



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council

Thursday, January 28, 2016

12:15 PM

CCB Room 354

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A. Call To Order

Kurt Pierce was in attendance for Mahoney.

Present 4 - JOE PARISI, JUAN COLAS, CARLO ESQUEDA, and ISMAEL OZANNE

Excused 2 - SHARON CORRIGAN, and DAVE MAHONEY

Advisory members present: Paul Rusk, Dee Dee Watson, Todd Meurer, Lance Weirsma, Brian Ackeret and Pat Anhalt

Others present: Clark Bernhardt, Thurlow, Bauman, Kostelic, Hoover, Rubin, Versay and McKinney

The meeting was called to order by Parisi at 12:15pm

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#)
[MIN-570](#)

MINUTES OF THE 12/3/15 CJC MEETING

Attachments: [2015 MIN-570](#)

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

C. Data Innovation

1. Request for Proposals

Clark described the Request for Proposal regarding data support and indicated that a fund transfer would be needed. There was no objection to the fund transfer and issuing a Request for Proposal.

Colas will get a start on performance measures. The advantage to having a data consultant is to have things ready to go for when the research analyst begins later in the Spring.

2. Position Description and Timeline

Clark asked for Achievement History Questionnaire questions from members. The goal is to have the position posted for hire ASAP.

D. Alternatives to Incarceration

[2015
RPT-735](#)RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ALTERNATIVES TO ARREST AND
INCARCERATION WORKGROUP**Attachments:** [2015 RPT-735](#)

The CJC reviewed the 10 recommendations from the Alternatives to Arrest and Incarceration Work Group.

1. Review Current Diversion Programs: Rusk spoke of the newly-formed Work Group on Diversion Programs, which was included in the 2016 budget. Parisi urged approaches to save money. Rusk noted that programs are in place, and the goal is to make changes to allow greater equity in accessibility.

2. Cultural Competence, Social and Racial Justice Training: There have been several initiatives in this regard.

Clark spoke of Judge Calabrese's visit to make a presentation on procedural justice. He will speak to County Board and then will also speak to judges later in the Spring.

Colas indicated he is working on implicit bias training for the courts on April 22. The day will feature national speakers and presenters from the UW and the community. It will be called Recognizing and Responding to Implicit Bias in the Dane County Criminal Justice System.

Clark discussed last Fall's Perception Institute and YWCA training for the Small City Law Enforcement Consortium, Madison Police Department and Sheriff. There will be a follow up this Fall with a train the trainer approach.

Ozanne spoke of corporal punishment conferences held in each of the past two years.

3. Use a Racial Equity Lens to review policies and practices: The county has a racial equity and social justice team and there is also a new Office for Equity and Inclusion.

Ozanne indicated he has used an equity tool when looking at the victim witness services. Watson suggested the CJC consider each point in the system with racial equity lens. She believes a subcommittee could do that. Clark indicated the mapping project with Becky Ney would be useful in this regard.

4. Implement a Fugitive Safe Surrender Program: Clark reviewed the recommendation. Parisi say this would be an event. Pierce says few people with municipal offenses take advantage of that. Hoover talked about the U.S. Marshall Service event in New Jersey. Discussion ensued regarding the outcome of these events. Individuals either get a court date or a case dismissed. There is a municipal program in Milwaukee now and they are compiling a manual. There may be funding available for these events, according to Hoover.

Parisi asked for more information on Fugitive Safe Surrender programs. Rusk says, they have done this with child support. Clark will do research for February.

Meurer asks if Sheriff can bring data. Pierce says Sheriff would not have access to other municipalities' data on the number of outstanding warrants. Meurer will send an email to the municipal judge.

Ackeret will follow up with the Madison municipal judge.

Esqueda offered to see if data is available via CIB.

This led to discussion of how to deal with warrants. Watson pointed out that there is no uniform process in how to deal with warrants by age or type.

Ozanne indicated that there should be an interactive website so people don't miss the court date. When people have a warrant in hand, they show up.

That said, most municipalities use fines rather than warrant for arrest. Parisi noted that he wants to follow up on marijuana fines by municipality.

5. Establish Community Advisory Boards: Clark mentioned the Racial Disparities subcommittee as a group that advises the CJC. She said the recommendation is about community-based feedback to departments. Bauman indicated that idea was to increase interaction between community and police.

Ackeret said the Mayor has established to a community advisory board to review all Madison Police Dept procedures. Additionally, Chief Koval has a blog on 21st century policing. This is a Presidential Initiative.

Clark will review law enforcement - related recommendations and share.

Watson spoke highly of Mahoney's focus on de-escalation. Pierce says the Sheriff is talking about taking that training into the jail, along with crisis intervention teams.

6. Use and strengthen volunteer programs to reduce involvement with the formal criminal and juvenile justice systems: Bauman sums up that a structure is needed to help with alternative sentencing. Offenders could be assigned to volunteer. Clark noted that Stephanie Munoz is looking for grant funding for this type of activity.

7. Expand Restorative Justice Models throughout Dane County: Andre Johnson is leading the work funded by the Brighter Future grant so every 12-16 year old in Madison has restorative justice approach for every municipal violation. Ackeret said there has been a great start to the program. Bauman agrees. There may be outcome date by February. Bauman said the recommendation wants restorative justice for adults as well.

Clark mentioned Community Restorative Court. Early indications are positive. There are 40 community peace makers. She mentioned the assistance of the UW Law School. Watson wondered if a restorative justice approach could be used after adjudication. She would like to see if others have done this.

8. Require cultural and linguistic diversity: Clark noted that the 2009 task force had a similar recommendation.

The CJC will discuss the last two recommendations regarding expansion of diversion services and creation of a data analyst position at the next meeting.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Grants Update

Clark indicated the County is applying for CCI Grant for restorative justice. It is due in February and she will need letters of support. It would be great to have a letter from the CJC.

Clark said that she would continue to look at the Work Group recommendations and grants to implement them. The CCI grant is due February 19 and is awarded in April or May.

The County also received \$50,000 to add an outreach person for the restorative justice initiative for 12-16 year olds.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 25th at 12:15 PM.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Carol Rubin addressed the CJC and said she appreciated the Council's work. She wondered wWhat is going on with probation workgroup, and asks for communication of sucesses.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

There was no other business.

I. Adjourn

The CJC adjourned by unanimous consent.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice L. Lee