

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL
Dane County Board of Supervisors**

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2008 MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: McDonell, Foust, Blanchard, Mahoney, Falk

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Esqueda

OTHERS PRESENT: Catherine Dorl, Deirdre Garton, Jose Sentmanat, Tim Saterfield

County Board Chair McDonell called the meeting to order at 12:00PM. There was no public comment.

Motion by Foust/Mahoney to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Implementation of court settlement conferences. She has been working with the District Attorney's office since the end of May to identify issues. It appears the conferences may be implemented on Friday mornings. The judges have discussed with the Criminal Defense Project the possibility of having lawyers present. The DA's office is planning to begin providing discovery electronically and being available at initial appearance. The goal is to have the conferences begin in September. There is a potential to have a video produced, with the cooperation of the Dane County Bar, to provide an orientation to in custody defendants on the court settlement conferences and to encourage them to have counsel. Garton is working on metrics to allow for evaluation of the initiative. Foust indicated he thinks there is potential for settlements if discovery can be provided early.

Garton provided an update on a jail population assessment system. Garton and her associate Peter Nelson have been looking into various aspects of IT projects to improve efficiencies. There are systems in use that might at least serve as a model for our system.

Foust discussed his desire to assess the potential for using evident-based practices, including risk assessment tools. Foust indicated there may be some potential for current Alternatives to Incarceration Program (ATIP) staff to do some of this work. Garton will look into risk assessment tool currently being used.

There was discussion of district attorney staffing needs, and indicating support to the legislature for addressing these needs. Blanchard indicated the district attorney's association was going to be taking some action in this area.

The council stood adjourned at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Saterfield, Recorder

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