

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

July 21, 2010

Administrative Center Room B190

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Montabon, John Perlich, Steve Doyle, Elliott Levine, Vicki Burke, Tim Gruenke, Dean Ruppert, Bill Hammes, Tom Locante, Steve Helgeson, Ann Quinlisk, Sharon Hampson, Troy Harcey, Rita Zindorf, Mike Desmond, Geva Thole

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ramona Gonzalez, Jim Nesbitt, Robert Lawrence, Bill Feehan, Michael McHugh, Keith Belzer

OTHERS PRESENT: Jane Klekamp, Steve O'Malley, Bev Heebsh, Barb Nimmer, Duane Teschler, Carol Shilling, Danah Tornga

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 16, 2010 MINUTES OF THE CJMC -

MOTION by Zindorf/Montabon to approve the June 16, 2010 minutes of the CJMC carried unanimously. (Gonzalez, Nesbitt, Lawrence, Feehan, McHugh & Belzer excused)

Dean Ruppert was introduced as the new interim Director of Human Services.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS:

Sheriff/Jail: The Sheriff reported that they moved 40-45 inmates into the new Direct Supervision pods. The transition went very well for both staff and the inmates. Now they are in the middle of remodeling the old space. They are looking at the end of the year for the entire project to be complete.

Corrections: Working hard on keeping the jail numbers down. They are targeted to move into the new LEC on Dec. 13th.

Human Services: Dean Ruppert reported that the JDF facility hasn't had the occupancy that it should have. They are averaging only 5 individuals in the facility. As a result of this they are not achieving the revenue projection that they expected in their facility. They are looking at a couple of different plans to change this for the future.

District Attorney: There is one opening in the DA's office and one of the attorney's is on maternity leave so they will be short-handed for awhile.

DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY REPRESENTATION

Jane Klekamp distributed a copy of a report entitled, *"Reducing Racial Disparity in the Criminal Justice System"* that was put together by The Sentencing Project. She then copied a chart, the Racial Disparity Matrix, from this report, put in our census numbers from 2009, and then she can distribute it to various jurisdictions or law enforcement agencies. Jane asked the CJMC members to take some time to review it prior to the August meeting – specifically Section IV where they discuss strategies for reducing racial disparity – and in particular your specific area. The State will be hosting two trainings from a couple of national experts that we are still waiting to hear the dates on.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAM REPORT

This report was e-mailed previously to the CJMC. It just gives some basic information about the Women's Community Based Program. If anyone has any questions or comments, feel free to contact Jane.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FOR EVIDENCE BASED DECISION MAKING IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

This was also e-mailed to the Council previously. The CJMC Executive Committee reviewed this application last week prior to Jane sending it out on Thursday. By Friday, Jane had received an e-mail from them saying they had received the application and asked that we send availability of the CJMC Exec Committee members because they may come for a site visit. There were 14 total applications and 8 of these will get 1-2 day pre-selection site visits and out of those, they will choose 6. Also, there is a site visit to Washington DC Oct. 5 & 6. Even if we do not get the technical assistance, we should still incorporate it into our system.

CLIENT SURVEY RESULTS

Jane distributed responses from Justice Sanctions Client Surveys from 2010. So far, they have gotten back 47 responses – 36 male & 11 female. The questions were educational levels; annual household income; employment; financial; residences with the last year; alcohol use; drug use; mental health & questions about treatment by staff. The AIM group that we are involved in is also generating a lot of data that we will be able to review soon. The issue of employment was discussed relative to what strategies we should have to work around the barriers for these clients. It was suggested that the PR & Outreach Committee put a slide on their Powerpoint presentation that they will be developing and showing to the community. Also, this is part of what the TJC Initiative is working on. Jane mentioned that once they get into their new facility, they are hoping to have a special tag line – like 211 – for people coming out of jail so they can call and ask for assistance. She thinks there is a space over there as well for volunteers who could help with services that these people are in need of. Judge Montabon suggested that we keep this topic on the agenda every couple of months.

INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS

There is a new organization called the African American Cultural Alliance of La Crosse, and they are hosting a picnic on July 31st at Copeland Park from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. There will be a hip hop presentation by Mario Street, who is a drug court graduate.

Also, Mario Street, along with four other treatment court graduates, will be presenting on July 28th in Room 3220 of the Admin Center from 12-1 for a brown bag session.

The Urban Institute will be doing a site visit on August 5 & 6 regarding the TJC (Transition from Jail to Community) Initiative.

The DOC is going to a new assessment tool, so we will also be changing our assessment tool so we have the same one. Bill Hammes indicated that when they start training La Crosse, he will invite CJMC so they can see the training and the product.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Disproportionate Minority Representation

ADJOURN

There being no further business **MOTION** by Gruenke/Levine to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 a.m. **carried unanimously.** (Gonzalez, Nesbitt, Lawrence, Feehan, McHugh & Belzer excused)

The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next Council meeting.
Recorded by Terri Pavlic