

**DANE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2014 MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Parisi, Esqueda, Colas, Walsh (for Ozanne), Mahoney

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Rusk, Watson

OTHERS PRESENT: Mickey Biel, Karin Peterson-Thurlow, Colleen Clark, Karl Van Lith, Gail Richardson.

Call to Order: Parisi called the meeting to order without a quorum at 12:12.

Public Comment: None

Parisi moved items 3 and 4 to the end of the agenda in anticipation of a quorum being present later in the meeting.

Review of District Attorney's Fast Track Project: Assistant District Attorney Mike Walsh distributed a memo from Paula Graves regarding the Fast Track Project. Walsh indicated that it is up and running but at a low capacity. There are currently 16 active defendants. He said that Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are a new partner. Walsh also mentioned that the DA's office will be involved in the June 11th conference on corporal punishment which will focus, in part, on cultural competency issues.

Watson expressed disappointment that the Public Defender's Office has not been more involved and that this project hasn't created more of a change. Walsh responded that the program is new and that the DA's Office has been cautious about moving forward too quickly. Watson asked if the DA's Office is using an assessment tool. Walsh indicated that they are. Clark said that the Racial Justice Improvement Project (RJIP) will be looking at this program as well. She also pointed out that the UW School of Pediatrics, the American Bar Association and UW Children's Hospital are also participating in the corporal punishment conference.

Community Court Update: Clark said that the UW Law School has expressed an interest in being involved in the Community Court project, especially in the area of restorative justice. Human Services received a large number of applications for the coordinator position. Interviews should be completed before the next CJC meeting.

Agency Updates: Colas provided an update on the pre-trial justice project. Wisconsin is one of five states to participate and Dane County may be in a great position to represent the state in Washington. Attendees should include Judge McNamara, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Sheriff, the Director of State Courts, the County Board Chair or Chair of PP&J plus two more people with a connection to the system. Todd Moyer, Carlo Esqueda and Colleen Clark were mentioned as candidates for those slots. Richardson said that the county must indicate a commitment to attend and a willingness

to implement reforms if it would like to be considered for this conference. Colas, Watson and Walsh all discussed their availability.

The RSAT grant and the Jim Sawyer position, both of which focus on heroin and opiate addiction were discussed. Sawyer's position is funded through the end of 2014. The grant will help coordinate case management upon release from jail.

Judge Flannigan is interested in establishing a veteran's court in Dane County. Flannigan has been working with the Veteran's Service Office, County Board members and other judges on this plan. There is general support for the idea but more work and research must be done. Dane County currently utilizes the Veteran's Court in Rock County.

Mahoney arrived at 12:45.

Approval of minutes from February 27, 2014: Motion by Mahoney/Colas to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Resolution 293, 13-14 – amendment to the Racial Disparities Sub Committee: Motion by Colas/Esqueda to recommend the resolution for adoption. Rusk informed the Council that PP&J had amended the resolution to add the PP&J chair or his/her designee. Motion approved.

Data and Evidence Based Decision Making and 2014 CJC Priorities: Postponed until a later meeting.

Calendar: Parisi recommended that meetings be set for the next six months. Colas requested that meetings start at 12:15. The dates of May 1, May 29, June 26, July 24 and August 28 were recommended.

Mahoney announced that efforts are underway to promote Affordable Care Act participation to those in the Dane County Jail. He also mentioned an interest in establishing a mental health court.

Adjourn: Motion carried at 12:53