

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

July 20, 2011

LEC Room 1615

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dennis Montabon, Keith Belzer, Ramona Gonzalez, Vicki Burke, Tim Gruenke, Jason Witt, Tom Locante, Steve Helgeson, Bill Feehan, Sharon Hampson, Rita Zindorf
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Steve Doyle, Jim Nesbitt, Bob Lawrence, Ann Quinlisk, Troy Harcey, Mike Desmond, Geva Thole, Michael McHugh
OTHERS PRESENT:	Steve O'Malley, Jane Klekamp, Becky Spanjers, Bev Heebsh, Duane Teschler, Doris Daggett, Pat Brummond, Vicki Gunderson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 15, 2011 MINUTES OF THE CJMC

MOTION by Burke/Gonzalez to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2011 Criminal Justice Management Council **carried unanimously**. (Doyle, Nesbitt, Lawrence, Quinlisk, Harcey, Desmond, Thole, McHugh excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS

Sheriff – The Sheriff's Dept is applying for a technical assistance grant from NIC. This came out of the JTC initiative that they have been working on. They are requesting someone to come in a look at their data and pull out the information that we need to look at recidivism rates and possibly look at other alternatives, even manual spreadsheets, if the data can't be retrieved from their record management system.

Public Defender – Eligibility standards have been changed. They are adding an attorney position since they will be taking on more cases. They will also be hiring someone to fill Attorney Anthony Rios, who is transferring to the Madison office. The two new attorneys are Chris Zachar and Eric Sanford. Their long-time investigator has retired and they will be hiring a replacement for him as well.

Human Services – Human Services is in the process of recruiting for a Supervisor for the Juvenile Justice Unit. Jason Witt handed out some information from Vicki Gunderson regarding 17 year olds in the adult criminal justice system. Vicki participated in some congressional briefings on this topic and through the campaign on Youth Justice and had received this report back which shows where the legislative trends are in various states.

Public Relations & Outreach Committee – They continue to do public speaking with the presentation that they put together. Tomorrow they are speaking to WMMIC and in a few weeks will be presenting to another Rotary group. This year they will look at developing a yearly recognition event, which will recognize people in the community who are doing things to enhance justice in our community. Also they will recognize graduates of treatment courts.

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District Attorney – Tim Gruenke reported that the City passed the marijuana ordinance at the city level and he is still finding out information on how this will affect the DA's office and the Sheriff's Dept.

County Board – The County Board is in transition for a new County Board chair, who will be elected tomorrow night. Departments are working on their county budgets.

PPAC FOCUS GROUP EXERCISE

Judge Rosborough, from Vernon County was present on behalf of the Public Policy and Planning Committee for the Supreme Court to conduct a focus group to see our perspectives on improving the criminal justice system. Judge Rosborough is the Chair of the Planning Subcommittee of PPPC. Their goal was to go out to other CJMCs in the State and discuss their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats in regards to the criminal justice system. Judge Rosborough then asked the council to discuss the role of the La Crosse County Court System in today's society and how things have changed in the past 5 years and the challenges the court system has faced. He also asked the council what the system will look like in 5 years.

HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET CUTS

Jason Witt presented the La Crosse County Human Services 2012 Budget Outlook.

A. State Budget Known Impacts

1. Expected Decrease in Shared Revenue	(\$215,000)
2. Youth Aids 10% Cut	(\$147,000)
3. Decrease in General Purpose Revenue Of 10% for MHRS and AODA Services	(\$12,000)
4. Juvenile Corrections Rate Increases	(\$9,000)
5. Expected Net Savings From Employee Contribution of 5.8% to WRS and 2% wage increase	<u>\$294,000</u>
Sub Total	(\$89,000)

B. Unplanned Impacts & Other Operational Adjustments

1. Net Decrease in Children's Waiver Funding due to rule changes for Claiming Case mgt/adm costs	(\$323,000)
2. CARE Center Deficit	(\$156,000)
3. Standard Contract Adjustments	(\$154,000)
4. Standard Salary/Fringe Adjustments	(\$13,000)
5. Juvenile Detention Operations Changes	<u>\$426,000</u>
Sub Total	(\$220,000)

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C. Risks

1. State MA Budget Reduction (\$500 Mil)	Unknown
2. Imposition of Family Care Caps	Unknown
3. Transition to Regional Income Maintenance Administration Model	<u>Unknown</u>
Sub total	Significant

2012 Budget Outlook Summary

A. State Budget	(\$89,000)
B. Unplanned Impacts & Op Adjustments	(\$220,000)
C. Risks	<u>Significant</u>
Preliminary Planning Deficit	(\$309,000)

CHANGES IN PUBLIC DEFENDER ELIGIBILITY

This agenda item was held over until the August CJMC meeting.

**ORDINANCE TO CREATE S. 1.57(5) ENTITLED "CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY
WISCONSIN**

This agenda item was held over until the August CJMC meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

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

Recorded by Jane Klekamp