

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE
August 15, 2012
Administrative Center – Room B390

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dennis Montabon, Tara Johnson, Dale Pasell, Vicki Burke, Jason Witt, Mike Johnson, Tom Locante, Steve Helgeson, Shawn Kudron, Tom Downer, Monica Kruse, Troy Harcey, Mike Desmond, Dick Mial, Xong Xiong, Leroy Sua
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Keith Belzer, Ramona Gonzalez, Tim Gruenke, Rita Zindorf, Michael McHugh
OTHERS PRESENT:	Steve O'Malley, Jane Klekamp, Bridget Todd, Pat Brummond, Maureen McCallum, Vicki Gunderson, Bev Heebsh, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF JUNE 20, 2012 MINUTES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

MOTION by Burke/Johnson to approve the June 20, 2012 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. **MOTION carried unanimously.** (Belzer, Gonzalez, Gruenke, Zindorf & McHugh excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Status Reports:

Sheriff – The Sheriff reported that the jail population has continued to creep up and is once again overcrowded, currently with 16 inmates sleeping on the floor. This overcrowding is dangerous and often results in inmate fights; assaults on staff, and jail staff is not able to conduct jail programs effectively. The Sheriff asked everyone to take another look at the system and make sure that the jail is used only for those who truly need it and using Justice Sanctions whenever possible.

Judges – Judge Pasell indicated that Jane had already brought the jail overcrowding to the judges' attention. They have received lists of those in custody and are reviewing them to see if some of these can be released into Justice Sanctions. They are also having another meeting regarding commitments for failure to pay fines and forfeitures to see how these things are being handled.

County Board - Tara Johnson, commented that the jail population should continue to be a future agenda item, as 2013 budget discussions are underway, and there are many challenges. To open up the additional pod that was built, 6 new positions would need to be added in order to staff it, which would be roughly \$400,000.

COMMUNITY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROJECT

Debra Kraft – Deputy Director and Legal Counsel at Community Advocates and Public Policy Institute in Milwaukee; Marilyn Walczak, Project Manager for the Community Justice Reinvestment Project; and John Chisholm, District Attorney of Milwaukee County and Chair of Milwaukee County Community Justice Council, were present via a webcam. They

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discussed the Community Justice Reinvestment Project: A Legislative Proposal to Change Wisconsin's Criminal Justice System. The project, through community outreach and coalition building, is designed to educate the public and other key stakeholders in Wisconsin about the value and importance of implementing comprehensive, evidence-based policy change within the statewide criminal justice system. The ultimate project goal is enactment of a statewide Community Justice Reinvestment Act.

Justice reinvestment is a data-driven approach to improve public safety, reduce corrections and related criminal justice spending, and reinvest savings in strategies that can decrease crime and strengthen neighborhoods. The purpose of justice reinvestment is to manage and allocate criminal justice populations more cost-effectively, generating savings that can be reinvested in evidence-based strategies that increase public safety while holding offenders accountable.

A Community Justice Reinvestment Act is a state-wide legislation that designates money to counties to find a better way – using evidence-based data – to decrease crime, and jail and prison populations, while holding certain offenders accountable.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- History and background of council – Sept.

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 19, 2012

ADJOURN

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Burke/Sua to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.** (Belzer, Gonzalez, Gruenke, Zindorf & McHugh excused)

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

Approved September 19, 2012, Recorded by Terri Pavlic