CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL Minutes – August 19, 2021

<u>Call to Order</u>. Chair Mattingly called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 3:02 P.M. via teleconference.

<u>Committee Members Present</u>: Chair Kelly Mattingly, Steve Howland, Supervisor Shirley Williams, Kate Luster, David O'Leary, Troy Enger, Amiee Leavy (alt. for Angela Moore), Ryan Trautsch, Bill Rankin, Billy Bob Grahn, Chief David Moore, Marc Perry, Chief Andre Sayles, Judge Barbara McCrory.

Committee Members Absent: Sheriff Troy Knudson Carol Wickersham, Lonnie Brigham.

<u>Staff Members Present</u>: Commander Erik Chellevold; Dr. Kendra Schiffman, Analyst; Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager.

Others Present: Michelle Brandenmuehl, State Public Defender's Office; Frank Schultz and Lorin Cox, Janesville Gazette; Denise Peters-Kauihou, United Way.

<u>Approval of Agenda</u>. Supervisor Williams moved approval of the agenda, second by Ms. Leavy. ADOPTED.

<u>Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2021</u>. Ms. Leavy moved approval of the minutes of June 17, 2021 as presented, second by Mr. Rankin. ADOPTED.

Discussion regarding Gun Violence. Chief Moore said nationally there has been an increase in gun violence and he is concerned. He said there are two reasons: (1) softening laws and (2) not holding people accountable. He said in Rock County we don't have a lot of gun violence compared to these larger cities in the news, but it is all around us. He pointed out two points of concern in Rock County: (1) there have been an increasing series of domestic violence incidents in our community and concerning cases with a release on a signature bond and (2) a home invasion in Janesville with a man in the bedroom of an elderly couple and there was a scuffle. Chief Moore said looking at that perpetrator's background there were a lot of criminal charges/behaviors. He said the criminal justice system's primary responsibility is to keep our community safe and he doesn't think we are doing a very good job. He wants to keep a focus on community safety. Chief Sayles said there have been daily shots fired in Beloit and described an individual who had been targeted. He said he needs to talk with legal gun owners about how to secure their guns. Chief Moore said gun thefts are a problem in Beloit and Janesville and there is currently legislation being created to make it illegal to have guns in unlocked cars.

<u>Support for TAD Grant Application</u>. There was a motion to support the TAD grant application and provide a letter of support for the application made by Mr. O'Leary and seconded by Mr. Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

EBDM Update. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said they got approval from the WI DOJ to hire another pretrial case manager with underspent grant funds for the remainder of 2021. Additionally, the Enhanced Deferred Prosecution Program planning is moving forward and a TAD grant application may also be submitted for this program.

<u>Discussion Regarding Criminal Justice System Racial and Ethnic Disparities Improvement</u> <u>Goals.</u>

Updates from CJCC Agencies. None.

<u>Update on Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System.</u> Mr. Trautsch said they received 70 responses to the survey. The results are being analyzed and the small workgroup will be meeting to discuss next steps.

Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns. None.

Consideration of Future Areas for CJCC Focus/Action. None.

<u>Citizen Participation and Announcements.</u> Ms. Luster said there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new building at 1pm on August 26th and invited everyone to attend. Ms. Leavy said the August Courageous Conversations is about what Critical Race Theory is and is not.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021, 3:00 P.M., Location TBD

<u>Adjournment</u>. Mr. O'Leary moved to adjourn at 3:31 P.M., second by Mr. Perry. ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen Justice System Manager

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