

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

February 17, 2010

Administrative Center Room B190

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. The Council welcomed Captain Robert Lawrence from the La Crosse Police Department. Captain Lawrence will be replacing Gary Uting who has retired.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2009 MINUTES OF THE CJMC AND THE JANUARY 20, 2010 MINUTES OF THE CJMC RETREAT

MOTION by Gonzalez/Burke to approve the January 20, 2010 minutes of the CJMC Retreat **carried unanimously**. **MOTION** by Nesbitt/Gonzalez to approve the December 16, 2009 minutes of the CJMC **carried unanimously**. (Montabon, Perlich, Huber & Wehrs excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS:

Sheriff: Nothing new – construction is continuing and they are working on training staff.

Public Defender: The Assembly is supposed to vote on the Public Defender eligibility bill sometime in February. Also, one of the Public Defender attorneys, who has been out on leave, will be coming back, so the department will be back to full staff.

Corrections: Bill Hammes reported that they have no early releases yet for La Crosse County. When they do have them, he will let the Sheriff know.

Human Services: The Care Center is moving along; they are working on remodeling the facility and it is scheduled to open next month.

District Attorney: Tim indicated that they were facing the possibility of layoffs but he is hopeful that since it hasn't happened yet, that it won't happen. In follow-up regarding the Public Defender eligibility bill, Representative Mark Radcliffe attached to the P.D. bill, a bill that would solve the layoff problem, but this might kill the Public Defender eligibility bill because politicians don't want to mix them and it would force a no vote. They would like approve the PD bill but they don't want to approve this amendment being proposed.

Judges: One issue raised with the CJMC was public access to information – what should or should not be allowed on the C-Cap System. The Courts have been seeing more motions, letters, requests, etc. to remove certain things from the record. There are public hearings

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scheduled in front of the Supreme Court later this month. Once they have made some sort of decision, the CJMC should relook at the issue.

Clerk of Court: The Clerk of Court's office is starting an electronic filing system, beginning with small claims. Beginning March 1st, you will be able to file a small claims action electronically.

County Board: a Legislative Fiscal Bureau memo came out that indicates things aren't too bad from a State perspective. The CPI is moderating sales tax and income tax revenues are stabilizing. The difficulty is still that the State budget is relying on \$2 billion worth of stimulus money. At least revenues are not coming in worse than they were expecting – they are on par.

COLLABORATION SURVEY

Jane distributed a generic La Crosse County CJMC Collaboration Survey, that the Carey Group suggested we do once in awhile to see how people think things are working. Jane will compile the results prior to the next meeting

ASSESS, INFORM, AND MEASURE (AIM)

AIM is the project that was started about two years ago at the state level, where they were trying to find Wisconsin counties who were willing to enter data into a State-wide database; and in turn there would be a feedback loop to the counties and to the judges. Jane distributed the La Crosse data from January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009 showing 749 records entered into the system. They were then broken down into various categories including sex, age, race, employment, education, relationship, prior arrest, age at first arrest, number prior adult convictions, identified needs, and then also showing new crimes in each of these categories. This all relates to Evidence Based Practice. This study, especially pertaining to the "Identified Needs" (which consist of cognitive, employment, family/marital, substance abuse, associates, criminal attitudes, education/vocation and personal/emotional) is being referring to the CJMC Executive Committee for further discussion.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

At the CJMC Retreat, it was identified that the Council could be more involved in community outreach and education and public relations. There seems to be a lack of understanding among the general public. It was decided to form a committee to work on this, consisting of Keith Belzer, Steve Doyle, Mike Desmond, Jim Nesbitt, Rita Zindorf, Robert Lawrence, Jane Klekamp & Troy Harcey. This will become a permanent agenda item to report back to the CJMC. This committee will meet the first Wednesday of each month (beginning in March) at 7:30 a.m. There are several service organizations in this community who have monthly meetings who are always looking for speakers. One task of this group will be to put together a Powerpoint of comprehensive talking points and present to the CJMC prior to presenting to these various organizations.

2010 CJMC AGENDA ITEMS

Seven areas of interest were identified for the 2010 CJMC agenda. Jane would like guidance in prioritizing these items.

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TJC Initiative is very interested in our AIM projects so some thought this should be a high priority.

Evidence Based Practice Symposium was felt to be a priority. Jane has drafted a letter to the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) asking for their help in this, which Steve Doyle needs to sign. The CJMC Executive Committee has already voted to move forward with this. We will wait until after we hear back from the NIC and then put it on our CJMC agenda.

The Crisis Assessment Center & Law Enforcement Center are both in process and should be put a bit later in the year, however, a tour of the LEC will be done for the CJMC sometime in the near future.

Racial Profiling – Per the State, our law enforcement agencies will be doing some sort of racial profiling statistics by January 1, 2011. At this point it is not known if the State is mandating a specific method of keeping track of these stats, or how the data will be used, how it will be presented, or what exactly they are looking for. We felt there should be consistency on how the agencies will be doing this. Chief McHugh indicated that the Wisconsin Chiefs Association had these same concerns so they are having their Legal Counsel look into it and come up with some kind of guidelines. He will continue to keep this council apprised of any new information. Sheriff Helgeson, Captain Lawrence and Chief McHugh will find out who in their departments is responsible for keeping these stats and what's required of them. It was felt we try to provide some resources for the officers. Any ideas of who could come in and speak on this issue, let Jane or Keith know.

INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Nothing to report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Results of Collaboration Survey
- Evidence Based Practices
- Racial Profiling
- Public Relations & Outreach Committee

ADJOURN

There being no further business **MOTION** by Gruenke/Nesbitt to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. **carried unanimously**. (Montabon, Perlich, Huber & Wehrs excused)

Approved March 17, 2010, Terri Pavlic , Recorder