



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council

Thursday, August 27, 2015

12:15 PM

CCB - Room 354

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A. Call To Order

Present 4 - SHARON CORRIGAN, JUAN COLAS, CARLO ESQUEDA, and JEFF HOOK

Excused 3 - JOE PARISI, DAVE MAHONEY, and ISMAEL OZANNE

*Advisory members present: Anhalt, Meurer, Rusk, Watson
Hook attended the meeting in Mahoney's place.*

Others present: Clark-Bernhardt, Thurlow, Kostelic.

*Corrigan announced that the Chair would be late to the meeting and the Vice Chair had
been excused. She called the meeting to order at 12:15.*

B. Consideration of Minutes

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MINUTES OF THE 6/25/15 CJC

Attachments: [2015 MIN-278](#)

A motion was made by ESQUEDA, seconded by COLAS, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

1. Mission and Vision

The mission and vision of the CJC was before the council. Discussion ensued regarding adopting the text from the ordinance as the mission, with clarification regarding equity and efficiency.

The following text was approved as the mission statement for the CJC on a 4-0 vote:

"The Dane County Criminal Justice Council shall: (a) Provide an on-going forum for collaboration and coordinated leadership among criminal justice agencies. (b) Facilitate the implementation of effective, efficient, data-driven criminal justice policies and practices that maximize justice, equity, and the safety of the public. (c) Monitor and ensure accountability of the criminal justice system. (d) Provide program oversight for criminal justice initiatives."

2. 2015 OA-011 Amending Chapter 15 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances, Creating the Criminal Justice Council

A review of the ordinance amendment that created the CJC in county ordinances was before the council. Clark-Bernhardt indicated that the ordinance amendment codified the structure of the council and includes the addition of two advisory members: a representative of the municipal judges, and a representative of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Todd Meurer will represent municipal judges as an advisory member. Lance Wirsma from the Department of Corrections will join at the next meeting. Colas indicated there was interest among several municipal judges.

3. Grants Update

Clark-Bernhardt provided a review of current grant-sponsored activities and grant applications.

Implicit bias training: Dane County will have a contract with YWCA. In addition to several sessions with local law enforcement, the YWCA will also bring in the Perception Institute for a day long training. There will be availability for others at the September 30th training. MPD is doing the registration and hosting the facility. The CJC, along with the Dane County Sheriff's Office, are sponsors of the event. Anhalt thanked Clark-Bernhardt for her work. Meurer and Watson expressed interest in going to the session.

Hook mentioned implicit bias training that will be in the Sheriff's Office budget. It focuses on train the trainer as well as direct training of leadership. The initial training would be in January.

The judiciary is also interested in having implicit bias training. Colas talked about having training in the late spring of 2016.

Federal grant for pretrial services: Dane County is part of a state application to the federal government for a three-year effort at \$250K per year for a pretrial services coordinator, data analyst, and outreach. The two other counties that are part of the state proposal are Milwaukee and Racine.

Measures for Justice: This group made a presentation to the CJC several months ago. There may be some opportunity for them to work with the Racial Disparities Subcommittee. Discussion ensued, particularly regarding the use of CCAP data.

Esqueda spoke of opportunities with Code for America. He indicated there was a meeting with the Sheriff, and discussion continues regarding possible small projects. For example, a text message approach to remind individuals of their court appointments could cut down on failures to appear. Esqueda indicated CCAP was piloting a similar project in Sauk County. He expressed an interest in holding on to a relationship with Code for America for opportunities going forward.

Parisi arrived at 12:57 PM.

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Excused 2 - DAVE MAHONEY, and ISMAEL OZANNE

4. Criminal Justice Workgroup-briefing

Rusk addressed the CJC regarding regarding the criminal justice workgroups. He indicated that they are on schedule, that each will present 10 recommendations, and there will be a presentation to PP&J on Sept 21 and to the CJC on the 24th. Further, there will be a community conversation on Oct 12th at the Alliant Energy Center.

Discussion ensued among the CJC members, several of whom serve on the groups or are attending the meetings. Esqueda noted that the recommendations might require changes on the state or local level. Watson says process has been very beneficial. There is a need for continued awareness of the roles and authority of each part of the criminal justice system.

Clark-Bernhardt spoke of the ramifications of some of the recommendations. For example, the Arnold Foundation has been considering Dane County for a pretrial services tool, with evaluation by Harvard. If Dane County eliminated cash bail, then the tool and study would not happen.

Watson said people want continued involvement, including a seat at the CJC. Esqueda mentioned the groups discussed community control of the system. discussed. Discussion ensued regarding subcommittees.

Corrigan said the CJC will be able to hear reports from the facilitators and ask questions at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding next steps with the workgroups. Clark-Bernhardt pointed out that the Criminal Justice Group is only meeting quarterly and would need to be re-energized. There was discussion of the role of the CJC in considering and implementing recommendations from the workgroups.

D. Presentations

There were no presentations before the council.

E. Reports to Committee

There were no reports to the council.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting on Sept 24. Colas asks if only hear on 24th? Coll says draft in advance.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

A motion was made by COLAS, seconded by PARISI, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 1:24 PM.

I. Adjourn

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karin Peterson Thurlow, subject to council approval.