

Criminal Justice Collaborating Council 9/28/11 Minutes

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

Present: Co-chair Mary Lou Mueller, Co-chair Cindy Bock, Family Living Educator Carol Bralich, County Supervisor Nancy Szatkowski, D.A. Adam Gerol, Judge Sandy Williams, Tom Kopp, Paul Gantner, Johnathon Woodward, Vicki Seibel-Garvey, Gail Bruss, John Blasczyk, Perry Lieuallen, Judge Steve Cain, Joanne Manion, Lt. Jeff Sauer

Committee Members Absent/Excused: John Kuczarski, Cpt. Dan Buntrock, Superintendent Steve Shaw, Dawn Ritter, Mike Lappen, Andrea Fendry

Others Present:

Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda: Meeting was called to order by Co-chair Cindy Bock at 3:10 pm, after a group photo was taken. The meeting was properly noticed, the amended agenda was adopted with a motion from Mary Lou Mueller and second by Johnathon Woodward. Agenda changes: guest speaker was not available.

Public Correspondence/Communications: There will be a Red Ribbon Week Kick-Off on Friday, October 14 from 4-7 pm at Grafton High School. Exhibits include the DEA, National Guard and First Response Team. See Gail Bruss for details.

Approval of June Minutes: Motion made by Johnathon Woodward, seconded by John Blasczck to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Executive Committee Report & UWEX Family Living Report: Carol Bralich highlighted the Executive Minutes which were handouts at the meeting and emailed to the CJCC prior to the meeting. Starting Point and UW-extension requested CJCC funds for the meal component of the Strengthening Families Program. The Executive Committee approved the request. However, the Strengthening Families Program was postponed to early Spring, February 15- March 28, due to low enrollment numbers. Paul Gantner suggested sending the program information to the Middle school Counselors prior to fall parent/teacher conferences as a resource option for them. Program materials can also be distributed to police departments as a resource for parents and in the newly formed pro se center at the Justice Center. Mary Lou Mueller is the contact for the center.

Carol Bralich distributed a complete CJCC committee and meeting calendar from present through 2012, including the date for the 2012 Spring Retreat: April 17. Please mark your calendars with these meetings, to avoid conflicts in scheduling and to be efficient with the committee chairs' time.

Carol reported attending the state CJCC coordinator's network meeting in July. Representatives from the NCSC lead a discussion regarding their recommendation to formalize a State CJCC, with input from the counties represented. More details will be available at the end of the year.

Cindy Bock provided an overview of the Autumn Golf Open on September 9, 2011. The golf open went well and the final total funds raised for the Ozaukee Foundation earmarked for the Freedom Life Skills Program will be available for review at the next Executive meeting in November. Cindy thanked those who participated and promoted the Autumn Open.

Adam Gerol provided a brief legislative report (PEPAC). Adam referenced the formation of the State CJCC, the AIM project and the COMPAS assessment, in which training has begun in the state with the Department of Community Corrections. In regard to marijuana ordinances, it is difficult to find the multiple offenders because these are municipality ordinances. The ordinance encourages booking the offender at arrest so there is a record of the offense. The county does not currently have a marijuana ordinance. It was felt that this may not be a role for the CJCC to pursue at this time.

Financial Report: Supervisor Nancy Szatkowski shared the CJCC account financial statement, however, it does not seem to be in the best readable format or up-to-date. Nancy will be working with Michele to clarify the budget line items for each program, including Freedom Life Skills.

Standing Committee Reports:

For complete Standing Committee meeting minutes, refer to the summaries emailed to the entire CJCC distribution list or contact the respective committee chair or Carol Bralich with questions.

Prioritized action statements were handed out and reviewed.

Public Relations & Community Education: The committee is currently working on the CJCC brochure with Diane Lane. The committee will use the photo taken at today's meeting of the council and send out a press release with CJCC accomplishments.

Prevention, Interventions, & Treatment: The committee will be focusing on the Work Ender program and creating a model that could work in Ozaukee County at the next meeting.

Court Review: (Adam Gerol spoke to the action statements provided in the Executive meeting notes above.)

Grant/Funding: Committee worked with Diane Lane to create the FreedomLife Skills brochure for the Autumn Open. Nancy mentioned that Jim Duncan, from the Appleton area, started his own Freedom Life Skills and is willing to speak to the CJCC or committees about marketing the program to receive business sponsorship.

Reentry/Freedom Life Skills: Tom Kopp reported on the status of the Freedom Life Skills grant. The first male inmate FLS class is complete, graduation was on September 1 with 12 graduates. The second male inmate FLS class started September 6 with 12 participants. A community group started September 22, with 8-10 Huber inmates and 2 wishing to become facilitators here in Ozaukee County in the future. A female inmate class is projected to begin January 3, 2012 and a 5th FLS as well. The Reentry Committee has been meeting monthly to get the program started and moving smoothly. The evaluation of the program is being led by UW-Extension, consisting of a pre-program survey on resources, a post-program survey and a follow up survey at 6 and 12 months by graduate students. The

FLS facilitators are reporting intense engagement by the participants and have seen initial success in classes as well as written information in their journals.

Action Items:

The Executive Committee proposed a budgetary guidelines change that was reviewed at the September Executive Meeting. Changes that were approved included the \$500 or less category of money requests to the Executive Committee and a one day notice of the request. Perry Lieuallen made a motion to approve the amended budgetary guidelines, Johnathon Woodward seconded the motion.

Discussion: Transition House/After care:

The council discussed the possibility of designating a task force committee to research the feasibility of pursuing a transition house or other after care programming for those being released from the justice system in Ozaukee county. This would not be an ongoing committee. Possible members to join such a task force include real estate brokers or bank personnel who deal with foreclosures, marketing experts, Department of Corrections, grant writer, treatment centers (i.e. Huiras Center). Based on caseload and court cases, Judge Williams felt there could be a need for such a service or program. However, programs such as these have personnel costs for operating them, even if a reasonably priced location is found. Other concerns raised include the difficulty of placing a facility in a community, funding, and transportation issues. The council was asked to think about the task force forming and Nancy Szatkowski recommended that the Exodus House in Kewaskum be a source of knowledge in the research process. At the December council meeting, a task force committee will be formed.

Meeting Schedule:

The Criminal Justice Collaborating Council will meet at the following date and time for the next meeting: *December 7, 2011 Room 211 Jury Assembly, Justice Center*

Additional Meeting Schedule: Refer to attached calendar of meetings, handed out at the September meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:31pm