

Port Washington, Wisconsin
Wednesday, June 27, 2007

The Justice Initiatives Committee met in Room 118 of Administrative Center.

Meeting called to order at 3:35 PM by Chairperson Bock.

Present: Committee Members: Supervisor Bock, Jennifer Sullivan, Marian Ballos, Mark Roherty, Nina Walker, Ron Hauser, and Tom Kopp.
Other: Meridy Kehoe, Sharon ____ and Municipal Judge John Grundahl.
Absent: Ann Brownfield, Erin Ede, Gerald Ebert, Jan Chapman, JoAnne Manion, Shea Halula, Terry Carr, Chuck Blumenfield, and Daryl Herrick.

1. Proper Notice and adoption of agenda: Motion made by ____ to adopt the agenda, seconded by _____. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Approval of May 30, 2007 Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Tom Kopp to adopt the May 30, 2007 meeting minutes, seconded by Mark Roherty. Motion carried 7-0.

3:40 PM Brenda Peterson Joins the meeting.

3. Discussion: Website Update and Refining Purpose Statement: Supervisor Bock announced that there will be a new procedure for submitting items to be posted on the website because Meridy Kehoe is leaving her position at Ozaukee County. Supervisor Bock stated that the committee will receive new instructions for submitting website postings within the next week.

The discussion then turned to the committee draft purpose statement. After much discussion and considering the suggestions submitted by Chuck Blumenfield several weeks ago, the committee ultimately decided on the following Purpose Statement:

Include New Purpose Statement Here.

Motion to adopt the Justice Initiatives Committee Purpose Statement made by Ron Hauser, seconded by Marian Ballos. Motion carried 8-0.

4. Discussion: Matching Target Populations with Issues and Possible Programs/Partners: The discussion began by each committee member identifying a target population he or she felt was un-served/underserved/etc, the issue that target group was experiencing and an ideal program or partner for working with the targeted population's issue. The intended goal of this exercise is to prioritize both specific issues for target populations and programs/partners that can be employed to help these populations. The Table below summarizes the discussion.

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3:57PM JoAnne Manion Joins the Meeting.

4:05 PM: Meridy Kehoe is excused from the meeting.

Age: 18 +

Issue: First Offender – Drug or Alcohol Offense

Program/Partner/Remedy: Halfway House (Waukesha)

Details: Functions: Assessment, Treatment, Workforce Development, Schooling, and Reporting Center. The Halfway House could also have a management council that works with courts.

Age: 15-18

Issue: Post Treatment (Have already gone through treatment for drugs, alcohol, etc.)

Program/Partner/Remedy: Mentoring Program

Details: Youth sees someone who has been through the same program that has been successful.

Age: Under 18

Issue: First Offender (Drugs/Alcohol)

Program/Partner/Remedy: Assessment (Starting Point of Ozaukee)

Details:

Age: Under 14 or 14-16

Issue: Truant

Program/Partner/Remedy: Mentoring; create working relationships with parents, social services, and judiciary; assessment and evaluation; and, identify patterns. [Alternative Educational Opportunities (Fort Atkinson → Port Washington School District)].

Details:

Age: 12-16 (18)

Issue: First Offenders

Program/Partner/Remedy: Assessment through an ongoing mentoring program, deferred prosecution agreements.

Details: Contract deferred prosecutions with District Attorney.

Age: Preteen, 9 – 12

Issue: Prevent from Entering Judicial System

Program/Partner/Remedy: Identify/assess/triage; prevention programs; mentoring; family support, including parent to parent. Family Steps Program expanded; school referrals from social services. Mandatory Drug Testing?

Details: Issues with waiting lists and state funding.

Age: 12-18 and the Parent

Issue: Identified Drug Use

Program/Partner/Remedy: Drug Court

Details:

Age: 12-18

Issue: Chronic Offenders (3+ Offenses)

Programs/Partner/Remedy: Mentoring Program (Volunteers in Probation); intense supervision; reporting centers; and; skill building opportunities.

Details:

Age: 10-18

Issue: First offender (emotionally disturbed – schools, families)

Program/Partner/Remedy: FACET Program, Casa Start (SAMSA recognized program)

Details: FACET assigns a social worker and is grant funded; Casa Start receives federal funding.

Age: 10-18

Issue: First time, nonviolent offender

Program/Partner/Remedy: Assess/timely/recommendations/monitor/reward.

Details: Lobby efforts – State Legislature

Age: 17

Issue: Incarcerated Individuals

Program/Partner/Remedy: The Lion Heart Foundation

Details:

Age: 18-21

Issue: Homeless (Kicked out of home or aging out of foster home); pregnant; and/or drug users.

Program/Partner/Remedy:

Details:

6. Prioritization Process: The committee moved on to identifying next steps and where to truly begin. The committee decided that beginning to learn about existing programs would be the next best step because only then could they decide how to address the issues with the aforementioned target populations.

7. Next Meeting Date/Future Agendas: The committee agreed to start by having the next meeting be an educational session about mentoring programs, focusing on the Volunteers in Probation program, FACET, and Casa Start. Members from each of these programs will be brought in to discuss the program's details, methods of implementation, associated costs, etc.

The next meeting is Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 3:30PM in room 118 of the County Administration Building.

8. Adjournment: No motions made; meeting adjourned at 5:20PM.