

Port Washington, Wisconsin
Wednesday, August 29, 2007

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

Present: Committee Members: Supervisor Bock, Marian Ballos, Tom Kopp, Brenda Peterson, Shea Halula and Nina Walker

Others Present: Julie Winkelhorst, Judge John Grundahl and Sara Hotchkiss- Program Supervisor - Lutheran Social Services

Absent: Terry Carr, Jennifer Sullivan, Chuck Blumfield, Ann Brownfield, Jan Chapman, Captain Ebert, Erin Ede, Roy Hauser, Daryl Herrick, Joanne Marion, Tom Meaux and Mark Roherty.

Call to Order/ Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda: Meeting called to order at 3:38 PM by Chairperson Bock. Motion made by Marian Ballos to adopt the agenda, seconded by Nina Walker. Motion carried 6-0.

1. Approval of July 25, 2007 Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Marian Ballos to adopt the July 25, 2007 meeting minutes, seconded by Tom Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.

3:40 PM Joanne Manion joined the meeting.

Brenda Peterson reported on a contact she had who was passionate about Justice Initiatives and had set up a non-profit program in Waukesha County. They discussed the juvenile impact panels, funding for programs and a possible partnership with Mediation and Restorative Justice Center of Waukesha County. Discussion on inviting her to the September meeting to start this partnership idea.

Judge Grundahl stated that Nova Services in West Bend provides similar services but that they may charge to partner with them. Judge Grundahl also suggested the Chief of Police of Port Washington is very interested in restorative justice and possibly invite him to attend the September meeting.

3:50 PM Mark Gordon joined the meeting.

Supervisor Bock spoke on the positive article that was in a recent edition of the News Graphic.

Nina Walker reported on Supreme Court Justice Shirley Abrahamson's visit with the jail literacy group.

2. Presentation(s)/Discussion:

CASA Start Program: Sara Hotchkiss from Lutheran Social Services (LSS) gave the presentation on the CASA Start Program. Included in her presentation was a description of the program, content focus, case management goals, program history, key partners and meetings, who CASA Start serve and strategies.

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| <p>CASASTART (Sara Hotchkiss from LSS) Federal program Columbia University – research based. For ages 8-13 (they concentrate on 11-12 yr olds) Recognized by SAMSA</p> <p>Schools do the primary assessment and guidance counselors make the referrals The families are hand-picked after using the assessment for risk factors (on website)</p> <p>CASASTART is a community based, school centered program that targets at-risk youth (6th/7th graders. It builds resiliency, strengthens families, creates safer communities, improves school performance, and decreases incidences of delinquency/truancy</p> <p>It serves about 15 students per district – parents’ involvement is primary strategy.</p> <p>Website – www.casacolumbia.org</p> | <p>Started by the Cty.with LSS as the provider. Since 1998 – started in 30 days – the Policy Prevention Board recommended it as part of their early intervention strategies. *Needs the buy-in from all entities</p> | <p>Title V/IV money (no longer available) The cost to run is the salary of the manager/% of time for a person in the county/non-profit training (\$15,000) Bill the county an hourly rate. Total cost \$100,000+ for One case manager (M – SW preferred) 2 Mentors 30 community parents</p> | <p>Rock County and Lutheran Social Services</p> <p>Schools/Lead Agency/police</p> <p>*truancy can be a component</p> <p>Case managers have offices in the schools</p> |

3:58 AM Ann Brownfield joined the meeting.

