

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE
October 17, 2012
Law Enforcement Center – Room 1615

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 MINUTES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION by Burke/Sua to approve the September 19, 2012 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. **MOTION carried unanimously.** (Montabon, Johnson, Gruenke, Johnson, Kudron, McHugh, and Mial excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Status Reports:

Public Defender - Carol Griffin in the Public Defender's office will be retiring after 32 years.

Tom Locante also mentioned that their office has been involved in the YWCA's workshops in Madison regarding racial diversity. He feels that it's a very valuable program and if anyone is interested please let him know.

Human Services – Jason Witt reported that they found out from the Office of Justice Assistance that La Crosse County is being considered to be a future site for the juvenile justice alternative initiative. Part of this will start immediately but will roll out over the next several years.

Public Relations & Outreach Committee – Keith Belzer indicated that their next step in trying to develop employment relations, is an upcoming meeting on Oct 29th called "People First".

IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS TO JAIL OVERCROWDING

Sheriff Helgeson informed the council that in 2011 the new jail addition was opened, and the jail population looked good, however, this year the jail population has skyrocketed. We are up 50% higher than in January 2011. The jail becomes dangerous when there is jail overcrowding and inmates are sleeping on the floor. It changes the dynamics of the jail and programming is not able to be accomplished as we would like. The jail overcrowding also significantly increases liability. The CJMC Workgroup has been meeting to discuss options.

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Jane Klekamp did an overview of the jail population. Capacity is 174; and we are 54 inmates over capacity.

Action step

1. When the jail is over capacity the Sheriff will work with the presiding judge to review a list of people who are incarcerated for:
 - o Treatment court holds
 - o Child support
 - o County warrants for failure to pay fines

The presiding judge and sheriff will work together to determine who is eligible for release

2. Municipalities within the county will be notified that there will be an increase in the jail fee. This hasn't been increased since 2004. Currently we charge \$35 for the first night and \$55 for every day thereafter. After doing a detailed analysis, it is estimated that the cost of housing an inmate is \$124/day. We will be recommending an increase of \$45 for the first day and \$90 for each day thereafter, but are still in the process of finalizing our recommendation.
3. Municipalities will also be notified the Sheriff may release the inmate if the jail is overcrowded. The inmate will be given a date to report to the municipal court.
4. The courts will have a standing order that all types of holds (excluding sentences) will run concurrently rather than consecutively.
 - a. Municipal court warrants
 - b. Probation holds
 - c. Child support
 - d. Sentence
 - e. County warrants
 - f. Cash bonds
5. The Department of Corrections (DOC) supervisors and the Sheriff will meet to determine a target number for people incarcerated on probation holds.
6. The DOC will move all Extended Supervision (sanctions) holds to a different county.

COUNTY COMPARISON – JAIL POPULATION, SERVICES, ETC.

Jane presented a Powerpoint showing comparisons in Marathon, Sheboygan, La Crosse, Walworth, Eau Claire, and Fond du Lac counties – all similar populations. Some of the comparisons shown were:

- Racial make-up in each county by white, black, native American, Asian, Hispanic, or 2 or more races.
- Law Enforcement officers/100,000 people, as well as officers and civilian employees/1,000 people.
- Index-property crimes including burglary, theft, MV theft and arson
- Index-property crimes including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault

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- Total non-index crimes including drugs, dis conduct, vandalism, prostitution, simple assault, fraud – La Crosse is higher in this category.
- Total jail population for 2005 and 2011
- Huber population for 2005 and 2011
- Secure jail population for 2005 and 2011
- 2005 & 2011 comparison of Huber/secure
- Secure population comparison between 2005 and 2011

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mike Kiefer – jail programs
- Steve Josephson – mental health issues in jail
- Deadly drugs in the area
- Indirect supervision in the jail

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 21, 2012

ADJOURN

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Gonzalez/Kruse to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.** (Montabon, Johnson, Gruenke, Johnson, Kudron, McHugh, and Mial excused)

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

Approved November 21, 2012, Recorded by Terri Pavlic