

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

March 17, 2010

Administrative Center Room B190

MEMBERS PRESENT:	John Perlich, Ramona Gonzalez, Vicki Burke, Tim Gruenke, Bill Hammes, Steve Helgeson, Robert Lawrence, Ann Quinlisk, Sharon Hampson, Troy Harcey, Rita Zindorf, Mike Desmond, Michael McHugh, Keith Belzer, Tina Wehrs
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Dennis Montabon, Steve Doyle, Jerry Huber, Jim Nesbitt, Tom Locante, Joe Veenstra, Geva Thole
OTHERS PRESENT:	Steve O'Malley, Jane Klekamp, Bev Heebsh, Vicki Gunderson, Barb Nimmer, Duane Teschler, Wayde Anger, Carol Schilling, Becky Spanjers

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2010 MINUTES OF THE CJMC - MOTION by Belzer/Burke to approve the February 17, 2010 minutes of the CJMC **carried unanimously**. (Montabon, Doyle, Huber, Nesbitt, Locante, Veenstra, & Thole excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS:

Corrections: Bill Hammes reported the changes in the OWI laws allow for people convicted of 2nd & 3rd OWI offenses would be able to be put on probation. The DOC is to develop programming without a waiting list. It was recommended that Dave Helgeson and Bill Hammes attend the next OWI Treatment Court policy meeting to discuss how to utilize probation and the OWI Court. Chair Perlich suggested the funding the DOC receives should go toward the OWI Treatment Court.

District Attorney: Tim Gruenke reported that there will be no DA layoffs and La Crosse will not lose a prosecutor.

Judges: Electronic filing started.

Crisis Center: – Mike Desmond informed the council that the Crisis Center will be opening in April. They have the backing of law enforcement but there is concern about long term funding. Bob Lawrence indicated he has encouraged officers to stop by the Crisis Center when it opens. Sharon Hampson reported a Crisis Center in Eau Claire County caused the Chapter 51 commitments to be reduced from approximately 600 to approximately 300. Mike Desmond indicated there will be quarterly meetings with all MH advocates in the future. Outlying departments may have some issues with location. Officers from outlying agencies will drive further to utilize the crisis center.

COLLABORATION SURVEY

This agenda item was held over until the April meeting to allow for perusal.

EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES

Judge Perlich indicated we have not received word from NIC but will follow up.

RETURNING 17 YEAR OLDS TO THE JUVENILE SYSTEM

Vicki Gunderson was present and showed a video advocating for 17 year olds in the criminal justice system to be prosecuted in the juvenile system versus the adult system. She is

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asking for a statement of agreement from the CJMC, either a group agreement or an individual agreement.

Wayde Anger indicated that moving 17 year olds to the adult system was not supported as services are unavailable for 17 year olds in the adult system. The OJJDP (Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention) is considering moving 17 year olds out of adult jails to JDC's.

Racine has a correctional program called ACE which keeps juveniles in the community rather than sending to corrections (prison). Recidivism has been reduced. Milwaukee is considering a similar program.

Sharon Hampson reported the cost for returning 17 year olds to the juvenile system was going to be funded by a surcharge. The problem with the surcharge is it only raises \$10 million, but \$80 million is needed to fund. Chief McHugh/Bob Lawrence both agreed that officers often do not give tickets because concerned about surcharges.

Tim Gruenke indicated funding also needs to be increased to local/community services as funding also has to cover placements.

John Perlich indicated the law changed because legislature believed services for 17 year olds charged with serious crimes were not in place to manage them effectively, so they were transferred to the adult system.

Keith Belzer asked why are 17 year olds in jail. The CJMC should get a list of juveniles who were charged or in jail with the reason they are incarcerated and study the issue. A few cases from Milwaukee dictate what happens throughout the State. In the mid 90's everyone was talking about being tough on crime and taking choice from judges. Current studies all support brain development at age of 25 and we should take that into consideration when talking about supporting the change. We should bring in a speaker who could talk about why 17 year olds should not be in the juvenile system.

Sharon indicated that the bill may not go anywhere this session, but it may come back in the future.

MOTION by Belzer/Quinlisk for the CJMC to study returning 17 year olds to the juvenile system and make a recommendation to the County Board. **MOTION** carried unanimously. (Montabon, Doyle, Huber, Nesbitt, Locante, Veenstra, & Thole excused)

Next meeting:

1. Collaboration Survey
2. Tim Gruenke, Wayde Anger, and Bob Lawrence will bring numbers of 17 year olds in adult system. What happens with 17 year old cases? What options are available?

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Approved April 21, 2010, Jane Klekamp Recorder