

RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Criminal Justice Coordinating  
Council  
INITIATED BY

Public Safety & Justice Committee  
SUBMITTED BY



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DRAFTED BY

September 28, 2010  
DATE DRAFTED

AUTHORIZING JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM AD HOC  
COMMITTEE

1 **WHEREAS**, in September 2010, Rock County received a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration  
2 Planning Grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance; and,  
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4 **WHEREAS**, the goal of the grant is to increase public safety through innovative cross-system  
5 collaboration for individuals with mental illness and/or co-occurring mental health and substance use  
6 disorders (MI/COD) who come into contact with the criminal and juvenile justice systems; and  
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8 **WHEREAS**, the four key components of the planning process for the grant are as follows: (1) creating  
9 a committee of representatives from criminal/juvenile justice stakeholders, mental health and AODA  
10 agencies, and community organizations/members to form a strong collaborative structure through  
11 which a strategic plan will ultimately be created; (2) conducting an intensive cross-systems needs and  
12 resource assessment; (3) developing policies and programs for systems improvement; and (4)  
13 developing a cross-systems strategic plan for future program implementation.; and,  
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15 **WHEREAS**, the committee developed under this grant will be a diverse, interagency committee charged  
16 with assessing the County's current mental health, AODA, and criminal/juvenile justice systems and  
17 developing specific strategies to address gaps in mental health/AODA services for those with MI/COD  
18 in these justice systems; and,  
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20 **WHEREAS**, the committee will oversee and work with a hired consultant that will conduct a full needs  
21 and resource assessment in relation to MI/COD in the criminal and juvenile justice systems in Rock  
22 County and work with said consultant in developing a strategic plan; and,  
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24 **WHEREAS**, the committee will present a strategic plan or report to the full CJCC for comments,  
25 approval, and future implementation; and,  
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
28 this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010 authorizes an Ad Hoc Committee to work on the  
29 aforementioned planning grant activities and to develop a set of goals and objectives to be followed  
30 throughout the planning process, oversee the needs and resource assessment, and ultimately work to  
31 create a strategic, data-driven plan to address MI/COD in the criminal and juvenile justice systems in  
32 Rock County. The Ad Hoc Committee will also report their findings and recommendations to the full  
33 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC); and,  
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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the CJCC will report to the County Board its strategic plan or  
36 report for addressing individuals with MI/COD in the criminal and juvenile justice systems; and,  
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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chair of the Rock County Board of Supervisors be authorized  
39 to appoint up to 11 individuals to serve on this Ad Hoc Committee and select the Chair of the Committee,  
40 with consideration to be given to the key stakeholders in the adult and juvenile justice systems and  
41 mental health/AODA fields, as well as community groups/members that interact with those with  
42 MI/COD, and a mental health consumer; and,  
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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon completion of the project, anticipated in October 2011, the  
45 Ad Hoc Committee will be dissolved.

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Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**



Ivan Collins, Chair




Larry Wiedenfeld, Vice Chair

*Absent.*

Mary Beaver



Hank Brill



Brian Knudson

FISCAL NOTE:

Per County Board Rule IV-C, County Board Supervisors who are members of ad hoc committees are eligible for per meeting allowances and mileage reimbursement. Citizen members of such committees shall be eligible for mileage reimbursement only. Any per meeting allowances or mileage paid to this committee's members are not eligible for grant reimbursement. Any costs incurred are to be charged to the County Board's per meeting and mileage budget appropriations.



Jeffrey A. Smith  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to sec. 59.13 in conjunction with sec. 59.51, Wis. Stats. and by Rule IV-C of the Board's Rules of Procedure.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson  
County Administrator

## Executive Summary

**AUTHORIZING JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM AD HOC  
COMMITTEE**

The U.S. Department of Justice, through the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has authorized funding for grants through the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004 and the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2008. The goal of the grant is to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (MI/COD) who come into contact with the criminal justice system.

On September 8, 2010, Rock County was awarded a \$50,000 planning grant through the aforementioned program to design a strategic, collaborative plan to initiate systemic change for the identification and treatment of offenders with MI/COD. The planning grant requires development of an effective collaboration representing support from all levels of government, justice, mental health and AODA treatment services, transportation, housing, advocates, consumers, and family members. This collaboration will ultimately form the basis for a problem solving model, or strategic plan, to intercept individuals from the system at the earliest point possible while promoting public safety.

This diverse, interagency collaboration will be formalized through an Ad Hoc Committee designated by the County Board. The committee will work with a hired consultant to perform a comprehensive assessment of its criminal/juvenile justice, mental health, and AODA systems in Rock County. Ultimately, a strategic plan, focusing on evidence-based practices, will be devised to guide the County's future actions in dealing with this challenging population.