



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council

Thursday, December 3, 2015

12:15 PM

City County Building - Room 357

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:30.

Captain Anhalt attended for Sheriff Mahoney.

Present 5 - SHARON CORRIGAN, JOE PARISI, JUAN COLAS, CARLO ESQUEDA, and
ISMAEL OZANNE

Excused 1 - DAVE MAHONEY

Advisory Members: Pat Anhalt, Dee Dee Watson, Paul Rusk, Todd Meurer and Lance Weirsma

Others present: Nick McNamara, Colleen Clark Bernhardt, Karin Peterson Thurlow and Jeff Kostelic

Ismael Ozanne arrived at 1:10pm

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#) Minutes of October 22, 2015 Criminal Justice Council meeting
[MIN-481](#)

Attachments: [2015 MIN-481 CJC Minutes 10-22-15](#)

A motion was made by CORRIGAN, seconded by COLAS, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

C. Action Items

There were no action items.

D. Presentations

There were no presentations.

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2016 Budget Implications

Corrigan spoke of amendments to the 2016 budget by the County Board:

- 1. Creation of a research analyst to serve at the direction of the CJC. The CJC will need to set up a structure, such as a staff team, to support the work.*
- 2. The \$43K budgeted in 2015 for pretrial services was carried forward. Approximately \$6800.00 was allocated for data support work.*
- 3. Creation of a work group on diversion programs; Jim Moeser will facilitate, John Bauman will staff.*
- 4. An invitation from the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee (PP&J) to the Sheriff to provide an annual update on solitary confinement.*
- 5. An invitation from PP&J to the Judiciary to report annually.*
- 6. Direction to the Equity and CJC Coordinator to look for grants.*

Discussion ensued. Colas mentioned a .5FTE position added to Clerk of Courts for bail monitoring. Parisi discussed an added position for re-entry after jail, and Anhalt is working on hiring a program manager to get staff on board.

Other discussion included mention of housing for re-entry of ex-offenders. The 2015 budget included \$500,000, and there is another allocated \$500,000 in 2016. To qualify for the housing, an offender needs to have been in prison and connected with Department of Corrections.

Corrigan spoke of the need for an internal work team on data to include Law Enforcement, District Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, Courts, and the Public Defender. They could lay the ground work for when the staff person comes on board.

Colas indicated that - day to day - the person in the position will report to Clark-Bernhardt, but directions will come from the CJC. The work team will prepare recommendations so Council can provide guidance. It will be important to have representatives of individuals reporting data. The judge has discussed this with CCAP. The work team will present to the CJC. As always, the public can give input when a report is presented to CJC.

Discussion ensued regarding the drafting of the position description for the research analyst, the use of the pretrial dollars for an LTE for the courts, and the RFP for data support.

2. Criminal Justice Workgroup Recommendations

CJ Workgroup Recommendations - Cost and potential impact

Colas provided an overview of the chart of workgroups recommendations.

1. Electronic notification of court dates. The lead agency would be courts. There are logistical questions around opting in for text messaging and ramifications around open records requests. The judge would need to do balancing test regarding redaction. Parisi wondered if legislation were possible and how open records proponents would react. Complication occurs in that the phone number becomes part of the record and people would need to agree to it. Esqueda is working on a form.

2. Require a racial impact statement before implementing policy. Clark discussed internal work on this point. Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) could take a specific process and review it using an assessment tool.

3. Develop a probation and/or extended supervision hold process wherein individuals who are held in the Dane County Jail and alleged to have only violated rules of supervision be considered for release pending the investigation. The goal is to permit hearings to occur more rapidly. The Dept of Corrections/Office of Public Defense will meet and discuss. Ozanne expresses concern, and Anhalt said that while a rule violation may hold someone in custody, there may be an on-going investigation. Discussion ensued regarding holding preliminary hearings in more cases. Weirsma indicated DOC has worked with the Sheriff to move probation holds out of the county in some cases. Holding a preliminary hearing for all probation holds would be a huge workload. Parisi indicated that this topic could be addressed by a work group.

4. Restructure the Dane County Criminal Justice. Clark says there are various models of CJC structures nationally. She has not seen a model that has a third of Council members being public members. Ozanne pointed out the CJC has decision makers and advisory members. Discussion ensued regarding having expertise at the table for specific discussions, but not weakening the mission of the council. Discussion turned to the Criminal Justice Group. Clark will look at different CJCs to see models that are different ways to get the public voice.

There was agreement to continue to review recommendations at the next meeting.

3. Agency Updates

There were no agency updates.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be on January 28, 2016.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Jeannie Vershay - MOSES wish to speak in support

She wanted to acknowledge and support the CJC work. MOSES wants to continue to be involved.

Mark Hoover - wish to speak in support

He was appreciative and spoke about notification tool data support. He will provide a job discription.

Carol Rubin - MOSES was available for information only

She appreciates the discussion of revocation.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

There was no other business.

I. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted b Janice L. Lee, subject to approval by the CJC.