

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE

August 17, 2011

Law Enforcement Center – Room 1615

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dennis Montabon, Keith Belzer, Tara Johnson, Ramona Gonzalez, Vicki Burke, Jason Witt, Mike Johnson, Jim Nesbitt, Steve Helgeson, Bill Feehan, Ann Quinlisk, Sharon Hampson, Rita Zindorf (arr. 7:47), Mike Desmond
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Steve Doyle, Tim Gruenke, Tom Locante, Robert Lawrence, Troy Harcey, Geva Thole, Michael McHugh
OTHERS PRESENT:	Steve O'Malley, Jane Klekamp, Bev Heebsh, Duane Teschler, Vicki Gunderson, Anne Jungen, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m. Mike Johnson, the new Probation & Parole Corrections Field Supervisor was introduced. Introductions were made of the Council members as well.

APPROVAL OF JULY 20, 2011 MINUTES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MOTION by Burke/Belzer to approve the July 20, 2011 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. **Motion carried unanimously.** (Doyle, Gruenke, Locante, Lawrence, Harcey, Thole, McHugh, Zindorf excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane Teschler, a member of AMOS, reminded the council that on October 6th, there will be a public discussion regarding "Mental Health Issues and the Offender" at Viterbo from 6:30 – 9:00. Everyone is invited to attend.

Judge Montabon read a letter from Geva Thole, who highly praised the work of the CJMC but unfortunately has accepted another position and has resigned from the CJMC. A letter will be sent to the La Crosse Tribune asking for citizens to apply for the vacant position on the CJMC.

STATUS REPORTS

Human Services: They are in the process of scheduling interviews for the Juvenile Justice Supervisor. Hopefully they will have someone hired by next month.

Yesterday there was a community summit, where approximately 160 staff from the school district, city, county, and community agencies attended. The purpose of the summit was to look at how we can integrate services more effectively and successfully.

Judges: – With foreclosures increasing, Judge Horne and the County Bar have started a Foreclosure Mediation Program. Homeowners and mortgage lenders get together to talk with mediators, which will be a requirement with any foreclosure now. Hopefully this program will be effective Oct. 1st.

Public Relations & Outreach – This work group took the summer off but will start again Sept. 7. If you know of any groups that would like to learn more about the criminal justice philosophy or the CJMC, let Keith Belzer know.

DOC: Just went live with COMPAS, the new evaluation and charting system. The County will be coming on board with this system sometime in September or October.

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

Vicki Burke distributed the above ordinance. This ordinance has went to Judiciary & Law Committee, and one change was made under membership - they felt the chair of Judiciary & Law should be a

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member. **MOTION** by Feehan/Burke to approve the ordinance. Sharon Hampson feels that this is not a necessary change and has not gone thru the proper process. Also, the Carey Group had suggested creating the CJMC Exec Committee and recommended who should be on the committee and be more of a staff group to meet internally and then report back to the CJMC. There was some confusion since the work group is called the "Criminal Justice Management Council **Executive** Committee". After much discussion the CJMC felt it's not necessary to codify the ordinance because this is a staff work group and should not have county board members. A resolution to state the above will be drafted and brought before CJEC, and then to the CJMC at their next meetings. Feehan withdrew the **MOTION. Motion carried unanimously.** (Doyle, Gruenke, Locante, Lawrence, Harcey, Thole, McHugh excused)

CHANGES IN PUBLIC DEFENDER ELIGIBILITY

The County had been contracting out with lawyers for people who didn't meet the Public Defender eligibility requirements, but we have now ceased those contracts. Just about everyone who meets the poverty guidelines will now get a public defender. This will help the County from a budget standpoint. Steve O'Malley will follow up with Tom Locante and Pam Radtke and have them periodically report back on this issue.

JUVENILE JUSTICE STATS

This was held over to the next meeting.

INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Office of Justice Assistance is bringing back Mark Carey to do some upcoming training regarding Research-based smarter sentencing, including the latest, high-quality research to the practices of plea negotiation, sentencing, and revocation in local jurisdictional criminal justice systems. Jane sent them a letter of interest and also let them know that La Crosse would be willing to host the training. The team shall consist of at least a judge, DA, and defense attorney, but others may find this interesting as well.

The TJC people thought we should ask for technical assistance from NIC again to discuss our data issues. They will be coming in next month to review all systems we have and help us figure out how to get more information more precisely.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Juvenile Justice Stats
- COMPAS demonstration
- Review acronyms

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 21, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. in Room 1615 of the Law Enforcement Center.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Gonzalez/Feehan to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.** (Doyle, Gruenke, Locante, Lawrence, Harcey, Thole, McHugh excused)

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

Recorded by Terri Pavlic