

Criminal Justice Collaboration Committee

11/19/2008

The Criminal Justice Collaboration Committee met in Room 240 of the Ozaukee County Justice Center.

Present: D. Bospalec, C. Bock, G. Ebert, G. Bruss, T. Kopp, J. Manion, J. Peck, L. Vandenberg, A. Werth, G. Bruss

Absent/Excused: D. Buntrock, A. Cole, J. Grundahl, B. Hodorowski, J. Johnson, J. McCormack, D. McManus, M. Neimon, J. Peck, J. Schmidt, M. Straub, R. Thomas, S. Williams

Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda: Meeting called to order by Chair Bospalec at 3:05 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 and Cindy Bock mention to Robert Stueber the approved mission statement has yet to be loaded to the CJCC website. Robert will set up a meeting with Mr. Dzwinel to discuss the website and report back to the committee.

Approval of August 27th minutes: Motion made by Cindy Bock seconded by Anthony Werth to approve the minutes written with no exceptions. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Grant Writer:

C. Bock discussed the hiring of a grant writer to support CJCC activities. C. Bock introduced Melissa Ugland, a certified elementary teacher with a master's degree in Public Health. Melissa has prepared grants for the County's Human Services Department and is a wonderful potential candidate. C. Bock suggested that the Committee and work groups make suggestions for program areas to seek grants to ensure that her time is used efficiently.

Melissa Ugland explained that although funding is limited from the state there is a decent amount of funding available for the training to set up a drug or OWI court, including the possibility for paid training. M. Ugland further suggested that the CJCC might look at the efforts in Waukesha County as a model, building upon their program success to maximize her efforts and the work of the Committee.

Discussion Items:

2009 Budget Impact:

C. Bock discussed the 2008 budget allocation of \$25,000 to support CJCC efforts, she had assumed that is was a one-time funding source. The 2009 budget has the same \$25,000 allocation, which will be used to support the hiring of a Family Living Educator position in the County's University Extension Department, a portion of this employees time will be allocated to support CJCC activities. November 25th a meeting will take place, to develop a job description and goals for the position.

Work Group Reports:
Prevention:

Gail Bruss reported a challenge seen by starting Point is when children are referred for treatment. Gail Bruss stated a successful way to assess children is with a fee based assessment tool that identifies the needs of children and to anticipate future prevention areas. This educational group could use the matrix developed by Judge Grundahl and will have a more relevant course fee which would cover the cost of assessment. Cindy Bock mentioned that she went with Judge Grundahl together to the City attorneys and suggested the development of such a tool over a year ago.

G. Bruss exclaimed, that Concordia University was contracted to do assessment work and help with juveniles struggling with their substance abuse. Violators go through computer treatment program and then after the second violation is when individuals are referred to Starting point for evaluation. The work group will meet next month and have more on this item next meeting.

Chair Bospalec discussed the prevention of OWI's and stated that Ozaukee County does not have public transportation available in the late evening hours so the prevention Committee should discuss transportation options that could be developed to allow citizens to get themselves home safe some other way. The Committee discussed the taxi service in Port Washington and a program from Marquette University with college students helping others get home safely. The Committee discussed, working with Concordia University to create something similar. Chair Bospalec stated that the CJCC should look into sponsoring a prevention program working with businesses.

C. Bock stated that captive audiences should be targeted. Before kids graduate it should be explained to them what a DUI is and what it encompasses. The cost of an OWI is very expensive and for some students it can affect their college life and even to graduate school. Government classes in high school are generally held before graduation and these classes could be a good time to expose students to the pitfalls associated with receiving an OWI. C. Bock said that she currently only knows of two principals willing to allow class time for OWI awareness.

Chair Bospalec asked if there where 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:

C. Bock began discussing the listing of qualified agencies/providers that could be used as a resource for offenders as well as other interested groups. C. Bock mentioned concerns 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.

