

## **Criminal Justice Collaboration Committee**

8/27/2008

The Criminal Justice Collaboration Committee met in Room 211 of the Ozaukee County Justice Center.

Present: D. Bospalec, C. Bock, D. Buntrock, A. Cole, G. Ebert, J. Grundahl, S. Halula, B. Hodrowski, J. Johnson, T. Kopp, J. Manion, J. Peck, J. Schmidt, A. Werth, S. Williams, L. VandenBerg

Absent/Excused: J. McCormack, D. McManus

Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda: Meeting called to order by Chair Bospalec at 3:04 pm. The meeting was properly noticed, the agenda was adopted with noted corrections to the room number and the date listed for the last meeting.

Public Correspondence/Communications: Chair Bospalec introduced Robert Stueber [rstueber@co.ozaukee.wi.us](mailto:rstueber@co.ozaukee.wi.us) who will be arranging CJCC minutes and meeting locations.

Approval of May 25<sup>th</sup> minutes: Motion made by Lt. Johnson seconded by Cindy Bock to approve the minutes written with the correction of date changed from July 25<sup>th</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

### Action Items:

#### Review/Approve CJCC Project Statement:

Cindy Bock explained CJCC is a subcommittee of Human Health Services Committee therefore we do not have subcommittees; the use of workgroups will help avoid formal minutes and other public notice difficulties. For clarification it was explained that the CJCC makes recommendations to the Human Health Services Committee who would then considers those recommendations and may initiate further action.

Motion made by Lt. Johnson, seconded by Cindy Bock to approve the corrected Project Statement. Motion carried.

### Discussion Items:

#### Committee Membership:

Chair Bospalec said that if workgroups should get information pertinent to the interests of other workgroups, they should forward it on to other work groups so research could begin as soon as possible. Anyone may come to work group meetings; grassroots information gathering is encouraged. The quarterly meetings of the CJCC needs to have representatives from all six work groups, and if the work group representative is unavailable the group needs to have a backup to report for the group.

Cindy Bock stated that people wear many hats so they need to be present and she considers them key for the success in this county. It was noted that the CJCC need someone from the schools to

address issues as well. Chair Bispalec asked if Cindy Bock could contact the school and get back to the committee about representation on the workgroups.

#### Work Group Membership:

Capt. Ebert stated that each workgroup should have two people at the core meetings. Chair Bispalec recommends work groups have two people represent them as core members. It was also noted that the membership list (roster) should be updated, distributed, and saved.

#### Work Group Reports:

##### Community Reentry:

There are a couple of themes that are vital and other programs working in our neighboring counties. Diversion program Racine County works with low level offenders and low entry individuals. It is another venue to have agent times not overwhelmed by higher level cases. Stability of living is the second theme. Housing issues tied in with transitional living, the after offense care. Sheboygan County with the Salvation Army has been able to work in some capacity with housing issues. There are also resources for recovering women are in Port Washington. Recovery meetings are conducted at Ozaukee County Jail and in the last 6 years it has been noted that many individuals come back.

Driving is a major issue; the number of DUIs has risen. There are limited public transportation services at the time of greatest need. Public transportation services are open until 9pm during the week and on weekends until 6pm. Cindy Bock will follow up with the tavern league to see if a safe ride program is planned or to what extent it is in place.

The workgroup also discussed the important issues of stability of housing and noted that the Volunteers in Probation program appears to work well in Brown County.

#### Prevention:

The main gaps appear to be with attitude development and funding consistency. It was noted that it is difficult to measure the effectiveness of prevention programs. Law enforcement is limited if not supported by parents. A "Party Alert" lets citizens, who know of a problematic party, call the police. If parents are not willing to cooperate, however, it limits the effectiveness of police.

The workgroup noted the importance of education. It was suggested that schools are an effective place where a small expert panel could address classes and discuss what penalties and difficulties arise with an OWI conviction.

Chair Bispalec asked if there were church groups or community focus groups that have consistent messages or meetings that might also serve as forums for education? The God Squad is one known group.

#### Treatment Programs:

Discussion in the workgroup addressed listing qualified agencies/providers that could be used as a resource for offenders as well as other interested groups. Concerns were expressed about how in some circumstances an individual may apply for a program and upon successful completion would still get a letter of license revocation. This may have occurred because the individual did not contact the court and properly notify them of completion. The court does not get consistent forms or communication from providers.

An historical audit could be beneficial researching the cost of repeat offenses so that grants could be secured to ultimately save money in the community. Funding obtained would allow the proper assessments and/or educational programs possibly even an alcohol court. It was pointed out that Washington County has a drug offense that could be modeled.

#### Funding:

Cindy Bock led a discussion regarding the allocation of \$10,000 in the current county budget to pay for grant writing and research. She noted her concern that in the new budget being prepared, many funds are being eliminated and we may not have this resource. CJCC will have a better chance to get funding in the future if they are more proactive. The grant writer charges \$70.00 per hour. Workgroups are asked to identify areas of strategic importance and directions so that the grant writer can focus searches in appropriate areas. Cindy Bock is continuing to pursue IDP funding and a new application is being prepared.

Lt. Johnson made a motion made to ask Human Health Services Committee to release funds, limited to 30 hours (up to \$2100) for a period of 2 months for the grant writer. The motion was seconded by Cindy Bock. Motion carried.

#### Adjudication:

The workgroup continues to look at ideas which are cost effective and clinically sound. It is difficult to assess statistics on effectiveness. There was discussion of funding availability for statistical research. Bospalec stated that he would pursue and report back to Adjudication on the matter. One potential source of support for research is classes at Concordia and UWM that will do projects as part of a class. The workgroup will look to see what other sources are available and/or needed.

#### Law Enforcement:

A survey was sent out to all Law enforcement agencies but there was a limited return. From the feedback obtained, however, it was noted that there is a lack of knowledge about the availability and nature of programs in the area. Also noted were a lack of communication among agencies, funding for Starting Point, and lack of parental support. Law enforcement focuses on law enforcement and apprehension with little rehabilitation information.

It appears that questions that arise in this group can often be answered by other workgroups. Officers do not see those individuals who were successfully treated, but they will remember a repeat offender. Thus, it appears as though the system is not working. American Family was a

source of some funding in this area and we need to see if it is still available. The “Tip Line” that was in place was terminated due to little use. There also appears to be a cultural shift in substance use attitudes such as a higher tolerance for marijuana use.

Next Meeting Date: November 19, 2008 at 3:00pm.

Adjournment: Workgroups should provide information for funding issues Cindy Bock. Motion to adjourn made by Lt. Johnson, seconded by Cindy Bock. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert Stueber*