

**DANE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MAY 24, 2012 MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Foust, Parisi, Mahoney, Esqueda, McDonell, Ozanne

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Watson, Anhalt

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Rusk, Wray

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Teuscher, Hook, Jones, Thurlow, Kostelic, Saterfield, Genovese, McNamara

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. There was no public comment.

Approval of minutes from the May 3, 2012 meeting was before the council. Motion by Foust and seconded by Mahoney to approve the minutes. Motion carried, 4-0, Esqueda abstained.

The CJG is meeting tomorrow, 5/25/2012.

Future CJC meetings are:

- June 28: 11:30-1:30, Room 321
- July 26: 11:30-1:30, Room 321
- August – to be determined
- September and onward – to be determined. Will try to schedule a regular time of the month.

Discussion of 2012 strategic priorities was before the council. The need to pick a few strategic priorities was discussed. Handouts consisted of the following:

- 1) Self-evaluation – From NIC’s “Guidelines for Developing a Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee” publication. This self-assessment can be done every few years to identify the CJC’s strengths and weaknesses.
- 2) List of possible initiatives
- 3) Dashboard of criminal justice indicators to provide an overview of how the system is functioning. This should be updated yearly.

The indicators may change over time and should be used to inform possible new priority areas from year to year. Jones said the data came from websites from the Unified Crime Reporting (FBI), OJA, and the State Supreme Court.

Discussion about crime data ensued. McNamara brought up criminal traffic cases. In July 2009 the cases went from criminal to not criminal. Foust indicated an interest in the average age of disposition, with 200-300 cases resolved quickly back in 2009. Jones explained that data allows for an individual to see and question why, making multi-year trends important. Hook asked about violent crimes and Genovese indicated that domestic violence may need to be parsed out. Jones explained that this would be possible if it’s done that way in the state database.

The Jail Water barrel Analysis was discussed. It was noted that the rate coming in and how long the stay was is recorded. This information can be obtained from any part of the system; however, it is usually easiest to get from the jail data. The number of inmates coming into the jail and the length of time inmates stay are what drives the average daily population. Jones will provide the spreadsheet to the CJC so the data can be updated annually.

It was indicated that there is a need to identify a number of priorities for the rest of the year. Parisi stated there should be at least 2 or 3 and that one topic should be "Appropriate Placement of Huber Population". McDonell and Watson agreed and Mahoney stated that was being discussed. Parisi asked that the action step be reported out at the next meeting.

Jones raised questions about who is doing what regarding this topic; what are the goals? McDonell explained that it was to eliminate the facility but not Huber itself. Parisi stated that the goal was to get proper placement of folks in there. Mahoney explained that it was to start at sentencing and asked about the bottom line goal. Parisi explained that people who were sentenced to Huber could (1) be placed on electronic monitoring; (2) appropriate placement; and (3) in to PSB. Mahoney explained that if the number housed in jail is reduced then the recidivism rate is also reduced. Parisi stated that with proper placement then there is no longer a need to operate. There is a large population with PSB and not just the 120 in Ferris Mahoney explained.

Foust asked if the Huber Center could be closed and Watson followed by asking what the best use of the Huber Center could be as far as services are concerned. McDonell stated that the facility could be used for other purposes in the city. A day reporting center would be helpful for some of the population. When the inmate population information is more accurate there will be subcategories. The more efficient everything is then the more room in the facilities, with the possibility to build something else to meet the need. Foust explained that when Huber was built there was only a jail. The judges may see it as only jail and electronic monitoring and will need a place to put the Huber people. If there are just two buildings downtown people will end up getting shipped out. There need to be guidelines for the electronic monitored individuals and a need to study that population. Parisi stated that unless the needs of the population are looked at a day reporting center may not be more efficient to meet the needs. He also expressed concern with the population and what to do when the facility goes away.

Genovese asked about the number of individuals who would qualify and could afford electronic monitoring and what happens with that population. Parisi explained that is what needs to be discussed. Tuescher said 40% of the individuals on electronic monitoring are not paying. Individuals at Ferris do not qualify and 1/3 of the 120 are homeless or at a halfway house, which would take 40 individuals out.

Jones said he has heard people say the facility will close, but the exact date has not yet been determined. With the 120 people it needs to be identified as to where they can go and what they need. Because an individual doesn't qualify for a program at this time may mean that the requirements can change to accommodate a broader range of clients.

Hook explained that there are 320 in Huber and that population will be studied to plan for no facility or to move them. McDonell stated they were open to other ideas including what La

Crosse did. Mahoney stated that they could work to have all of Huber under DHS and the need to have judges buy into this idea. Watson said that the study should help determine what the needs are and figure out what to do. McDonell explained that people stay too long on a DOC hold. CJC should focus on people who stay longer versus those staying shorter. McDonell inquired about why Waukesha was different and Foust explained that there is nothing alike between the two.

