

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: Marian Ballos, Supervisor Bock, Terry Carr, Tom Kopp, Brenda Peterson and Jennifer Sullivan.

Others Present: Jason Dzwiniel

Absent: Chuck Blumfield, Ann Brownfield, Jan Chapman, Captain Ebert, Erin Ede, Shea Halula, Roy Hauser, Daryl Herrick, Joanne Marion Tom Meaux, Mark Roherty and Nina Walker.

1. Proper Notice and adoption of agenda: Motion made by Marian Ballos to adopt the agenda, seconded by Tom Kopp. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Approval of June 27, 2007 Meeting Minutes: Motion made by to adopt Marian Ballos the June 27, 2007 meeting minutes, seconded by Tom Kopp. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Presentation(s)/Discussion: Supervisor Bock reported that representatives of the FACET, Casa Start, and VIP programs were not able to attend the meeting. Supervisor Bock further explained that VIP's parent organization Family Services offers numerous programs for at-risk youth including; the Coming Home Project, Day Treatment Services, a Family Resource Service Team (FRST), In-Home Counseling, Residential Treatment, Silvercrest Group Home, Teen Court, a Transitional Living Program, and a Youth Opportunities Program. The representative may be able to comment on these programs when they present to the Committee.

3:41 - Brenda Peterson joined the meeting

4. Future Agendas – Supervisor Bock discussed the juvenile programming offered in Lancaster County NE, a representative from the County may be able to present to the Committee. Lancaster County has some demographic similarities to Ozaukee County so the Committee may be able to build upon their successful programming. Beginning in the 1990's Lancaster County increased their focus on alternatives to juvenile programming as a means to control the costs of traditional treatment methods.

3:49 – Terri Carr joined the meeting

Supervisor Bock highlighted two successful efforts in Lancaster County: the development of a Juvenile Services Plan and the Juvenile Justice Review Committee. Committee discussion on a proposed recommendation of the Juvenile Initiatives Ad Hoc to the Health and Human Services Committee to develop a Juvenile Services Plan and Review Committee. Jennifer Sullivan suggested that the Ad Hoc could fill the role of the review committee as its membership includes County, Not-for-profit organizations, Schools, the Courts and Law Enforcement – Supervisor Bock concurred. Tom Kopp suggested that a review committee might include the juvenile officers of the local police departments. It should also include the Family Court Commissioner and Juvenile Victim Witness Coordinator, as they have a large role in the juvenile justice system.

Supervisor Bock then highlighted the efforts of Lancaster County in the areas of mentoring and first offender programming. Lancaster County's pretrial diversion program, run by a Not-for-profit agency, has a goal of to assist first time juvenile offenders through the creation of a diversion plan developed with the offender, social workers, and parents. The County participates through eligibility determination. The Program costs are subsidized by the offender, and are currently set at \$100. The program uses college students for mentoring and monitoring of the juveniles, who are paid a small stipend. If Ozaukee County were to consider a pretrial diversion program the County could define which offenses, both misdemeanor and felony, might be eligible for the program. Marian Ballos and Tom Kopp stated that diversion is a current method available for their staff, however, the development of a single source program option would increase its use and value by the court system. Committee discussion on potential program design, utilizing the differing areas of expertise of Starting Point and the Volunteer Center. Committee discussion on the value of having a single point of contact to ensure follow through with offenders and avoiding miscommunication between program participants and service providers.

Supervisor Bock presented information on the National Association of Counties Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative collaborative with the Anne E. Casey Foundation – the program serves as an information clearinghouse for counties looking to provide alternatives to secure detention. This information will be included on the website and discussed at a future meeting.

At the next meeting representatives of the FACET, Casa Start, and VIP programs will be asked to attend.

5. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 4:40PM.