

## **Criminal Justice Collaborating Council 3/24/10 Minutes (*Pending Approval*)**

The Criminal Justice Collaborating Council met in room 211 of the Ozaukee County Justice Center.

**Present:** Co-chair Cpt. Jim Johnson, Co-chair Tom Kopp, Lt. Jeff Sauer, Dawn Ritter, Gail Bruss, County Supervisor Cindy Bock, Family Living Educator Carol Bralich, Judge Sandy Williams, Anthony Werth, Steve Cain, D.A. Adam Gerol, Kelly Evenson, Paul Gantner, Johnathan Woodward, Steven Shaw, Bill Harbron, County Supervisor Nancy Sharp Szatkowski, Glenn Zipperer

**Committee Members Absent/Excused:** Jeff Peck, Lauri Vanden Berg, Dan Buntrock

**Others Present:** Vicki Seibel (Alternate for Jeff Peck), Nina Walker

**Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda:** Meeting was called to order by Co-chair Cpt. Johnson at 3:04 pm. The meeting was properly noticed, the agenda was adopted.

### **Public Correspondence/Communications:**

**Approval of February Minutes:** Motion made by Supervisor Cindy Bock, seconded by Kelly Evenson to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

### **Announcements:**

### **Financial Report:**

The CJCC account total remains the same as February's report at \$11,586.04

### **UW-Extension Family Living Report:**

Carol Bralich shared the email received from Marilyn Walczak, Justice 2000 representative, after the February CJCC meeting. She expressed that she was impressed by our county's community participation on the CJCC. Carol relayed that she is participating on the statewide UW-Extension Criminal Justice Team to investigate criminal justice opportunities from other counties. Carol will email details to members who are interested in receiving the National Association of Counties newsletter and information about the National criminal justice conference being held this spring. Council members were reminded to send the name of their authorized voting alternate to Carol via email or phone call in order to create a membership and alternate list. New members were provided with a welcome packet with CJCC information.

**Standing Committee Reports:** No reports at this meeting.

### **Standing Committee membership activity:**

Co-chair Johnson explained the mobile nature of the work flow chart of the standing committee structure. Each committee will likely have a role to play in determining which programs will be implemented. The standing committee descriptions from the by-laws were transferred from paragraph form to bullet points for easier understanding of the main actions that committees were to be engaging in. The few minor word changes will need to be changed in the by-laws after final revisions. These descriptions were reviewed prior to the council members choosing which standing committees to participate in that would best serve the Council with their expertise and interests.

Carol Bralich will resend via email the CJCC prioritized objectives from the fall of 2009 as well as contact members not in attendance to seek their input for which committee they are willing to participate in. Supervisor Bock also suggested for communications purposes, each standing committee should send Carol committee agendas and meeting summaries. As a starting point, Carol is also willing to attend the initial committee meetings to support and provide a link among all committee groups for the Council, especially new members. A yellow organizational sheet was given to the chair of each committee to work through at the next standing committee meetings scheduled.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Glenn Zipperer, clinical social worker at the county jail and Reentry committee member, presented information on the Freedom Life Skills, Inc. program “Learning to Live, Learning to Love” based in Green Bay. A detailed summary was provided by Glenn after investigating the program by talking with the founder and facilitators who have participated in the program themselves and observing sessions in Green Bay. A testimonial DVD program was also viewed by the Council. Nancy Szatkowski relayed information she gleaned from conversations with facilitators trained in the program and was impressed with the information and results.

Questions that were raised during presentation included:

- Could this program be preventive in nature?
- Could the court system use this Life Skills program as an intervention?
- Are all types of offenders mixed together?
- Is the program as effective if done only in the jail setting?
- Who does the tracking of the results of a possible pilot program?
- How many currently need a program such as this in our system? How many are we impacting?

Tom Kopp said that the program does take on the tough cases, it is not self selective to show successful results. Tom also noted that the reentry subcommittee did take the program through the evidence based assessment instrument, noting a high score in the majority of categories. Baylor University is currently conducting a research study on the effectiveness of the Life Skills program. The subcommittee also reported that they have not looked at comparable programs, however are impressed with Freedom Life Skills.

After discussions, Supervisor Bock entertained a motion to take this to the next step by having the Reentry subcommittee develop implementation details for a possible pilot, and bring that information to the April CJCC meeting. The motion was seconded by Anthony Werth. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:34, with a motion by Gail Bruss and second by Supervisor Bock.