

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM PROCESS AND OPPORTUNITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

November 4, 2010

Call to Order: Chair Deupree called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. in Conference Room 519 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-West.

Committee Members Present: Chair Neil Deupree, Judge James Daley, Supervisor Sandra Kraft, Captain Russ Steeber (alt. for Sheriff Spoden), Marv Wopat

Others Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst, Judge R. Alan Bates, Leslie Swanson, ATTIC Correctional Services, Inc., Sgt. Brent DeRemer, Sheriff's Office

Approval of the Agenda: Judge Daley moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Captain Steeber. ADOPTED.

Approval of the Minutes from 8/6/2010: Captain Steeber moved approval of the minutes, second by Judge Daley. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Action Regarding RECAP and Community RECAP Aftercare:

Chair Deupree began by going over the suggestions Vicki Trebian, from ATTIC Correctional Services, Inc., made at the July 2010 CJCC meeting. Chair Deupree asked the group its thoughts about addressing aftercare for in-house RECAP participants.

Captain Steeber said that people do great in the in-house RECAP program but it is hard for them when they are released back into the community. He said that anything we can do to help keep them on the straight and narrow is a good thing and that we all want these individuals to be successful. He agreed that aftercare is important.

Ms. Swanson said that people in these programs have a problem with change. One draw back to option number one in dealing with RECAP aftercare is that interns are only around for a short time and with the intern changing so often, some clients may have difficulty with that. Sgt. DeRemer added that some participant in the jail RECAP program sabotage themselves because they are afraid to get out of jail and not have that support. Mr. Wopat said that getting RECAP participants involved in recovery meetings while in jail is important and connects them with support out in the community.

Chair Deupree reminded the group of the County's financial restraints in implementing any program. He went on to say that consistency is good, but having to hire another counselor to do aftercare would be financially difficult. Judge Daley said that we could start by using interns and move toward a paid position in the future.

Chair Deupree asked how many people in RECAP are on probation after their jail release. Sgt. DeRemer replied that there are 13 ATRs in RECAP at any given time. Judge Daley added that most continue on probation upon their jail release. Captain Steeber said some of those released need aftercare but some do not—the RECAP staff would have insights as to who would need the aftercare. Mr. Wopat said those who were “healthy” upon release would still be an asset in an aftercare group because they would serve as positive role model to the others. Captain asked if the aftercare would consist of groups or one-on-one counseling. Judge Daley said the length of an aftercare program should be 1-3 months

depending on what the counselor says. Sgt. DeRemer added that it would also depend on how long someone was on paper. Captain Steeber asked if someone could do aftercare voluntarily if they were off paper. Mr. Wopat and Chair Deupree both said voluntarily they could participate in the aftercare.

Chair Deupree then turned to look at aftercare for drug court clients and went over the suggestions provided by Ms. Trebian at the July meeting. Judge Daley commented that it is more difficult for these clients to participate in aftercare because their contracts state that upon successful completion of the drug court program their contract is fulfilled. But, he added, the contract could be changed to include some form of aftercare. Captain Steeber asked what would happen if someone failed the aftercare portion. Judge Daley responded that a warrant could be issued. Captain Steeber said that it really wouldn't be aftercare, just an extension of time in the program.

Ms. Swanson said that currently they do not force most clients to attend support groups and what about requiring participants to attend support groups while in the drug court program to help them transition once the program is finished. Mr. Wopat said that would be an excellent idea. This idea was also supported by Judge Daley and Captain Steeber.

Chair Deupree summarized the discussion and asked for confirmation that the suggestion made was to have people in drug court mandatorily attend support groups. Ms. Swanson said yes, whatever fits their needs. Judge Daley said that when the drug court started everyone knew that there would be changes in the program as it went along and he thought adding a requirement for attending support groups would be a positive change.

Chair Deupree asked how many people in drug court currently attend support meetings. Ms. Swanson answered that only about a half dozen were going now but it would be a good idea for more to go.

Captain Steeber asked if this change would affect the contract the County has with ATTIC. Judge Daley said it shouldn't because we aren't asking them to provide more services. Sgt. DeRemer asked if there were enough support group meeting in Rock County for all participants to attend. Mr. Wopat answered that there were 70 different meetings per week in Rock County.

Chair Deupree asked that Ms. Swanson check with Ms. Trebian to see if adding this would fit in the contract. He added that the support group idea would serve as "aftercare" at this time.

Discussion Regarding Recommendation for OWI Program in Rock County and Program Logistics:

Chair Deupree confirmed with the group that they wanted to move toward an OWI Court with the \$100,000 Mr. Knutson recommended in the County's 2011 budget. Judge Daley said the courts were committed and ready to move forward. He said a pilot program should be established focusing on high risk, high need 3rd and 4th misdemeanor OWI offenders.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said that there were several logistical issues that needed to be worked out and planning that needed to take place with the OWI team for eventual implementation. She reminded the group that the \$100,000 needed to cover services as well as administrative costs. She also told the group that an RFQ would be required and we couldn't just automatically tack services onto the current drug court program structure.

Judge Daley asked if we could start with 1 counselor and then cover administrative costs with the rest of the money. He also asked if we could serve about 20 people per counselor. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said that pursuant to discussions with Ms. Trebian, it looked like the offender to counselor ratio could be higher than the drug court's 15:1. for an OWI Court.

Chair Deupree directed Ms. Pohlman McQuillen to get the OWI team together to start discussing details and to bring that information back to the full CJCC.

Announcements: Chair Deupree informed the committee that he would not be running for Chair of CJCC in January. He said he will stay on the CJCC as a regular committee member and has enjoyed working with everyone.

Time and Date for Future Meetings: The next meeting will be scheduled when deemed necessary in the future. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen will contact everyone to arrange another meeting time.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen
Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst

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