

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

November 17, 2010

Administrative Center Room B190

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Doyle, Ramona Gonzalez, Vicki Burke, Jason Witt, Jim Nesbitt, Steve Helgeson, Robert Lawrence, Ann Quinlisk, Troy Harcey, Rita Zindorf, Mike Desmond, Geva Thole, Michael McHugh, Keith Belzer

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dennis Montabon, Tim Gruenke, Bill Hammes, Tom Locante, Bill Feehan, Sharon Hampson

OTHERS PRESENT: Jane Klekamp, Bev Heebsh, Duane Teschler, Carol Schilling, Becky Spanjers, Doris Daggett, Vicki Gunderson, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER

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

VICE CHAIR SELECTION

Doyle/Gonzalez nominated Keith Belzer as Vice Chair of the Criminal Justice Management Council. The Council unanimously approved Mr. Belzer as the Vice Chair of the CJMC.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2010 MINUTES OF THE CJMC

MOTION by Burke/McHugh to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2010 Criminal Justice Management Council **carried unanimously**. (Montabon, Gruenke, Hammes, Locante, Feehan & Hampson excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS

Sheriff – Captain Daggett reported that construction is going a little bit slower than they had hoped. They wanted to be finished by the end of December but it will now probably be a couple of weeks into January before they are completely finished.

The jail has increased the number of programs that they are doing. They have started the "Thinking for a Change" program and it has been very well received. Jane has been working with her staff to get the same curriculum going on the outside once people leave the jail.

Human Services – Jason Witt was introduced as the new Human Services Director. Jason reported that Mary Ellen Prinsen is retiring as the Manager from the Family & Children's area, so they have been working on a transition plan.

Public Relations & Outreach Committee – Keith indicated that they were planning a town meeting in February and WXOW is on board to help plan this. They will be meeting with the PR Outreach Committee, along with the La Crosse Tribune, at their next meeting to begin planning.

Judges – They are trying to simplify some of their internal procedures to help manage cases better, one area in particular is the bail jumping cases.

County Board – The 2011 budget has been adopted.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

The PR Relations Committee has been working on this presentation for a number of months. They will be presenting a Powerpoint to various community groups that will inform people on what the CJMC is about and why we're doing what we're doing.

The goals of the presentation are:

1. What is the Criminal Justice Management Council
2. Principles of Evidence Based Practices for Correctional Clients
3. Implementation of Evidence Based Practice in La Crosse County

The presentation then goes into the historical perspective. In 2000, the Criminal Justice Management Council was developed. It was implemented to design and develop a comprehensive criminal justice system that ensures a just, coordinated, and accountable system of services on behalf of the citizens of La Crosse County. In 2001, research was done and consultants were brought in and a lot of information was obtained regarding Evidence Based Practices. Effective Correctional Interventions focus on Risk, Need and Responsivity.

Between 2001 and 2010 the CJMC made the following recommendations:

- Expand electronic monitoring (2001)
- Implement Drug Treatment Court (2002)
- Closing the work release facility (2005)
- Implement an OWI (intoxicated drivers) Treatment Court (2006)
- Complete a systems assessment – the Carey Group (2007)
- Develop a program designed for women (2008)
- Incorporate mental health screenings and increase mental health services in the jail (2008)
- Participate in the Transition from Jail to Community Initiative (2009)

The average daily jail population in 2001 was 297 and in 2009 it was 181. We are now doing more programming instead of incarceration, which research shows, is more effective in reducing crime and saves money. The Council thought that the PR Committee should have something in their presentation about the safety of the community by having less people in jail and being involved with Justice Sanctions instead.

INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Just a reminder that next month is the Disproportionate Minority Representation Training in place of the regular CJMC meeting. This is limited to 30 spots.
- Jane asked if the Council thought that future CJMC meetings should be moved to the LEC once it is finished - everyone agreed.
- Veterans Court is now up and running. It was felt that Judge Bjerke, who helped set this up, should be invited to the CJMC to discuss within the next couple of months.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Nesbitt/Burke to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. **carried unanimously**. (Montabon, Gruenke, Hammes, Locante, Feehan & Hampson excused)

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

Recorded by Terri Pavlic