

Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council

Thursday, May 26, 2016	1:15 PM	CCB - Room 351

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A. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

Present 5 - JOE PARISI, JUAN COLAS, CARLO ESQUEDA, ISMAEL OZANNE, and SHARON CORRIGAN Excused 1 - DAVE MAHONEY

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

Others present: Bauman, Hoover, Saeman, Thurlow and Clark

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. 2016 CJC MINUTES FROM FEB. 25, 2016 MEETING MIN-030

Attachments: CJC Minutes of February 25

A motion was made by OZANNE, seconded by PARISI, 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

2016CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS -RPT-129AGGREGATED PRIORITIZATION

Attachments: 2016 RPT-129 CJ workgroups recommendation prioritization

1. Summary of Workgroup Recommendations and Priorities

Clark reviewed the top priorities as indicated by members of the Criminal Justice Council (CJC).

*Implement full-scale pre-trial services, including electronic notification of court dates: Corrigan noted that the Arnold PSA tool is about to be implemented. Clark indicated addressing full scale pre-trial services should follow the launch of the Arnold tool. Meurer indicated this has two parts - the tool and funding for those who need supervision. After the assessment tool is in place, then the county needs to figure out what resources are needed. Esqueda stated Luminosity suggests restructuring pretrial supervision. The idea is that this happen right away. Ozanne thinks we need a definition for full-scale pretrial services. He spoke of the electronic notification. Esqueda also stated that the county is on the verge of doing that.

Parisi stated that the county actually only has responsibility for those who have no other way to pay. Case management can connect them to services.

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

*Alternative sentencing via community service work and diversion programs: Clark pointed out that in July there will be a report from the Diversion Workgroup. Bauman indicated there will be a focus on diversion that provides the biggest bang for the buck. The same is true of the recommendation to expand diversion programs.

*Expand restorative justice models throughout Dane County: Clark indicated the CJC-RD subcommittee could take this on. Colas is interested in a report of the current Community Restorative Court. Ozanne stated that we are 18 months to 2 years out from an evaluation. He said the idea is to expand beyond the South District. Colas indicated that an evaluation would inform how we want to expand. Clark stated there will be an evaluation of the Brighter Future grant for younger offenders.

* Remodel the current jail to reflect a more humane and modern facility: Rusk stated that one decision has been made - that is to not move on with renovation to the 6th and 7th floor, except to address life-safety issues.

*Create and sustain a culturally diverse workforce: Esquesda stated there has been work by the Racial Equity Social Justice group to address this. Corrigan suggested that the Office for Equity and Inclusion would have a role in this. Clark will share this with Wes Sparkman. Rusk stated people who are hiring should be trying to broaden who the county employees are. Ozanne said the Employee Handbook will affect this. For this group, how far and wide do we advertise?

*Reduce the length of time in solitary confinement and administrative segregation: Corrigan indicated that this is connected to the need for a new facility. Rusk added that the Sheriff's Office has been able to decrease use of solitary confinement.

*Convene a leadership team of mental health providers, advocates and others, to explore the current system of financing mental health services and development of more cost effective, coordinated, sustainable, and comprehensive services: Ozanne commented about the need and the work in his office to address mental health early in the process.

2. Luminosity and Harvard debrief

With no objection, the council decided to first address the Luminosity and Harvard debrief.

Clark provided a review of the visit by the Luminosity and Harvard teams. They saw the entire criminal justice process, met individually and in groups. They will return in July for an extended meeting. Prior to that, there will be an open public meeting in the evening. On Thursday, July 28th there is a need for a three-hour meeting.

There was agreement that the public meeting will be on Wednesday, July 27th in the evening. It will be posted as a presentation, and a quorum may be present but no actions will be taken.

Clark will send a hold for 12:15 to 3:15 on Thursday, July 28th.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Thursday, June 2nd Committee of the Whole with Judge Calabrese and Brett Taylor from Red Hook New York.

Thursday, June 23rd - National Council for Crime and Delinquency will present at the CJC meeting. Additionally, Naomi Reyes will begin as a research analyst in support of Criminal Justice Council next week. Anhalt indicated that the small cities cohort also just hired a data analyst.

Three-hour meeting Thursday, July 28th.

Ozanne would like a discussion item regarding interaction between subcommittee; should recommendations come up, or assignments come down?

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Hoover spoke of the pre-trial services in New Jersey and diversion early to treatment. He also spoke of changes that came out of the jail report.

Saeman spoke to say that he is pleased that the data analyst has been hired. He will send Clark a list of things for her to address. He also spoke of the need for a crisis center.

H. Adjourn

The meeting was ajourned at 2:03 p.m.

A motion was made by CORRIGAN, seconded by ESQUEDA, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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