

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE

March 21, 2012

Law Enforcement Center – Room 1615

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Keith Belzer, Tara Johnson, Dale Pasell, Vicki Burke, Jason Witt, Steve Helgeson, Bob Lawrence, Ann Quinlisk, Sharon Hampson, Troy Harcey, Rita Zindorf, Mike Desmond, Michael McHugh, Dick Mial
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Dennis Montabon, Tim Gruenke, Mike Johnson, Jim Nesbitt, Tom Locante, Bill Feehan
OTHERS PRESENT:	Steve O'Malley, Jane Klekamp, Doris Daggett, Anne Jungen, Bev Heebsh, Mandy Bisek, Nancy Pohlman, Curtis Miller, Vicki Gunderson, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2011 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

MOTION by Hampson/Johnson to approve the November 16, 2011 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. **MOTION carried unanimously.** (Montabon, Gruenke, Johnson, Nesbitt, Locante and Feehan excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Curtis Miller of AMOS reported (and distributed pamphlet) that they have launched the "11X15" campaign, which is the goal to reduce the rate of incarceration in Wisconsin by 11,000 individuals by the end of 2015.

Keith Belzer distributed two fliers: one regarding the Dance for Hope, for the La Crosse Area Suicide Prevention Initiative which is on March 31, 2012 and also AMOS is having a meeting on April 12, 2012 regarding Creating Compassionate Communities.

STATUS REPORTS

Human Services – Jason Witt reported that he was receiving a Governor's appointment to the State Council on Offender Re-entry to represent State Human Services. This Council is advisory to the Department of Corrections in coordinating offender re-entry initiatives throughout the State, coordinating and pushing forward evidence based practice, as well as commenting on pending legislation in the area.

Public Relations – Jane Klekamp put together an article regarding discussion of the initiative of jail to community and the impact upon La Crosse. It will be posted on the Urban Institute link, as well as the NIC link.

The National Criminal Justice Association is accepting applications for outstanding criminal justice programs. Keith Belzer proposed we submit an application **MOTION** by Johnson/Burke to have the CJMC submit an application to the National Criminal Justice Association. **MOTION carried unanimously.** (Montabon, Gruenke, Johnson, Nesbitt, Locante and Feehan excused)

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Keith Belzer indicated that the CJ Public Relations Committee did send in a letter to the editor regarding felons in the workplace pursuant to our November 2011 meeting.

Judges – The Smarter Sentencing Training has been moved to May 8th. All judges are planning to attend.

County Board – Elections are April 3rd - please be sure to vote. The County Board is being reduced in size from 35 County Board Supervisors to 29.

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS

Troy Harcey, Principal of Logan Middle School, was present to discuss student developmental assets. Every 3 years the school district surveys their students. They use the Benson Developmental Asset Study – which consists of 40 internal and external developmental assets. The report is really a culmination of the student voice. The district consists of approximately 6900 students, and a good portion of them (2400 students) take the survey. The 4th, 5th 6th graders take one survey – about 160 questions. And, the 8th, 10th, 12th graders take a similar version of the survey but with slightly different definitions.

External Assets were “Support” (Family Support, Positive Family Communication, Other Adult Relationships, Caring Neighborhood, Caring School Climate, and Parent Involvement in Schooling); “Empowerment” (Community Values Children, Children as Resources, Service to Others, and Safety)

Internal Assets were “Commitment to Learning” (Achievement Motivation, Learning Engagement, Homework, Bonding to Adults at School, and Reading for Pleasure); “Positive Identity” (Personal Power, Self-Esteem, Sense of Purpose, and Positive View of Future)

The younger children tend to report more assets than the older children. The average number of assets reported for the younger students was 25, but ideally he would like to see all youth have between 31-40. The average reported for the older students was a little bit less than that on average.

In the study, deficits are also addressed (Alone at Home, TV Overexposure, Physical Abuse, Victim of Violence, Drinking Parties). Deficits are negative influences, none of which necessarily do permanent harm, but each one makes harm more possible.

Risk Behavior Patterns for 4th, 5th & 6th graders (alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, anti-social behavior, physical aggression/violence, and sadness) were studied. Risk Behavior Patterns for 8, 10, & 12th graders (alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana, other drug use, driving and alcohol)

Thriving Indicators for 4th, 5th & 6th graders were school success, helps others, values, diversity, delays gratification, coregulation, coping, life satisfaction. Thriving Indicators for 8th, 10th & 12th graders were success in school, helps others, values diversity, maintains good health, exhibits leadership, resists danger; delays gratification; overcomes adversity.

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JUVENILE JUSTICE

Jason Witt and Mandy Bisek, new Juvenile Justice Supervisor, presented Human Services 2011 Organizational Accomplishments and 2012 planning.

2011 Accomplishments –

1. Recruited new leadership team
2. Transitioned to use of eWiSAWIS for juvenile intake, case notes and court reports
3. Relocated Juvenile Justice Unit to better integrate with child/family/special needs units
4. Participated in planning and follow-up to Rebuilding for Learning event, building foundation with School District of La Crosse to work on challenging juvenile issues
5. Protected 2012 resources for juvenile services despite significant state funding hits to youth services
6. Implemented juvenile justice “second shift” coverage
7. Integrated after-hours coverage for juvenile justice and child protective services
8. Re-configured Juvenile Detention Facility

Unfinished work: Recommendation from the Carey Group (Nov. 20, 2008)

- a. Develop policies that support the use of evidence-based practices across the continuum of juvenile justice services
- b. Create an inter-agency task force to study why La Crosse County arrests a disproportionate number of youth and determine if this is in the best interest of the public
- c. Seek assistance from Annie Casey Foundation with disproportionate minority arrest and confinement issues.

2012 Planning – Finishing the Unfinished Business of the 2008 Carey Report

Four Key Elements of Evidence Based Practice for Juvenile Supervision:

1. Assessment of risk, needs and strengths drives decisions
2. Assessment-driven, goal oriented case plan governs
3. Consistent approach to practice, service use and interventions
4. Outcome driven to continuous measurement and improvement

Developing a new action plan:

- La Crosse County Juvenile Justice Team to Participate in “Creating an Evidence based Community” workshop in Tomah on April 24-26, 2012 and will have a new action plan by May 1st, 2012.
- By July 1, 2012 – will have chosen a new assessment/case management tool
- Evaluation of contracted services complete by July 2012
- Objective tools designed by September 1, 2012

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Including our partners – assemble inter agency task force to examine and the following issues.

- Data gathering and analysis by summer 2012
- Interagency task force assembled by fall 2012

INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

There was a bill (AB703) proposed last week to put 17 year olds back into the juvenile system. At this point, the bill was geared only for kids with minor offenses.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Jail programming report – (May)

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 18, 2012

ADJOURN

There being no further business, **MOTION** by McHugh/Desmond to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 a.m. **MOTION carried unanimously.** (Montabon, Gruenke, Johnson, Nesbitt, Locante and Feehan excused)

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

Approved April 18, 2012, Recorded by Terri Pavlic