

**DANE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2012 MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** McDonell, Foust, Esqueda, Parisi, Mahoney, and Ozanne via phone  
(not counted for quorum on voting)

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

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS EXCUSED:** n/a

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Decker, Clark-Bernhard, Jones, Kostelic, Green, Thurlow, Genovese,  
Teuscher, Hook, Jones

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

There was a public comment.

*Jeffery Decker of 119 Otter, Oskosh, WI 54901* addressed the committee on a matter related to the UW.

Approval of minutes from the May 24, 2012 meeting was before the council. Motion by Esqueda and seconded by Foust to approve the minutes. Motion carried, 4-0.

Future CJC meetings are:

- Thursday July 26: 11:30-1:30, Room 321
- Wednesday, August 29: 11:30-1:30

The CJG update was before the council. At the CJG meeting, Captain Tuesshen shared pie charts regarding the Ferris Center with information regarding why a person was at Ferris, why he was not able to get out, and the offense for which he was convicted. Foust noted that 20% were homeless, and others had a history of violence. Parisi noted there are Huber prisoners who are not at Ferris, but are in the jail. Discussion ensued regarding sentencing. If someone is sentenced to Huber, but will never be available for Ferris, then why sentence him to Huber? Foust indicated that some offenses are not Huber eligible.

An update on grant opportunities was before the council. Colleen Clark, Grants Coordinator, discussed grant opportunities available for the CJC. Dane County CJC has applied for two Wisconsin OJA grants:

- Motivational Interviewing (MI): Requested by Deferred Prosecution (DPU) would include specific MI practices for DPU. The grant would be for a maximum of \$10,000 to be used by Oct 1, 2012.
- Evidence Based Practices: Requested by CJC of Dane County. The grant would focus on enhancing evidence based practices throughout the Dane County criminal justice system. The grant would be for a maximum of \$50,000 to be used by June 30, 2013.

There will likely be two other grants available through OJA this fall. These include a misdemeanor/deferred sentencing grant (2 years funded for up to \$80,000/year), as well as a treatment court grant (2 years funded for up to \$125,000/year). Clark will inform the CJC as soon as more details are ascertained.

Discussion ensued regarding treatment court. Rusk noted that Judge Nice is interested in a mental health court. Foust indicated that Nichol is also interested. Clark-Bernhardt noted that if they received \$50,000 for evidence-based practices, it would help for subsequent grant applications.

A follow-up discussion on the jail water barrel analysis was before the council. Jones described the water barrel analysis. ADP has gone down over 8 years and fewer people are coming into jail and they are staying for less time. There was a deep drop between 2004 and 2005 and ADP has been steady since then. The work plan will indicate that the same analysis be completed for other aspects of the system.

Discussion of Strategic Priority Areas was before the council. Jones noted two accomplishments to date noted, including getting the right people together, and choosing the first of two strategic priority initiatives. The two priorities are: electronic efficiencies progress and appropriate placement of the Ferris population. McDonell noted that racial disparities should be a third area of priority. Parisi said that, in addition to having a third work group, every initiative should consider impacts on racial disparities in the criminal justice system.

Genovese noted that they should address the issues presented by heroin addiction. Parisi noted that the Sage Communities Coalition is working to address this. Foust said that Drug Courts now deal with almost all opiate abusers. Wray offered that they should invite the Safe Communities Coalition to a meeting. Mahoney noted that EMP is hard to look at racial disparity because participation is based on the offense.

Jones held that they should revisit the three areas periodically for relevance, but recommended keeping the CJC's work to primarily the three priorities for now. Jones outlined the process and function of the work teams.

The process for CJC and work teams was outlined.

1. Gather information to define the problem or issue
2. Define goals
3. Identify alternative courses of action
4. Select the preferred alternative
5. Implement a course of action
6. Evaluate the course of action
7. Repeat the process if needed

For each of the three work teams there must be leaders and identification of who needs to be on the work team. The team analyzes the current situation, proposes goals, and identifies possible actions. The CJC finalizes/approves measurable goals and selects actions. The team plans and coordinates implementation. The team reports back to CJC each meeting and the CJC removes

barriers to progress and discusses possible policy and practice changes. The team and CJC evaluate if goals were achieved and repeat if needed. The team and CJC should always know where initiatives are in the above process.

For the three initial areas, the CJC should decide:

- Who will do the work?
- How? Meet –When, Frequency?
- What resources or coordination is needed?

Discussion ensued regarding each of the three priority areas.

1. Electronic efficiencies: Anhalt noted that it should be an e-referral, and Dane County police chiefs should have a DA Liaison committee, and there should be an e-intake. McDonell mentioned Integrated Justice, or “I-Jus.” Mahoney noted that there should be video conferences. Watson said the police should inform the DA, who should then inform defense counsel. E-discovery is important. Parisi said they must not forget DHS. Green noted that DHS runs the programs, but cannot access the data systems. McDonell said that subgroups should figure where there is the biggest impact. Esqueda noted that the existing group may be the place to start. Parisi suggested that Anhalt and Esqueda co-chair the work group. McDonell noted the Spillman review. Hook said that the vendor is evaluating whether they need a new system or not. Jones explained that the group should name themselves. He also added that the group should determine who else should be a part of it and that they should set up an initial meeting that should gather prior to the end of July when the CJC meets again. Jones described Johnson County, Kansas, as a paperless justice system, as an aspirational example. He asked what resources are needed. Esqueda said that they will need to rely on IT folks in their own group.

Discussion ensued regarding the informal nature of the work groups. There was agreement that there would be no formal appointments and staff would participate as needed for the workgroups for each of the three priority areas.

2. Huber Working Group: Jones said some have said that one goal is to empty the Ferris Center building. Parisi wants to know that the offenders are appropriately placed. Mahoney will lead the group and Judge McNamara will co-chair. Parisi also noted that there is an existing group of Kostelic, Watson, Mahoney, County Executive’s staff, and DHS. Jones suggested sharing a group roster for the next CJC meeting. Jones indicated that the workgroups should have written agendas and goals and a description of who will be doing what. Discussion ensued regarding the time line for the Ferris Center. McDonell indicated that the budget says December of this year the Ferris Center will close. There needs to be a plan before the County Executive introduces the budget, complete with a tentative closing date and needed resources to make this happen. Parisi indicated the Ferris Center will not close by December 31, but they should plan to move in that direction. The goal would be to have a plan to Parisi by September 1 for his budget planning.

3. Racial Disparities: The three co-chairs are Stubbs, Foust, and Ozanne. Discussion ensued regarding the past work and the status of an existing group. Parisi said they should create something new. Wray held that there is a group meeting for juveniles. The consensus was that this new group should address both adults and juveniles. McDonnell said they should redirect the members from the Implementation Task Force to a new group. He said maybe the juvenile group could come. Parisi said they should ask Stephan Blue to reach out to Judge Foust and the DA. Jones asked if this would be monthly and Foust said yes. Jones also said the co-chairs will need to coordinate. He asked about staffing support.

Discussion ensued regarding how the three working groups will interact with the CJC. Jones suggested each workgroup report their current members and proposed initial goals to the CJC. Jones noted the CJG's mapping exercise and the system-level indicators will help the CJC better understand the system big picture.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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