

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

June 15, 2011

LEC Room 1615

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dennis Montabon, Keith Belzer, Vicki Burke, Tim Gruenke, Jason Witt, Jim Nesbitt, Steve Helgeson, Ann Quinlisk, Sharon Hampson, Troy Harcey, Mike Desmond, Geva Thole
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Steve Doyle, Ramona Gonzalez, Tom Locante, Bob Lawrence, Bill Feehan, Rita Zindorf, Michael McHugh
OTHERS PRESENT:	Jane Klekamp, Becky Spanjers, Dave Steinberg, Nancy Pohlman, Bev Heebsh, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 20, 2011 MINUTES OF THE CJMC

The minutes of the April 20, 2011 Criminal Justice Management Council were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS

Human Services – The Joint Finance Committee unanimously approved the County's alternative proposal regarding Income Maintenance, which keeps the services local, but we would partner together with other counties. The Finance Committee did impose caps on Family Care Program for the elderly and physically disabled that would have been guaranteed access if eligible. But now there will be caps on enrollment and there will be waiting lists. The Joint Finance Committee did approve the Governor's proposal to cut Youth Aids funding, which to La Crosse County means approximately \$140,000 that we use to support juvenile programs in the community.

CODIFY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Currently the CJ Executive Committee is not a part of the County Ordinance. Vicki Burke handed out a draft proposal which would clarify and codify the role of the Executive Committee of the CJMC. Vicki will change the proposal to state "County Board Chair OR Designee". The Director of Human Services is not currently on the CJ Executive Committee, but will not be added as a member. Also, Jane Klekamp is the Manager of Chemical Health & Justice Sanctions – not Director. Vicki will make these changes and bring the revised draft back to this committee.

TJC INITIATIVE SITE VISIT

The Transition from Jail to Community technical assistance group will be here in a couple of weeks for their last site visit. We are at the end of a 2-year process where they have looked at La Crosse County's processes for the criminal justice system and have helped us develop various plans for the future and also helped us get some training for Workforce development and cognitive behavioral training, etc. The committee was sent the agenda previously via e-mail. Jane feels that the most interesting day for this committee would be the 2nd day of the visit.

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JUVENILE JUSTICE REPORT

Jason Witt updated the council on the changes with regard to the Juvenile Detention Facility. These changes will be considered for a vote by the full County Board tomorrow and have already been approved by the HHS Board and the Executive Committee. There are significant changes to programming and staffing at the facility but this will also enhance programming to juveniles here locally in the community while also helping us meet some of the fiscal challenges that we face.

The 24/7 Juvenile Detention Facility is a very costly part of the Human Services operation. It currently has a capacity of 26 beds, but during the last decade the average daily census of the facility has come nowhere close to capacity. The facility serves both La Crosse children and youth from other counties as well. Over half of the youth that have been utilizing the facility are youth from surrounding counties. In 2010, the cost per service unit of the JDF was \$656, but for a Residential Caring Center (RCC) it is \$288, plus these types of centers provide a lot more clinical services.

Two recommended JDF changes are: 1. Reduce staffing in line with diminished need; and 1. Add an additional service track for higher need youth requiring longer stays. The JDF will maintain a capacity of 15 beds but will add counseling, AODA, re-integration programs.

INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Jane asked the for the committee's approval to apply for the 2nd Change Act Grant – a re-entry grant from the federal government. The whole re-entry grant would be pertaining to evaluating programs, i.e. electronic monitoring, drug treatment court, OWI treatment court, etc. **MOTION** by Belzer/Nesbitt to support Jane applying for this grant carried unanimously. (Doyle, Gonzalez, Locante, Lawrence, Feehan, Zindorf, McHugh excused)

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 a.m

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

Recorded by Terri Pavlic