C. Bock explained that software could be the most efficient way and we need a standardized pre trial assistance tool that can enable a quick assessment so we looked into funding for this, thought possibly foundation since it is a one time fee. A. Werth detailed that Ozaukee County would own the software but would license it for upgrades, training and statistics at the end of the year. Ideally, The County would have one in the jail, the starting center and two at the counseling center. In all the software would be at three locations and four places.

A. Werth explained there are different structures to the software, juvenile structures and licensing allows you to transfer it to a different structure. When you are done you print it and there is no more processing. The purchase of the software is a start up grant possibility and the software company Oryan could send people to the county so Ozaukee County can access the software and utilize it correctly.

C. Bock stated there is a need for CJCC members to read Waukesha policy and procedures manual. Possibly to make an appointment to tour Waukesha and be able to talk to them about what has worked and what has not. L. Vandenberg said that Waukesha and Ozaukee are under the same judicial district. C. Bock stated it is very important to have treatment protocols with the court, gives Ozaukee County some resources and templates so when someone is before them they can look in a book and know where someone is the best fit.

C. Bock inquired, if there is a way to find funding for facilitators to come in and help work groups and the CJCC do what we want to do meet with stake holders and evaluate and move forward my understanding is that there is not any money, we have a little money and people can come in to meet with the judges.

Reentry:

T. Kopp talked about a reentry program out of Racine for juveniles that Jeff Peck was interested in using the program for adults. If the individual has a minor offense case the individual has a probation officer who needs to see that person and people coming out of prison could go to rather than agents. That is interesting and worth exploration.

T. Kopp made recommendations that CJCC form a subcommittee to explore evidence based practices, second recommendation is that CJCC needs the framework, district attorney, municipal, school bringing all parties in and hold a training seminar and have people be a part of the committee. T. Kopp said if you look at one of the sides you see various progression points into the system. Begin with evidence based, then design and then implementation and this could be accomplished from the committee. Chair Bospalec would prefer a work group and not a subcommittee.

Motion made by T. Kopp to create an evidence based practice subcommittee of the Reentry work group, seconded by C. Bock. All members voting aye, motion passed.

G. Ebert asked if the evidence based research was targeting 17-24 year olds, G. Ebert is concerned that 95% of offenders will not be in that age group. Chair Bospalec said there are

many adult evidence based taskforces as well and the work group should discuss the proper target groups. T. Kopp will chair the newly created work group.

Funding:

C. Bock said 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. C. Bock pointed out that Washington County has a drug offense that could be modeled.

Law Enforcement:

G. Ebert began with educational materials for inmates, a pamphlet that can be available for inmates to sign in at the library and receive that. Materials currently not in the library could be a case where they can be provided through donations. Chair Bepalec asked if this is a problem, G. Ebert explained soft cover books can be stocked, pamphlets could be looked at distributing in living areas. In 2009 G. Ebert has challenged the staff to have more organized leadership programs once or twice a week for parenting and life skills. December 5, jail staff has a meeting to get real ideas to the jail by 2009. G. Ebert also mentioned pamphlets in English and Spanish maybe even some educational awareness skill groups are being considered. We can fund some, even looking at DVDs for re entry, the key is to organize and get someone to run the program.

G. Ebert handed out a paper that outlined a two day seminar and brought all the players to the table. Details of the DWI front to end who is involved and every player had to present their part of it and had to present it and then others understood details about the programs. G. Ebert stated all participants see areas of it whether it is arresting them, holding them in jail, prosecuting. Beyond that there is a need to get educated, participation from the defense bar so we can decide what departments will all be going for, experts in an area have blind spots.

G. Ebert closed by saying if everybody on the table today could appreciate and understand what each department does we will have a better idea for the court. Get the schools involved too, they expect us to solve the problems and they do not understand what law enforcement is able to do.

Next Meeting Date: February 25, 2009 at 3:00pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by G. Bruss, seconded by C. Bock. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stueber