

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
Minutes – October 15, 2020

Call to Order. Chair Mattingly called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 3:04 P.M. via teleconference.

Committee Members Present: Chair Kelly Mattingly, Chief David Moore, Steve Howland, Bill Rankin, Supervisor Shirley Williams, Kate Luster, Jim Neitzel (alt. for Troy Enger), Marc Perry, David O’Leary, Sheriff Troy Knudson, Billy Bob Grahn, Amiee Leavy (alt. for Angela Moore), Judge Barbara McCrory (alt. for Judge Daniel Dillon) and Lonnie Brigham.

Committee Members Absent: Carol Wickersham and Ryan Trautsch.

Staff Members Present: Dr. Kendra Schiffman, Analyst; Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager; Jacki Gackstatter, Clerk of Courts; Jodie Surber, Analyst.

Others Present: Erin Davis, JM4C; Faun Moses, State Public Defender’s Office; Rahn Gearhart; Neil Deupree; Jonah Beleckis and Lorin Cox, Janesville Gazette.

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Howland moved approval of the agenda, second by Ms. Luster. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2020. Sheriff Knudson moved approval of the minutes of September 17, 2020 as presented, second by Mr. Grahn. ADOPTED.

Discussion Regarding Criminal Justice System Racial and Ethnic Disparities Improvement Goals.

Updates from CJCC Agencies

Sheriff Knudson said they are still waiting on grant notification. They moved forward with exploring new ways to advertise. They will be holding a virtual breakfast briefing for command staff soon where they will discuss diversity.

Chief Moore said they revisited the school referral process. They are looking at opportunities/resources available to be used before it becomes a police matter.

Ms. Moses said the Juvenile Justice stakeholders met at the end of October and talked about how to improve racial disparities. One thing they will do is provide more information to youth on their rights. They will be reaching out to youth peers for presentation ideas.

Ms. Luster said Human Services received a three year Parents Supporting Parents grant for families involved in the child welfare system. They are working on a workforce wellbeing effort. She has requested a new position of Equity Manager in the 2021 budget.

Mr. Neitzel said all town hall meetings have been completed. The Secretary has scheduled meetings in November to discuss changes in practice. More information to come. Governor Evers Executive Order 59 requires all state agencies to attend diversity training.

Mr. O’Leary said his entire agency will be attending the YWCA Racial Justice Conference. He will be attending the Janesville Police Department’s AALAC (African American Liaison Advisory Committee) meeting to find out areas of concern. He will work with the Beloit Police Department once a new chief is named.

Ms. Moses reminded the committee that the Public Defender’s office has a Racial Justice Coordinator that can assist with other agencies’ needs.

Discussion Regarding Jury Pool Selection Process

Chair Mattingly said we are trying to determine if there are ways to increase inclusion of people of color on jury panels. He said he would like to see more lists used to create a larger candidate pool. Judge McCrory said they have been looking into this. One issue is how to get people that receive the questionnaire to return it and participate. Chair Mattingly asked if reminders could be sent to individuals. Ms. Gackstatter explained that they currently use a two-step process where questionnaires are sent first and a summons follows possibly months later. They will be changing to a one-step process in 2021. Starting in 2021, every two weeks the summons and questionnaires will be mailed together. The committee discussed the need for education/outreach on this process.

Update on Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System Stakeholders Meeting

Chair Mattingly shared the PowerPoint presentation with the committee. A couple discussion points were: multiple stakeholders involved in decision making, data shows that numbers have gone down in the last decade with disproportionality staying consistent, number of youth in secure detention decreased. The group will pick between five to eight data points to track as changes in policy occur. They also discussed the pipeline to prison, effects of police in schools, schools over rely on police for behavior issues, referrals and the use of the YAZI tool.

EBDM Update. No update. Next meeting is scheduled for November 5th.

Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns. None.

Consideration of Future Areas for CJCC Focus/Action (from current and past meetings).

- Chief Moore would like to track school violence
- EBDM presentation on Risk Assessment
- Mr. Perry would like to speak with Homeless liaisons in Beloit and Janesville to get an update on unaccompanied youth population
- Ms. Wickersham would like a conversation on AODA/Mental Health services in the Rock County jail and wrap around services in the community. Mr. Brigham would like to extend this to Rock County youth.
- Safe Families presentation
- Mr. Brigham would like to know the percentage of juvenile citations in schools and how this is working.
- Mr. Brigham would like a presentation on bullying in schools and carryover outside of school (at risk youth behavioral data)

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Supervisor Williams said the President will have an election rally at the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport this Saturday. She asked everyone to be respectful and dignified regardless of political affiliation.

Mr. Gearhart said he feels the DOT list for jury selection needs to be improved. He suggested education in the schools and teach children/young adults about the jury selection process.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, November 19, 2020, 3:00 P.M., Location TBD

Adjournment. Sheriff Knudson moved to adjourn at 4:28 P.M., second by Mr. Brigham.
ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,
HR Secretary

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