

**DANE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2012 MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Parisi, Foust, McDonell, Ozanne, Hook (for Mahoney),

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS EXCUSED: Esqueda, Mahoney

OTHERS PRESENT: Clark-Bernhardt, Green, Jones, Kostelic, McNamara, Saterfield, Teuscher, Thurlow

Discussion began at 11:40 a.m..

There was no public comment.

Approval of minutes occurred later in the meeting.

- An update on grant opportunities was before the council. Clark-Bernhardt reported. She mentioned that Eau Claire County received federal technical assistance for its evidence-based decision-making project. It also received \$30,000 for evidence-based practice and criminal justice mapping. She will apply for \$30,000 from OJA, and is asking the CJC for input on how to write the budget. Wray commented that he thought Milwaukee did some systemic work and Eau Claire did mapping with its funds and has been working on its project longer. He said Milwaukee worked with the medical probation model and received training in CIT (Crisis Intervention Training), which helps law enforcement more effectively deal with persons who are mentally ill.

Jones commented that both sites are two of the seven sites nationwide involved in the National Institute of Corrections' Evidence Based Decision Making Initiative, for which they have been receiving technical assistance to do a logic model, system mapping, and systemic improvements. So it is possible both sites did both systemic and mapping work. Each site picked two or three system decision points to work on. For example, Milwaukee selected pretrial and Eau Claire chose sentencing/probation, he believes. The map is a useful tool, but a stakeholder team is still needed to use it to inform decision-making. A Dane County map could help the CJC identify areas for improvement in its future work.

Parisi asked about the map's status. Saterfield said the Criminal Justice Group spent about six months creating a map and that it is pretty good. The Group borrowed the format from Milwaukee and Eau Claire. There may be a few places to add detail. The map could use an outsider to review it and offer suggestions. Parisi asked what should happen next. Clark-Bernhardt said an outside expert can help them complete the map.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. when Judge Foust arrived.

Foust stated that the Group has the major decision points on paper, and that they want to better identify how decisions are made. They attempted to work on the arrest decision. It took a long time to get the meeting scheduled, and there was no reminder, so only two law enforcement agencies attended. They are trying to schedule another meeting.

Clark-Bernhardt asked if the CJC wants to ask for funding just for completing the map, or also for holding evidence-based practice training for supervisors and line staff. After some discussion, the CJC decided to just focus on completing the system map.

Clark-Bernhardt said the Know Your Rights and Responsibilities meeting in Sun Prairie went well. She is looking into holding a session in Allied Drive.

For a separate grant application, Foust suggested that the grant to help fund supervision and monitoring could help with mentally ill persons. He suggested working with Dave Delap. Wray mentioned that Judge Koval mentioned a homeless court. It is like mental health court with an emphasis on homelessness.

Clark-Bernhardt mentioned a grant for pretrial diversion. McNamara said that Judge Markson is working on a model called 24/7 out of South Dakota. Clients report two times per day. There is no in-kind requirement and funding cannot replace existing funding. This is a recurring grant opportunity.

Parisi asked whether this grant could help with drug court being overwhelmed by heroin users. Judge Markson has discussed the possibility of a drug dealers' group.

Lastly, on the ABA funding opportunity, Dane County remains on the list of finalists. Clark-Bernhardt will get an update next week.

- Approval of minutes from the October 25, 2012 meeting was before the council. Motion by McDonell and seconded by Foust to approve the minutes. Motion carried, 4-0.
- Work group reports were before the council.

Electronic Efficiencies Group

Anhalt reported that three records management systems are involved: New World; Spillman, which will interface with the DAs system; and Global, which a 5-member group is using. OJA may have funds available to integrate the systems.

Once e-referral occurs, then need e-signatures. This will bridge the gap between the DAs and the Clerk of Courts.

Racial Disparities Group

This group met two days ago. Judge Koval and Amanda Mirilli presented. There is not yet consensus, but the group continues to discuss strengthening teen and community courts. DHS has a neighborhood organization set up. Parisi asked if this is related to a budget item. Foust said a community organizer is needed for youth courts. Foust said that funding was to go into three middle schools and they have been looking into high school models.

Clark-Bernhardt said that restorative justice is an umbrella concept under which teen court and circle conferencing fall. Foust said the group needs to do more work.

Huber Group

Teuscher said the group has met. They have selected a vendor to analyze and recommend improvements for space needs and special needs for the Public Safety Building (PSB). The County Board needs to approve the contract. This project includes how to convert space in the PSB so that the Ferris Center can

be closed and the work release inmates can move into the PSB. The analysis may be completed by late spring.

The group has also begun discussing lowering inmates' average length of stay. One possibility is to give inmates good time credit for their sentences. This has been done when inmates volunteer, and it could also be relevant for inmates working. In the past, some inmates have quit their jobs to volunteer so they can earn good time. This policy expansion could lower length of stay. Judge McNamara said the criminal court judges would consider extending good time for employed inmates. This would involve collaboration with the DA and defense because most all cases are settled through plea bargain, and judges tend to go along with the attorneys' agreement.

Teuscher said the jail is working with the mental health center to link clients with services in the community.

Jones suggested that someone document the CJC's and agencies' accomplishments when policies or practices are changed to make improvements. This creates institutional knowledge and history.

CJC Staffing

Ozanne asked how much longer Jones is involved. Parisi said Jones's involvement ends in January. He said Tim Saterfield can serve as a transition staff through 2013 and maybe beyond. The CJC may be able to obtain a grant for staffing in 2014. Jones said that he can use some remaining hours on his contract to help transition the new staff person if one is in place before January. Parisi asked Saterfield for his comments. Saterfield said he is familiar with the CJC's work and could serve as staff. He also said staffing is consistent with the ILPP report. He said he was happy to assist.

Jones said it is ideal to build local staffing capacity. One possibility is to extend the contract at no cost to Dane County past January somewhat. Parisi said he is open to modifying how the CJC is staffed over time.

Agency Updates

Parisi asked to continue the discussion of the loss of DA positions. He asked if the CJC could advocate for the DAs because the County cannot fund the positions. Ozanne said they will soon be at year 1985 staffing levels. He is working with the Police Chiefs. He said the elected DAs statewide have discussed this, and as a group they are not willing to advocate for more positions because they decided pay progression is more important at this time. Pay progression and retirement system changes affects turnover. He said fewer attorneys will be staffing court at any one time, so there may be slowdowns in the court. His office is working to continue to become more efficient. They are trying to get discovery out earlier.

McDonell asked if the court settlement conference was designed to resolve cases more quickly. Ozanne said staff is needed to do that.

Wray said it's easier to advocate for more attorneys than for pay progression from a public safety perspective. Therefore, there's a need to improve the message of how pay progression relates to public safety. Ozanne said pay progression is in statute. Dane County has one-fourth the attorneys that Milwaukee has, but Milwaukee has many grant-funded positions.

Parisi asked if the County should make the case for more attorneys even though the DAs association will not. Ozanne said that would be okay, but the 71 elected DAs need to make the case. McDonell said everyone is willing to help the DAs survive. Parisi said the CJC should talk more about advocating for the DAs. Anhalt said the chiefs association is working with the DAs to get a clearer message. McDonell

suggested to Rusk that the County do what it can internally. Ozanne thanked Watson, Foust, and McNamara for their help and understanding through these changes.

Future meeting dates were set:

- January 24, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. (note the new time)
- Subsequent 4th Thursdays of the month, from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m., unless changed.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:12 p.m.

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