

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM PROCESS AND OPPORTUNITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

May 25, 2010

Call to Order: Chair Deupree called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in Conference Room 519 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-West.

Committee Members Present: Chair Neil Deupree, Vice-Chair/Supervisor Marv Wopat, Eric Nelson, Judge James Daley, Tom Gubbin (alt. for Art Thurmer), David O'Leary, Captain Russ Steeber (alt. for Sheriff Spoden), Charmian Klyve

Others Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice Planner/Analyst, Leslie Swanson, ATTIC Correctional Services, Inc., Vicki Trebian, ATTIC Correctional Services, Inc., Judge Richard Werner, Craig Knutson, County Administrator

Approval of the Agenda: David O'Leary moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Captain Steeber. ADOPTED.

Approval of the Minutes from 4/13/2010: Captain Steeber moved approval of the minutes, second by David O'Leary. ADOPTED.

Discussion Regarding Drug Court Capacity: Chair Deupree let the group know that the County Board approved the reinstatement of the fourth counselor for the Drug Court/Community RECAP program. Ms. Trebian added that they would be interviewing for the position that coming Thursday and wanted to get someone who was eligible to bill MA into that position. Captain Steeber asked when the new counselor could start. Ms. Trebian answered that most likely the individual would have to give notice, so it would be a few weeks, hopefully by July 1st or at the earliest June 15th.

Discussion Regarding Aftercare for RECAP/Community RECAP: Mr. Gubbin said that the DOC money allocated to the program needs to be used or it could be lost in the next budget. He said that approximately \$10,000 is allocated to the program which allows for about four DOC clients to use Community RECAP. Mr. Wopat asked if that money could be used for aftercare. Judge Daley said that when Community RECAP was established, aftercare for RECAP and Community RECAP were necessary parts of the program. Ms. Trebian said that when ATTIC came aboard, originally Community RECAP was going to be the aftercare component for the RECAP program. Mr. O'Leary added that CJCC was hoping to use Community RECAP as aftercare for RECAP but it was a goal that was never implemented. Mr. Wopat included that there is a need to have the aftercare component because the recovery rate is drastically increased if people are connected to the program for up to a year and you lose your treatment investment up front if there is no aftercare.

Ms. Trebian asked if a peer support group could serve as aftercare. Judge Daley said that he's seen people that have totally changed by the time they graduate from RECAP and Community RECAP, but they need reinforcement of the lessons learned in the programs after they are done.

Chair Deupree said there are two issues: (1) how to legally do it and (2) programmatically how to do it. Judge Daley added that he does not want the statistics to show that people going back to bad behavior in three years. He doesn't want to see people not succeeding because they don't have the aftercare component.

Mr. Nelson asked if it would work if aftercare were voluntary as opposed to court ordered. Ms. Trebian said there could be a peer group to tie in with aftercare. Mr. Wopat said that aftercare needs to have teeth. Judge Daley asked if participants were receptive to AA in Community RECAP. Ms.

Swanson answered that in the first phase of the program they are really peeling away the layers and then 4-5 months along they are more receptive to community support groups. Mr. Nelson asked what would happen if they relapsed during aftercare. Mr. O'Leary said that it would not be a big deal to modify the contract to include aftercare. Ms. Trebian said three months of aftercare would be sufficient, for a total of a one-year contract.

Judge Daley asked what an aftercare program would look like and who would monitor/start it. Chair Deupree asked Ms. Swanson and Ms. Trebian to write up a proposal of what this would look like to share with the CJCC. Mr. O'Leary said there would be three populations to address for aftercare (1) drug court, (2) RECAP, and (3) DOC clients. Mr. Gubbin said that DOC already has groups set up for its clients to use. Mr. O'Leary said that the Sheriff could add an aftercare component for RECAP. Chair Deupree said at the next meeting the group would come up with a plan for what to do regarding aftercare.

Discussion Regarding New OWI Legislation: Judge Daley said with the new OWI legislation there will be more people in custody and more people the Sheriff cannot release. With the new legislation the Court will also have the ability to put OWI 2nd and 3rd on probation and they have the first priority for treatment. Mr. O'Leary said there will be an increase in the volume of cases his office will receive and that with the increased use of the bracelet by the Sheriff, the DA's office has less teeth because offenders know they'll be released on the bracelet as opposed to having to sit in jail. As a result, people will choose to do straight time as opposed to any diversion program.

Judge Daley said the district is redrafting its OWI guidelines and that the judges are not happy with the current set of guidelines. He said the new guidelines will increase penalties but compress the range.

Captain Steeber said there are a couple big issues with the new OWI laws. First, immediately upon conviction for some offenses, the individual goes directly to jail and second are the required IID devices. Both of these things are more work for the Sheriff's Office. Adding people to electronic monitoring will not adversely affect the Sheriff's Office and deputies already do house visits to those with AODA issues. Mr. Nelson said the new legislation puts pressure on the jail with an increase in inmates under its supervision unless there are safety valves or another diversion program is instituted. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen described a couple programs others in the state are using to deal with OWIs, including OWI Court and Winnebago's Safe Streets program.

Chair Deupree stated that the group will discuss options at the next subcommittee meeting and possibly recommend a program for implementation in Rock County.

Announcements: None.

Time and Date for Future Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 2nd, at Noon in this room.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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