

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE
September 19, 2012
Law Enforcement Center – Room 1615

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dennis Montabon, Keith Belzer, Tara Johnson, Vicki Burke, Jason Witt, Mike Johnson, Steve Helgeson, Tom Downer, Monica Kruse, Troy Harcey, Rita Zindorf, Mike Desmond, Dick Mial, Leroy Sua
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Ramona Gonzalez, Tim Gruenke, Tom Locante, Shawn Kudron, Michael McHugh, Xiong Xiong
OTHERS PRESENT:	Steve O'Malley, Jane Klekamp, Doris Daggett, Bev Heebsh, Kate Holinka, Becky Spanjers, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 15, 2012 MINUTES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION by Burke/Johnson to approve the August 15, 2012 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. **MOTION carried unanimously.** (Gonzalez, Gruenke, Locante, Kudron, McHugh, Xiong excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Status Reports:

Sheriff – There are still problems with overcrowding in the jail. The CJMC workgroup met to discuss jail population and will continue to meet on a monthly basis to see what can be done to resolve this issue.

DOC – There will be two retirements in the DOC office in November. One position has already been filled and hope to fill the second one soon.

HS – Jason Witt reported on the Governor's Council on Reentry group. A subgroup of this committee has been formed to coordinate with the DOC regarding information of offenders returning to the community who may have partners or wives in the CPS system. Nancy Pohlman and Jason Witt will be involved for La Crosse County.

Also, the DWD presented on some employment fairs that have been done in different areas of the State, where they would actually screen individuals prior to going to the fair, and coach them. This has produced good results.

LaCrosse County has been selected as the lead entity (along with Monroe and Jackson Counties) for a mental health and substance abuse pilot program. The State is transitioning to more of a regional service system and the pilot would be to develop what a shared services system would look like.

Jane Klekamp reported that she just received notice from the Office of Justice Assistance that they will be evaluating our OWI treatment court. They will do a process and an outcome evaluation.

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Public Relations & Outreach Committee – Keith Belzer indicated that they are slowly moving forward on plans regarding employment issues for people leaving jail. They are having conversations in the community regarding CJMC.

HISTORY OF CJMC

Keith Belzer and Jane Klekamp presented their Powerpoint on the History of the CJMC

What is the Criminal Justice Management Council?

The Sentencing Strategies Committee began in 1993 and in 1995 Justice Sanctions was created to implement programs identified by the Sentencing Strategies Committee as crime reducing and cost effective. The Sentencing Strategies Committee came up with three main ideas: 1) Smaller jail; 2) Smart alternatives; and 3) Programming. In 2000, the Criminal Justice Management Council was created. In 2001, the CJMC requested time from the Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee to research and make recommendations regarding the increasing community safety and reducing costs.

The goals of the Criminal Justice System:

- Efficiency: economically apply available resources to accomplish statutory goals and improve public safety
- Effectiveness: proper regard for equity, proportionality, constitutional protections and public safety outcomes
- Fairness: equal treatment and handling of similarly situated offenders

Principles of Evidence Based Practices for correctional clients

At one time, it was believed that people would stop behavior through punishment, humiliation and penitence, but we know that doesn't work.

Research-Based Practice:

- Improves outcomes, especially recidivism
- Increases public safety and reduces victimization
- Prevents harm
- Enhances collaboration
- Establishes research-driven decision making
- Targets funding toward the interventions that bring greatest returns

Effective correctional interventions means focusing on risk, needs, responsivity and fidelity.

Implementation of Evidence Based Practice in La Crosse County

2011-2010 CJMC 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)

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- Incorporate mental health screenings and increase mental health services in the jail (2008)
- Participate in the Transition from Jail to Community Initiative (2009)
- Town Hall Meeting (2011)

COMMUNITY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT AT FOLLOW UP

There was a presentation on this last month, and Jane brought sample resolutions from other counties for discussion by the group. Judge Montabon suggested having Jane, who sits on the committee, report back on it and if there's a need to act quickly she will have something drafted.

INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- County comparison jail population, services, etc.
- Hard drugs in La Crosse

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 17, 2012

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

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

Approved October 17, 2012, Recorded by Terri Pavlic