VIP (Volunteers in Probation) Program: Jane Speck, Vice President – Family Services of NE WI presented information on the VIP Program, Teen Court and AIM (Assessment Information Measure)

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| <p>VIP (Volunteers in Probation) From Family Services of NE WI It targets age 17 and up – non-violent offenders (referred by the courts) – court ordered – can have restitution and/or community service as other components Uses an assessment (national LSI) to test/determine risk factors. Part of a deferred prosecution agreement. If they don't complete the program, got to jail, more adult supervision, other sanctions. Not always first offenders but always non-violent (theft, possession, fraud, criminal damage to property...) It is a national program governed by state statutes Uses volunteers to mentor individual Governed by an advisory board consisting of the DA, Public defender, Probation/Parole, clerk of courts, volunteers, former</p> | <p>Existed in Brown County before and is now contracted out to Family Services Began in 1998 Requires communication between judges and attorneys and cooperation to create referrals and follow up Based on State Statutes and supervised/evaluated by the Advisory Board which meets quarterly to process/review policy changes/communication Focus is on reducing recidivism Last quarter served the following: 17-21 yr. olds – 66 22-29 yr. olds – 34 30-39 yr. olds – 16 40-49 yr. olds – 21 over 49 - 9</p> | <p>Clients charged \$30 per month (55% of the program cost) A payment plan can be created when needed with the county paying the rest through its annual budget The program is located in the jail - Case Manager/Supervisor (\$76,000 per year) Heavy case management – supervisors see each person once a month</p> | <p>1 ½ staff members (degreed individuals) 5% supervisory role 30 volunteers Literacy/AODA components Drug screens Family Services handles the program, recruits/trains the volunteers</p> |

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| <p>clients, a judge, and county board supervisors After a 2yr period, 70% complete the course without re-offending. Only 7% re-offend after the first year. Only 2% commit a new offenses</p> | | | |
| <p>TEEN COURT</p> <p>Based on a model addressing 1st and 2nd time non-violent offenders ages 12-16 yrs.old Judge orders them to teen court Use the courthouse after school from 5:30-8:30pm (twice a week – Tues/Thurs) A volunteer attorney acts as the judge The jury is 6 required to serve as part of their sentence and 6 volunteers, a clerk and a bailiff (trained youth volunteers) Those who complete the program will have no juvenile record. Sentence from the teen court jury can have community service, impact paper to write, presentations to give, etc.</p> | <p>Started in 1997</p> <p>Based on existing models Serves 150-250 youth a year with an 85-89% success rate (difficult to track)</p> <p>Takes about 6months from beginning to end Requires the parents to participate and besides the mock trial/jury of their peers, offers group activities targeting impact of their offenses, bullying, disorderly conduct, etc</p> | <p>Received a national grant – applied for through the Sheriff’s department</p> <p>Charges \$25 per person (could have a community service component instead of payment)</p> <p>Safe Schools/Healthy Students may have new funding for this</p> | <p>Involves 4 people – A supervisor (shared with VIP), 2 youth members (high school/college), 2 peer coordinators The supervisor does the assessments and works with the families The peer coordinators get the training There is an Advisory Board and side by side training is offered</p> <p>30-35 attorneys are used as volunteer judges throughout the year</p> |
| <p>AIM (Assessment Information Measure) A resolution in Brown County as part of a state pilot program currently in 13 counties.</p> | | | |

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| <p>It evaluates non-violent individuals – assessments are done – tools available to target groups. The judge gets the information before sentencing as a pre-sentence report (assessments show risk factors) Offenders complete the program as part of their bond and can be released to do so. Problem Solving Courts – check PPAC (WI county website) – state has templates for outcome measures and a state data base</p> | | | |
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5:00 PM Brenda Peterson excused.

5:18 PM Shea Halula excused.

3. Future Agendas: Next meeting date Wednesday, September 26

4. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.

NOTE FROM CINDY: "Thanks so much to those of you who attended our August meeting of the Justice Initiatives Ad Hoc committee. We are in the final quarter of the time I've allotted for this committee's work. In September (9/26) - We will have someone from the Mediation and Restorative Justice Center (Waukesha County) present to us. In October (10/31) we'll concentrate on Drug Courts. And, in November (11/28), we'll make our recommendations to the Health and Human Services committee and disband our Ad Hoc committee. Please try to make these final three meetings. Cindy"