Foust expressed interest in knowing who was in Huber as far as risks and needs. Mahoney explained that individuals at Huber do not meet the requirements for work release anymore. Watson stated that if there was housing, 1/3 could be moved from Ferris. Jones explained that moving 120 people requires coordination to work with the judges regarding sentencing practices. Mahoney explained that he is not comfortable with changing the criteria for electronic monitoring. Mahoney explained there may be a need to build a facility. McDonell said that a halfway house would trim length of stay, and accountability could be monitored by a judge. Parisi explained that trying to do everything efficiently is a subset of everything else that the CJC might try.

Ozanne said the list of topics is already organized into categories, and these could be the CJC priorities:

- 1) Huber/Ferris
- 2) Electronic efficiencies
- 3) Court – fast track, need ability to have weekend court on occasion
- 4) Treatment programs, diversion, and risk assessment
- 5) Evidence based practices

Jones asked what the intended end result is. When Huber is closed it takes time for things to be reallocated. Parisi explained that there needs to be a “soft landing” when Huber closes and the necessity to figure out a plan before. McDonell explained that if the plan made sense then it would be likely that the board would go along with it.

Ozanne expressed concern over the double amount in child abuse/neglect this year. They are trying to figure out what is going on. There is concern over where the 120 people would go and the other programs. McDonell explained the Urban League could help. Individuals have been sentenced to the Urban League for job training; however, money won't be saved until the current building is closed. Parisi stated that Hook and Mahoney have some reservations and want to look at other options. Mahoney said the group working on the topic is making progress; however, they are maxed out on electronic monitoring because of staff capacity and there are 80 people remaining to house. Parisi believes there are practical solutions, that they are making headway, and that the committee is closer than the discussion sometimes seems. Ozanne inquired about the potential savings and how much would be able to go to address problems that might occur if the inmates are relocated. McDonell indicated that there are budget considerations. A halfway house could serve 40 individuals.

Hook asked if Ferris is closed what the savings would be since the day after closing there will still be a need for electronic monitoring. He asked what is wanted from the working group. Parisi stated that front end work would be needed and unless certain services are obtained, more individuals will come back. It was discussed if there was a model that does not monitor individuals while getting services. Foust asked if the committee was willing to consider other

options to monitor people. Parisi inquired about lowering the population enough so that PSB and CCB would be enough.

The DA explained there is a need for data and wondered if there is funding for data to be collected. Watson explained that she has an intern who will be interviewing Ferris Center inmates by the end of July. McDonnell expressed a desire to have a permanent staffer or the possibility to ship a few inmates to other counties if the peak periods are just seasonal. The information on the dashboard would be important to help determine this.

Esqueda stated a standard set of metrics is helpful on the dashboard. Jones mentioned there are different ways to measure court performance and the Center for State Courts might be helpful and asked if this was a potential interest. He then suggested that a date should be set for the closure of Huber and a “to-do” list needs to be made. Hook noted it is important to understand the expectations and McDonnell explained that it isn’t going to save all the money. Jones stated that if the building will close, a target date should be set.

Mahoney raised concern over where the individuals will go. Esqueda said a simple solution would be to put the current Ferris center inmates in the public safety building and ship a different 120 individuals to another county. Individuals could be “shipped” for awhile but there needs to be a reasonable deadline. Parisi stated if there is no deadline it will never happen. Mahoney explained that if Huber went to DHS there will be an increase in jail population because the judges may not use it. Parisi stated the importance to know the options before making policy choices. Hook wanted to make sure people know what is not an option – a new facility is not an ideal option but it may be an alternative. McDonnell asked if judges would sentence individuals to a halfway house. Mahoney explained that custody goes to the sheriff. Jones explained the importance of getting the judges together and that Foust could serve as their liaison. After meeting with the judges, all options should be brought back to the group.

The following discussion was about the data. Jones explained it would be added to over the next couple of months. Anhalt explained that e-referrals are important for law enforcement and Ozanne explained that this initiative is already underway. Also filing is important. Watson explained that the many law enforcement agencies in the county all transmit evidence differently. Ozanne explained that it was part of the e-filing which the DA is already doing but the police still need to get electronic capability.

Watson mentioned that disproportionate minority confinement also needs to be looked at. Ozanne backed up that statement explaining how that has been a key part of the data. Jones said the CJC could ask the CJG to look into issues.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Note: These minutes are the notes of the recorder and are subject to change at a subsequent meeting of the council.*