

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dennis Montabon, Keith Belzer, Tara Johnson, Ramona Gonzalez, Vicki Burke, Jason Witt (arr. 7:37 a.m.), Steve Helgeson, Shawn Kudron (arr. 7:37 a.m.; exc. 8:00 a.m.), Tom Downer, Monica Kruse, Troy Harcey, Rita Zindorf (arr. 7:37 a.m.), Michael McHugh, Dick Mial
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Tim Gruenke, Mike Johnson, Tom Locante, Mike Desmond, Leroy Sua, Xong Xiong
OTHERS PRESENT:	Steve O'Malley, Jane Klekamp, Doris Daggett, Bev Heebsh, Mike Kiefer, Anne Jungen, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21, 2012 MINUTES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION by Belzer/Johnson to approve the November 21, 2012 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. **MOTION carried unanimously.** (Gruenke, Witt, Johnson, Locante, Kudron, Zindorf, Desmond, Sua, Xiong excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Status Reports:

Sheriff – The jail population is still remaining reasonable - yesterday it was 172 with no one on the floor. A few months ago it was in the 220's. A new program is being started, which will allow for a Probation & Parole officer to be located part-time in the jail.

Human Services – Jason Witt reported on a meeting with the Governor's Council on Offender Re-entry and he distributed a handout regarding recidivism that the DOC did. A study over the last 10-12 years as recidivism rates were followed, and measured effectiveness of programs within the State Correctional System. Also, on March 12th there is a meeting in Madison to inform policy makers what is going on at the local criminal justice councils.

Public Relations – This group is moving forward and will be meeting with a number of local businesses in February in an attempt to set up a model to help prepare and train people to be successful in a work environment.

County Board – The County Board passed the 2013 budget. The place holder that was in the budget for either opening the second jail pod or for road maintenance, the board opted to not open that pod in the immediate future.

HEROIN TRENDS

Jane showed a brief Powerpoint TEDS National admissions 2000-2010, which was shown by alcohol, opiates (includes heroin), cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine/amphetamines. Alcohol is the highest and meth he lowest. The report also showed age at admission, race

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of admissions, Heroin admissions by non-Hispanic white and non-Hispanic blacks by age, Heroin admissions by route of administration (injection and inhalation).

Dr. David Nordstrom, from UW Whitewater, has reviewed all of the deaths in Wisconsin from drugs between 1999 and 2008. There were 4,828 drug deaths identified; the average age of death was 43; 3,410 (71% were unintentional and 1,053 - or 22%- were suicide). The unintentional to suicide death ratio grew from 1.6 in 1999 to 3.5 in 2008. Opioid analgesics surpassed both cocaine and heroin to become the most frequent drug leading to death. Methadone ranked the highest with 118 deaths in 2008 vs. 10 deaths in 1999, an increase of 1080%.

Causes of death: 14% were from sedative-hypnotic (valium, xanax) 21% from cocaine; and 42% from pain drugs (heroin, methadone, morphine, oxycodone). Dr. Nordstrom's recommendation is to establish a statewide prescription drug monitoring program, which was authorized in 2010 but not yet operating. This is supposed to start in 2013. He is willing to speak with the CJMC, so Jane will contact him to get this set up.

Troy Harcey informed the council that Central High School put together videos, one was called "Consequences" regarding drinking and driving, and a second one called "Kickers" specifically relating to prescription drug use. If anyone would like a copy, please contact Troy.

NON-INDEX CRIMES-BAIL JUMPING

Jane reported back to the Council regarding other counties non-index crimes being far less than La Crosse County. She removed the category of "all other including bail jumping and liquor law violations, etc" and La Crosse County numbers are still high but are in line with other counties.

Tim Gruenke contacted two other counties because La Crosse County bail jumping charges were way higher than other counties, and also took a deeper look at this issue. They looked at every bail jumping charge between 9/17/12 and 11/21/12 (approx. 10 weeks) and found that there were 197 arrests for bail jumping; 170 individuals; 145 people were arrested one time; 23 people were arrested 2 times; and 2 people were arrested 3 times; 100 situations were violations of bond conditions and 97 situations were new crimes.

JAIL POPULATION DATA

Jane distributed a handout showing average bookings/month: 2010 was 503; 2011 was 432 and 2012 (through Nov) was 516; Average Releases/month for 2010 was 503; 2011 was 432 and 2012 (through Nov) was 515; ADP for women in 2010 was 20; 2011 was 21; and 2012 (through Nov) was 27; ADP for men in 2010 was 150; 2011 was 148; and 2012 (through Nov) was 167. Jane also showed 2012 Jail average daily population by month.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE GRANT

Western Technical College has found a grant through the Department of Education that focuses on transitioning people from jail/prison back into the community with an emphasis on education and employment. It is very similar to the Transition from Jail to Community Initiative that we have been working on the past several years. There are a number of the criteria in our system in place that they are looking for. They are presenting between 2-4

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grants nationwide, and have a total sum of @\$1.2 million, which would mean @\$300,000 per community. If the CJMC approves, Jane will write a draft for Judge Montabon's signature. **MOTION** by Johnson/Kruse to send letter of support in endorsement of Western Technical College's grant application for the transition to community education program project. **Motion carried unanimously.** (Gruenke, Johnson, Locante, Desmond, Sua, Xiong excused) The Judges will also write a letter of support.

INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Judge Montabon felt the CJMC should send a letter to the Tribune and to our legislators regarding the Sandy Hook shootings. Judge Montabon will draft a letter and send it to the council via e-mail for their comments. After doing some research, another letter will be written with more details and specifics, as well as statistics. Mike McHugh will take this matter up with the Coulee Region Law Enforcement Executive Group.
- Also, individuals, as members of the CJMC, should write letters to the Tribune stating that this issue will be taken up by the Council.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Rebuilding for Learning – Troy Harcey
- Jail/CHJS Tour
- NAMI – mental health issues
- Feedback from the Coulee Region Law Enforcement Executive Group
- Invite Legislators

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 16th meeting CANCELLED. Next meeting: February 20, 2013

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Approved Feb. 20, 2013 - Recorded by Terri Pavlic