



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final

### Criminal Justice Council

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Thursday, August 28, 2014

12:15 PM

CCB Room 351

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#### A. Call To Order

*The meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM.*

**Advisory members present:** Watson, Anhalt, and Koval.

**Others present:** Johnson, Richardson, McNamara, Bahler, Tradewell, Clark, Grigsby, Goldman, Hammond.

**Present** 5 - SHARON CORRIGAN, JOE PARISI, DAVE MAHONEY, JUAN COLAS, and ISMAEL OZANNE

**Excused** 1 - CARLO ESQUEDA

#### B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

*Paul Seaman, a member of MOSES and WISDOM spoke to the importance of getting jail inmates connected to Food Share for the employment and training benefits.*

*Carol Rubin, a member of MOSES and WISDOM, indicated that her organizations were leaning toward opposing the jail plan and would prefer the County explore the San Antonio system as an alternative. She expressed concerns regarding malfunctioning monitoring bracelets.*

#### C. Consideration of Minutes

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**Attachments:** [2014 MIN-266 CJC Minutes July 24, 2014.pdf](#)

Motion carried, 5-0.

#### D. Action Items

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ACT-297](#)

Review of CJC- Pretrial Services Subcommittee Report and Potential Action on Recommendations

**Attachments:** [Pretrial Services Subcommittee Report to CJC](#)

## 1. Review of CJC- Pretrial Services Subcommittee Report and Potential Action on Recommendations

*The Subcommittee report was presented by McNamara who explained the process used by the group and the formal motion for consideration by the CJC. He expressed concerns that budget constraints and resistance to change could slow the implementation of reforms. He stressed that the system must change. He also expressed a desire to get Human Services more involved in this project.*

*Discussion ensued regarding grants to fund an assessment tool, concerns about tools that claim to be race neutral, the need to monitor and adjust screening tools in implementation, and the possibility that a tool could lead to greater disproportionality in the early stages of implementation. McNamara said this is why we need an expert to help implement these reforms and that a trial period or retrospective test may be a good way to start.*

*Moved by Colas/seconded by Corrigan that the motion proposed by the CJC-Pretrial Services Subcommittee be adopted:*

*"The Dane County Criminal Justice Council accepts the report of the CJC Pre-trial Services Subcommittee and supports moving forward with the design of a comprehensive pre-trial services program, leading to future implementation. The CJC strongly supports the sue of grants and technical advice from national experts in this field but is aware that progress and success in this effort will require local contributions and resources."*

*Parisi expressed concerns about appropriating new GPR to fund this initiative.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

## E. Presentations

### 1. Overview of the Dane County Jail and Sheriff's Office Needs Assessment and Master Plan

*Mahoney said that the plan was presented to the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee. He indicated that the plan was getting public attention and was recently the subject of meetings held by NAMI and the United Way. He hopes to hold more meetings with community groups and will continue to conduct tours of the jail.*

## 2. Update on Municipal Forfeiture Information

*Parisi stated that his interest in this issue comes from a meeting he had with juvenile justice staff in the Department of Human Services. Anhalt distributed information on fine amounts authorized under state statute and stated that there is no consistency from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.*

*Andre Johnson, Dane County Juvenile Justice Manager, stated that excessive fines have a negative impact on our youth. Unpaid fines can compromise a minor's driving privileges and work permit. Fitchburg was identified as having the highest fine in the county for possession of marijuana. Madison was identified as a jurisdiction that has adopted restorative justice techniques to help offenders. He stress that offenders must be held accountable but noted that some fines are excessive.*

*Vicki Goldman, a social worker in the Department of Human Services, shared several examples of where fines have created serious problems for young offenders. Clark stated that Supervisor Dorothy Krause has contacted the municipal judge in Fitchburg for more information.*

*Jackie Hammond, a social worker with the Department of Human Services, stated that Fitchburg is reluctant to share data. She would like to meet with the Fitchburg judge to share her concerns.*

*Discussion ensued regarding police interest in this issue, the venues for municipal court judges to discuss issues, and the lack of resources to implement a restorative justice model county-wide. Colas indicated that a staff attorney from the courts could conduct a review of area fines and penalties for a select group of offenses like possession of marijuana and underage drinking.*

## 3. Review of Criminal Justice Council Mission Statement

*Parisi urged the members to review the mission statements from other jurisdictions and that this item would be considered at a subsequent meeting. It was suggested that a representative of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections be added to the Council.*

## F. Reports to Committee

*There were no reports to the council.*

## G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting on September 25, 2014

## H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

*There was no other business.*

## I. Adjourn

**The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:40 PM.**

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*Colleen Clark-Bernhardt at 266-3022*