

CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 13, 2010

Administrative Center Room 3220

11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Perlich, Steve Helgeson, Bill Hammes, Tom Locante, Elliott Levine for Ramona Gonzalez, Jane Klekamp, Steve O'Malley

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dennis Montabon, Tim Gruenke, Ramona Gonzalez, Steve Doyle

OTHERS PRESENT: Fred Cheeseman, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:42 a.m.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 MINUTES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The September 8, 2010 CJMC Executive Committee minutes were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Jane introduced Fred Cheeseman from the National Center for State Courts. NCSC has a grant that is funded by SJI to review the AIM (Assess, Inform, and Measure) Project. The project is to move Wisconsin up to the next level regarding Evidence Based Practices. There are three things they are looking at:

1. The AIM program and how the judges are using the information. There will be a guide book coming out for judges to use regarding risk/needs assessment information.
2. Other Criminal Justice Councils
3. A "bottoms up" look at Evidence Based Practices in Wisconsin. Looking at programs that seem to be effective and will develop models for the way that these programs work for other jurisdictions in the state.

The results of the AIM survey regarding Risk/Needs Assessment are out and this will be put on next month's agenda.

Once the State begins using COMPASS (which is a form of a risk/needs assessment), they will allow counties to utilize it for free. If we decided to go with this before the DOC it would cost La Crosse County \$4,000-\$5,000 to bring in someone to train (up to 25 people). Bill thinks that the DOC will be getting COMPASS in March. Bill will check to see how many people from the County will be able to get trained when they are being trained.

OXFORD HOUSE FOR WOMEN

Judge Perlich indicated that this topic came up at a Drug Court Policy Meeting last month. The Advisory Panel felt that there is a big gap for women coming out of jail or the Women's Community Based Program, and there is no place for them to go. Oxford House is a facility for men and it was established and run by the people in the house. The Ruth House for women is tough to get in; you need to have a job; and is usually full. The Women's Community Based Program House is now going to be called Ophelia's House. Discussion followed on whether we should pursue doing something for women that is more like the Oxford House facility.

TRANSITION FROM JAIL TO COMMUNITY VISIT

La Crosse County CH&JS had the "Thinking for a Change" training, which will start in the jail, at Ophelia's House, in the community, etc. We will probably have 8-10 groups of "Thinking for a Change" beginning at the end of this year or the beginning of next year. The TJC advisors are challenging us to modify supervision of clients. Chemical Health & Justice Sanctions supervises a lot of low risk/low needs people. They think we should give all of these clients to one case manager. The high risk/high needs people would be given the opportunity to receive another layer of assistance, supervision, treatment, etc. The other piece that the TJC people are challenging us on is having incentives (apartments, bus passes, etc) that people will agree to be case managed in addition to probation for a one year period. Jane is going to request that some substance abuse funding be utilized for incentives. We would probably need to find a community partner in this so Steve, Jane and Charlie will set up a meeting with Coulee Council or Coulee Cap. At the next meeting we will try to bring in the person(s) who started the Oxford House.

Next week the TJC people will be talking to the CJMC. The rest of the day they will spend with jail staff – administrative and line staff. The goal will be to get buy-in into direct supervision, evidence based practice, etc. They will also meet with the core TJC group which consists of Vicki Burke, Doris Daggett, Mike Kiefer, Mary Kay Wolf and Jane to make sure they have their plan together for next year. Following this they will be leading a group facilitation workshop for anyone who attended "Thinking for a Change".

TOWN HALL MEETING

The PR Committee of the CJMC has been working on a presentation to utilize with community organizations and talk about what the CJMC does. One of the things that the committee thought would be a great idea was if we had a town hall meeting that would be linked to the opening of the addition to the LEC. This will be an opportunity for the community to ask questions. The CJMC will be seeing this Powerpoint presentation in November prior to it going public.

DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY REPRESENTATION TRAINING

Jane contacted Lindsey Draper, from the OJA to ask about a presentation on disproportionate minority representation in the criminal justice system. Dr. Lori Fridell will be here in December during the regular CJMC meeting. She will need 4 hours and she can train 30 people. Discussion followed of who should be included in the training.

EVIDENCE BASED DECISION MAKING

Jane contacted the NIC to see if we could go to the Evidence Based Decision Making training in Washington DC if we covered the expense ourselves, but they do not have the room for us. She then e-mailed Mark Carey but he hasn't gotten back to her. This will be put on next month's agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS

Judge Perlich resigned from the CJMC and the CJMC Executive Committee effective today.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: November 10th at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 in the Administrative Center Room 3220.

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

Recorded by Terri Pavlic