

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

August 20, 2009

Call to Order. Chair Deupree called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 4:00 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Chair Neil Deupree, Supervisor William Grahn (for Supervisor Kraft), Supervisor Marv Wopat, Supervisor Robert Fizzell (for Regina Dunkin), Chief David Moore, Charmian Klyve, Tom Gubbin (for Art Thurmer), Barb Gerber (for Eric Nelson), Ruth Bettin, Lorenzo Henderson, Ed Pearson, Sheriff Robert Spoden.

Committee Members Absent: David O'Leary, Jose Carrillo, Judge Daley, Rich Gruber, Jan Devore.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, Assistant to the County Administrator; Jason Witt, Administrative Services Division Manager; Ryan Trautsch, Beloit Area Juvenile Probation Supervisor; Jeremy Brown, Janesville Area Juvenile Probation Supervisor.

Others Present: Kay Deupree, League of Women Voters; Supervisor Larry Wiedenfeld; Linda Owens.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Fizzell moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Wopat. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of July 16, 2009. Supervisor Wopat moved approval of the minutes of July 16, 2009, second by Sheriff Spoden. ADOPTED.

Juvenile Justice, Detention & Corrections Update. Ms. Klyve announced that Kerrie (Bischoff) Kaner, Juvenile Justice Division Manager, is resigning and moving to Michigan. Mr. Witt will be the Interim Juvenile Justice Division Manager until a replacement is found.

Ms. Klyve said that one of the things that got lost in the recent newspaper articles about the Detention Center is that we have not made a recommendation to close the Detention Center. It is on a list of cost reduction options that Mr. Knutson asked each Department Head to prepare. Ms. Klyve said they have met with system partners because communication issues have arisen. We need to do a better job of communicating the direction of the Department involving law enforcement, the District Attorney, schools, etc. She advised three committees within the Juvenile Justice Division have been created. They will be drafting written policies related to Intake/Sanctions, Diversion Programs and Running Rebels.

Chief Moore commented these are tough times when we have to make decisions about what is to remain and what needs to be closed, however, he feels it could be helpful that the Juvenile Detention Center is out there. Supervisor Grahn said the public hearing was very educational, there were so many voices and they all had good ideas. Sheriff Spoden said we need to bring the parties together and determine our long-term goal. He said ideally we want to

be able to close the Detention Center because we no longer need it. Supervisor Fizzell said he is in agreement with the Sheriff in dealing with youth in such a way that we don't have to lock them up. Supervisor Wopat commented that the Sheriff worked hard to bring prisoners back from other counties. Since we have a youth center here in Rock County, we need to employ our own people and do the training and treatment right here.

Ms. Klyve distributed the year-to-date Corrections Trends/2009 Corrections Projections. She said we send youth to Ethan Allen or Lincoln Hills (males) and Southern Oaks (female). The 2009 Budget included funding for an average daily census of 15, but we have been running above that. She estimates an 18.7 average daily census through the end of the year. Chair Deupree said he would like a chart showing Juvenile Detention Center vs. State Correctional Facilities placements for the last six years. In Rock County we do our own aftercare reintegration (including GPS or Electronic Monitoring) while most counties use the Department of Corrections. Supervisor Fizzell commented that monitoring is not enough, we need to provide an education so they can succeed.

Mr. Brown said we are doing this at the Juvenile Detention Center. Juvenile Probation Officers with smaller caseloads work intensively with kids on their skill deficits and how to meet their needs.

Chair Deupree asked that "Juvenile Justice, Detention & Corrections Update" be placed on the agenda in three months. Supervisor Fizzell said we are missing the school people in these discussions. Mr. Witt said the MacArthur Foundation is funding the development of a detention assessment instrument which will insure that everyone makes the same decisions on when detention is used.

Human Services IV Drug Treatment Reallocation. Ms. Klyve said they have been struggling with the increase in IV drugs which is a growing problem in the community. She contacted Tellurian and informed them funding is needed in the community for drug treatment. She said Tellurian has recognized the same trends and were gracious about Rock County using these funds. Ms. Klyve said as of 9/1, \$50,000 will be directed into treatment.

Report on Racial Disparities in Criminal Justice & Education Workshop. Chair Deupree said he attended a workshop in Platteville a month ago. He met three people there who were from Beloit and he hopes to get together with them at some time in the future. The issue was racial disparity in criminal justice as well as education. He learned that Wisconsin ranked 49th in total black male high school enrollment, with a 36% graduation rate. The graduation rate in Wisconsin for white males is 87%. He said Wisconsin numbers are somewhat skewed by the numbers from Milwaukee.

Drug Court Grant Update. Chair Deupree advised the Council that the County Board accepted the grant. On August 13, 2009 a contract was awarded for one placement per month in Alcocare and 23 hours per month of Psychiatrist care.

Chair Deupree said Judge Daley anticipates the Veterans Court will start around the middle of September.

CJCC Priorities. The Council discussed #6 “The Big Picture”

- A) If we are proactive and look at the big picture, we will be successful.
- B) How will unemployment put stress on the system? How will enforcement of OWI put stress on the system?
- C) Seven Decision Points – We will keep moving along – we are up to #4. We will also focus on our philosophy.
- D) Planning Process – How can the CJCC ask questions about the whole system? Mr. Pearson said it has to do with the timeline. We need to start at the grade school level and work our way up. Supervisor Grahn commented that drug and alcohol abuse is one of our biggest issues, but many times it is ignored because of the cost. Supervisor Fizzell said we should find out what the group believes about the system? What is possible? What is desirable? Supervisor Wopat said you can't treat the problem if you don't treat what causes the problem.

Chair Deupree said at the next meeting we will discuss what evaluative questions we need to ask.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations. Chair Deupree advised the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council will be Thursday, September 17th at 4:00 P.M., in the Courthouse Conference Center, second floor, Rock County Courthouse-East.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Mr. Henderson requested the new Acting Beloit Police Chief be on the agenda.

Adjournment. Chair Deupree adjourned the meeting at 5:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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