CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
OCTOBER 15, 2014
Law Enforcement Center – Room 1615

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Dennis Montabon, Keith Belzer, Tara Johnson, Scott Horne for Ramona Gonzalez, Jason Witt, Tom Locante, Steve Helgeson, Shawn Kudron, Monica Kruse, Troy Harcey, Rita Zindorf, Mike Desmond, Maureen Funk, Lisa Kruse

MEMBERS EXCUSED:
Ramona Gonzalez, Vicki Burke, Tim Gruenke, Dave Helgerson, Michael McHugh, Vicky Gunderson, Sharon Hampson

OTHERS PRESENT:
Jane Klekamp, Steve O’Malley, Duane Teschler, Bill Oldenberg, Kylie Hanson, Anne Jungen, Tom Weber, Janelle Krueger, Bev Heebsh, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MOTION by Belzer/Horne to approve the September 17, 2014 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. Motion carried unanimously (Burke, Gruenke, Helgerson, McHugh, Gunderson, Hampson excused).

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS:

Sheriff – the jail population is at 186 today which is reasonable. The target number is 175.

Public Defender – they are adding an attorney in their office, which is an additional position. Interviews are being done this week so hopefully in the in the next few months, the new person will be starting.

Human services – several Human Services staff will be participating in a discussion which the City Planning Department is facilitating with regards to housing barriers for clients on their paths to self-sufficiency. This was an issue that rose to top of discussions within their department.

They have received word that the Department of Corrections has approved their request for $15,000 to continue the work of the Juvenile Task Force with technical assistance to this group as it moves into its implementation phase in January.

Public Relations & Outreach Committee – Jane has done a few talks to the universities regarding the work of the CJMC. There is a newer version now that includes Ophelia’s House, as well as the pretrial work that is being done. Jane is going to Washington today to talk to a panel of experts looking at women in the criminal justice system.

Judges – they are doing a transition in the treatment courts – Judge Bjerke will now be focusing on Veterans Court and Judge Horne will be taking over drug court as of November 1st. They are also looking at some modifications in the OWI Court procedures.
County Board – they are finishing up the final stages of the budget process for 2015. The current version of the County Administrator’s budget, subject to County Board editing, there are three additional jailer positions included in the budget. For the past 2 years, there has been a place holder for either jail positions or road repair. The new jail pod will not be opened but these new positions will handle fluctuations in the jail population. The budget will be finalized on November 12th.

EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING APPLICATION
A few months ago, Jane asked the CJMC what they wanted to focus on. This was part of Wisconsin’s larger application to the National Institute of Corrections, so Wisconsin would be chosen as an evidence based decision making state. Wisconsin has now been accepted. Now we have to lobby to be one of 6 counties to be included in getting the technical assistance for a 1-1 ½ year period. Jane distributed the first page of some of the information they are asking for. Jane passed around a sheet asking how long each council member has held their current position. Following are the other questions on the application that were discussed:

**EBDM application**

- How long in current position
- Which public sector agency that will serve as the lead
- Statement from team members that the framework has been read
- Short and long term goals
- Evidence the team is willing to make the commitment (kick off meeting in early 2015 and monthly meetings.

The council was to pick 3-4 of the following key decision points. The highlighted bullet points were the ones the CJMC decided to focus on:

- Arrest decisions
- **Pretrial status decisions**
- Diversion/deferred prosecution decisions
- **Charging decisions**
- **Plea decisions**
- Sentencing decisions
- Local and state institutional intervention decisions
- **Local and reentry planning decisions**
- **Probation and parole intervention decisions**
- Community behavior change (treatment) interventions
- Violation response decisions
- Jail and prison discharge from criminal justice system decisions

PRETRIAL SERVICES UPDATE
Jane showed a few slides that she has put together so far regarding pretrial services – if we want the community to learn about what’s going on with pretrial services. Most of this information came from the Pretrial Justice Institute. Nationally, 6 in 10 of jail inmates are awaiting trial. Locally, 4 in 10 of jail inmates required cash to get out of jail, which is less than nationally, but still a significant amount.
On Monday when Jane looked at the numbers, of 190 inmates in jail, 105 were in jail for reasons other than cash bonds – probably sentences and probation holds, with other things mixed in. Of the cash requirements, 29 people were less than $1,000; 34 were between $1,001 and $5,000; 2 were between $5,000-$10,000; and 10 were between $10,000-$20,000; and 15 people were between $20,000 and $500,000.

**Pretrial process:** The new process will involve giving risk assessments to judges, which is the information they need to make informed bail decisions. This will include criminal history, mental health screening, employment, pending charges, how long at current residence, substance abuse screen, failure to appear history. These elements have been shown to be helpful to the courts when they are making decisions regarding bond.

**Alternatives to money bail:** GPS, curfew, court reminder, case manager, treatment therapy, drug testing, stay away order, preventive detention, travel restrictions.

The two new staff for this process have been hired, and the new process should be up and running prior to the next CJMC meeting in November.

**INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Mike Desmond informed the council that the Heroin Task Force has new issue: the DEA has stopped with the prescription drop off disposal. They are looking into other options.

At the Judiciary & Law Committee this month, the Medical Examiner reported that there have been no drug overdose deaths so far in 2014; last year there were 13.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Medical Examiner
- Heroin Task Force update

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** November 19th at 7:30 a.m.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

**Approved November 19, 2014 - Recorded by Terri Pavlic**