

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

January 19, 2011

Administrative Center Room B190

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Doyle, Vicki Burke, Tim Gruenke, Jason Witt, Bill Hammes, Jim Nesbitt, Tom Locante, Ann Quinlisk, Mike Desmond, Geva Thole, Michael McHugh, Keith Belzer, Doris Daggett for Sheriff Helgeson

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dennis Montabon, Ramona Gonzalez, Steve Helgeson, Bob Lawrence, Bill Feehan, Sharon Hampson, Troy Harcey, Rita Zindorf

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve O'Malley, Jane Klekamp, Bev Heebsh, Duane Teschler, Anne Jungen

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2010 MINUTES OF THE CJMC

MOTION by Doyle/Quinlisk to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2010 Criminal Justice Management Council **carried unanimously**. (Montabon, Gonzalez, Helgeson, Lawrence, Feehan, Hampson, Harcey & Zindorf excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS

Sheriff – The LEC project is nearing the end. The final inspection with the DOC is on February 10th. Some phone lines and computers need to be moved before the women inmates can come over from the old women's jail. The Jail has completed its first "Thinking for a Change" class.

Public Defender – They are still on track to change the eligibility requirements. This should save the County some money in attorney appointments. The Public Defender's office may end up getting an additional position due to this change.

DOC – They moved into their new building (space in the LEC) the 3rd week of December. They will also be using the "Thinking for a Change" curriculum.

Human Services – They hope to have a recruitment process underway for a new Family Services Section Manager replacing Mary Ellen Prinsen. Wayde Anger has retired as well.

Public Relations & Outreach Committee – The Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals has named Jane as the Treatment Court Professional of the Year. Congratulations Jane!

The PR Outreach public presentation is up and running with good results so far. They have presented it to a leadership group here at the County, as well as Steve Doyle's Government class at UW-L. They will also be presenting it to the Policy Planning meeting of the County Board on February 21st.

A Town Forum, which is being co-hosted by the La Crosse Tribune and Channel 19 WXOW, will be held on March 3rd in the jail in one of the new pods. This will take place live from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, you do need to RSVP.

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There will be an official opening of the new LEC to be held on a different date and time yet to be determined.

Keith Belzer distributed an article written by Newt Gingrich and how he has come to the La Crosse way of thinking regarding criminal justice.

District Attorney – One of the Assistant D.A.'s, Tanya Bonnett, left the DA's office, and she has been replaced with Ellen Anderson. The DA's overall numbers from last year were down a little bit; the felony numbers were down quite a bit and misdemeanor numbers were up just a bit.

County Board – Steve Doyle suggested that during the official opening of the LEC, the public should be informed of how well integrated the different systems are with the "Thinking for a Change" program and how the new building will help facilitate this process.

SET DATE FOR ANNUAL RETREAT

It was decided not to have a CJMC annual retreat in 2011, as the council has a pretty good sense of the types of things they want to focus on this year.

TRANSITION FROM JAIL TO COMMUNITY UPDATE

A couple of months ago, everyone should have received a survey via e-mail from the TJC Initiative and the Urban Institute. Jane distributed the first report that they sent out regarding the results. Jane pointed out some of the charts in the report that were very interesting. Also a survey will be done in the jail, as a part of this, which will basically ask inmates their perception of what they think they need. (This will be a snapshot only.) The other part of the TJC Initiative is there will be some support groups for substance abuse in the jail that are cognitive based. This will give some options to the traditional AANA type programs already in existence. Another part of the community stakeholders meetings that has been very helpful is that there have been some housing people in attendance. Coulee Cap has agreed to hold on to 5 spots for people with mental health issues coming out of jail. We only have to provide case management. We are still looking at other ways to provide housing, transportation, etc.

COLLABORATION SURVEY

This is something that the CJMC completes every year. Jane distributed this survey to council members to complete and turn back in to her.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

February: Juvenile Justice Update – Jason Witt
Vets Court – Judge Bjerke
Disproportionate Minority Contact

ADJOURN

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Gruenke/Burke to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 a.m. **carried unanimously**. (Montabon, Gonzalez, Helgeson, Lawrence, Feehan, Hampson, Harcey & Zindorf excused)

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

Recorded by Jane Klekamp