

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

August 16, 2012

Call to Order. Chair Gubbin called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council order at 4:05 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Chair Tom Gubbin, Max Arriaga, Phil Boutwell (for Charmian Klyve), Judge Daley (4:33 P.M.), Neil Deupree, Lorenzo Henderson, Sandy Kraft, Chief David Moore, Eric Nelson, Ed Pearson, Randy Westby (for Marv Wopat).

Committee Members Absent: Regina Dunkin, Rich Gruber, Laura Kleber, David O'Leary, George Smith, and Sheriff Spoden.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice Planner/Analyst; Melissa Meboe, Human Services Supervisor II; Amanda Galaviz, Juvenile Justice Diversion Programs Supervisor; Captain Brent DeRemer, Sheriff's Office.

Others Present: Steve Howland, County Board Supervisor; Ethel Below, Kay Deupree, Janesville League of Women Voters; Lynda Owens, League of Women Voters; Attorney David Schumann.

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Boutwell moved approval of the agenda, second by Mr. Westby. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2012. Ms. Kraft moved approval of the minutes, second by Mr. Deupree. ADOPTED.

Presentation on Autism and the Justice System –Attorney David Schumann. Attorney Schumann handed out and shared with the Committee valuable information regarding Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Nonverbal Learning Disorder (NLD), and the justice system. Attorney Schumann has a personal interest in this disorder since his son was diagnosed. As a lawyer, he wondered how others with this disorder would be able to get justice under that most communicative environment, the courtroom. Thus, he started researching the topic for an article in the Wisconsin Lawyer Magazine. Attorney Schumann found that people don't realize how much communication is nonverbal. Estimates he found put verbal communication at 35% of the desired meaning of information, and nonverbal communication conveys 65% of desired meaning. Some of the nonverbal areas include, facial expressions, tone of voice, movement, appearance, eye contact, gestures and posture. One in eighty- eight children are being diagnosed with ASD. Attorney Schumann explained the difference between non-verbal Autism and high functioning Autism. Many with high functioning ASD may not be diagnosed and may not be aware they have a nonverbal communication disability. Those without ASD, but suffering from undiagnosed NLD, may have the same type of communication understanding. Attorney Schumann went through the different goals listed on the hand out with the main goal being education to help law enforcement, communities, attorneys, and judges. Chief Moore and Officer Henderson commented on the presentation and would like to learn more. Attorney Schumann informed the Committee that there are DVD's and books available. He also suggested checking the websites he provided on the handouts for more information.

Presentation on Repeat Offenders-Beloit Police Department. Officer Henderson handed out to the Committee a list of the five top repeat offenders that are in Beloit. He went over their arrest records, their ages, and some additional history on each.

Discussion regarding OJA Questions: What has been the greatest success of your Criminal Justice Coordinating Council? What is or has been the greatest challenge facing your Criminal Justice Coordinating Council? What would you like to see from a State Criminal Justice Coordinating Council? Chair Gubbin stated that OJA and the statewide CJCC are looking for feedback from county CJCC's. Comments shared by the Committee regarding the greatest success of the CJCC: are listening and sharing everything from everyone, collaborating together, and solving things together. Comments from the Committee regarding the greatest challenges are: sharing and getting data; having regular attendance by all members; setting priorities. Some ideas the Committee would like to see from a State CJCC are: focusing on the top three items that are most common to most or all CJCC's and additional resources.

Overview of CJCC Report to the Community 2012 Ms. Pohlman McQuillen handed out the newsletter to the Committee. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen also mentioned that September 25, 2012 will be the first OWI Court session. Judge Bates will hold an information session on September 13th for attorneys to learn more about the program. Mr. Boutwell stated that the newsletter is very good, concise, and clear and it should be on the County website. Suggestions were made to Ms. Pohlman McQuillen that the newsletter be shared with County Board members, other CJCCs, the local papers, Beloit Chronicle, statewide newspaper, libraries, along with the small town community weekly papers.

Report on Other Counties' CJCC Projects Ms. Pohlman McQuillen was unable to provide the information to the Committee due to her unsuccessful attempts to connect with the necessary personnel. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen's intention is to bring to the Committee ideas/projects from other counties. There were two sites from Wisconsin that were chosen for the EBDM (Evidence Based Decision Making) initiative—Eau Claire and Milwaukee Counties—and that these counties, in addition to others have a lot of information the Rock County CJCC may be interested in. The two EBDM sites are very efficient and have a thorough systems map in place, which is very useful.

Grants Update.

TAD Grant - Ms. Pohlman McQuillen stated that November 8, 2012, will be the all site meeting and the evaluators will be present. She will be able to provide more information on what the other TAD sites are doing at the November meeting.

Federal Drug Court Grant - Ms. Pohlman McQuillen informed the Committee that we did receive another year extension; we have approximately \$40,000 left from the grant to use.

CIT Grant – Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said training is set for the week of September 10th thru the 14th. Training will be held for the partners under the grant—City of Janesville, City of Beloit, Town of Beloit, and the Sheriff's Office. NAMI Waukesha is conducting the training at the Job Center. She said there is also supposed to be another round of CIT and CIP grants being offered in the fall. Officer Henderson mentioned that he would be attending the CIT training.

Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns. Chief Moore commented on the continued dilemma with Crisis. He mentioned that an officer was at the hospital for twenty hours. He stated that he wants his officers to work as best as they can to get the client to a safe place, however, he

feels that he can no longer keep the officer there for more than one hour. Chief Moore stated he cannot change how Mercy or Winnebago County operate, but he can not allow this to go on. Crisis has to come in one hour. Mr. Boutwell agreed with Chief Moore that this was unreasonable and pledged that HSD will work with our Crisis to fix this. Mr. Boutwell stated this particular case was an exception, not a rule and Chief Moore stated that five and six hours is still too much time to wait for Crisis. The affected entities will get together to further discuss this case and they will report back to the Committee next month. Officer Henderson mentioned that Beloit is experiencing the same problem and agrees with the one-hour wait time that Chief Moore mentioned.

Areas of Future Action and Discussion for CJCC. Chair Gubbin mentioned that he and Ms. Pohlman McQuillen have a list that will take them through the rest of the year but they are always open to all other suggestions from CJCC members.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Mr. Deupree mentioned that Ms. Regina Dunkin has been struggling with health issues and asked the Committee to keep her in their thoughts.

Future Meeting Date. The next CJCC meeting is Thursday, September 20, 2012, Courthouse Conference Center at 4:00 P.M.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 5:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Zastoupil
Human Resources Secretary

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