurring substance abuse disorder.

The reentry initiative follows the Rock County CJCC's work from a 2010 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant during which a comprehensive Needs and Resource Assessment was conducted. The jail reentry process was identified as critical because individuals with mental health and co-occurring disorders often cycle through the justice system repeatedly due to a lack of resources and coordination, thus creating an inability to address their underlying needs.

The target population consists of offenders in the jail charged with a non-violent offense and a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of a mental health disorder appropriate for mental health treatment and rehabilitation services. It is expected 75% will have a co-occurring substance abuse disorder. The reentry social worker, hired through the grant, will serve individuals both in the jail and after release, until permanent services are established in the community. The social worker will provide wraparound case management to facilitate their transition back into the community by using evidence-based practices and principles and connecting them with community-based services and support. Services that will be provided include applying for benefits, integrated mental health and substance abuse treatment services, medications, housing, education, transportation, and other needs as necessary.

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*“The community as a whole needs to work together to help solve the heroin epidemic.”  
Rock County Sheriff Robert Spoden*

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## CJCC DISCUSSES WAYS TO ADDRESS HEROIN PROBLEM IN ROCK COUNTY

The nation, the State of Wisconsin, and Rock County are all facing a heroin epidemic. Over the past several years, the use of heroin and opiate based drugs have dramatically increased, causing a surge in drug related crimes, severe addictions that are difficult to overcome, and overdose deaths. Heroin use crosses all ethnicities, races, and socio-economic groups.

In an effort to bring attention to the problem, the CJCC has been hosting presentations and engaging in intense discussions to determine how to assist in attempting to conquer this problem. The CJCC has had presentations from law enforcement, treatment pro-

viders, and prevention groups. Law enforcement agencies continue to make heroin related arrests. Treatment professionals offer an array of treatment options, including detoxification, residential services, outpatient therapy, and medicated assisted treatment. The county has the ability to fund services for individuals without a means to pay for them. Prevention coalitions have been working to educate the community.

Ongoing discussions regarding the problem will continue. With stakeholders all across Rock County at the table, we hope inroads can be made.

### **Heroin Quick Facts**

- Heroin affects the brain and slows down thinking, reaction time, and memory.
- Heroin enters the brain very rapidly and is super-addictive.
- Heroin is one of the most frequently reported drugs in drug abuse deaths.
- Although heroin withdrawal is seldom fatal, it causes severe symptoms including pain, depression, rapid breathing, nausea/vomiting, and diarrhea.

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## ABOUT THE CJCC

The purpose of the CJCC is to bring stakeholders in the criminal justice system and members of the public together on a regular basis to discuss issues affecting the system, resolve problems, and plan for the future.

The mission of the CJCC is to increase public safety and enhance the quality of life in Rock County. This is done by:

- Maximizing resources;
- Providing a forum to discuss important issues; and
- Designing interventions and process improvements.

CJCC meetings are scheduled for 3:00 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.

### We're on the Web!

[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

- Max Arriaga, Community Rep.
- Honorable James Daley, Chief & Presiding Judge, Rock County Circuit Courts
- Regina Dunkin, Executive Director, Merrill Community Center
- Lorenzo Henderson, Beloit Police Department
- Lance Horozewski, HSD Children Youth and Families Division Manager (Vice Chair)
- Steve Howland, Community Rep.
- Charles Jones, WI DWD
- Charmian Klyve, Rock County Human Services Director
- Sandra Kraft, Rock County Board of Supervisors
- Angela Moore, Executive Direc-

tor, YWCA

- David Moore, Chief, Janesville Police Department
- Eric Nelson, Regional Attorney Manager, Public Defender's Office (Chair)
- David O'Leary, Rock County District Attorney
- Bill Rankin, Community Rep.
- Robert Spoden, Rock County Sheriff
- Marv Wopat, Community Rep.
- Open, WI DOC

### Alternates

- Honorable R. Alan Bates, Rock County Circuit Courts
- Heath Bierman, WI DWD
- Phil Boutwell, HSD Deputy Director
- Commander Erik Chellevold,

Rock County Sheriff's Office

- Devan Dutra, Community Rep.
- Troy Enger, WI DOC
- Stanley Evans, Community Rep.
- Perry Folts, Rock County Deputy District Attorney
- Amanda Galaviz, Youth Services Center Superintendent
- Billy Bob Grahn, Rock County Board of Supervisors
- Kelly Mattingly, Local Attorney Manager, Public Defender's Office
- Deputy Chief John Olsen, Janesville Police Department
- Randy Westby, Community Rep.