**Committee or Board:** CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday, December 16, 2015

**Meeting Place:** Law Enforcement Center – Room 1615
400 N. 4th St., La Crosse, WI 54601

**Time of Meeting:** 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

**Purpose of Meeting:** Monthly Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the November 18, 2015 minutes of the CJMC
3. Public Comment*
4. Status Reports:
   - a. Sheriff/Jail
   - b. Public Defender
   - c. Corrections
   - d. Human Services (J.S., Juv. Justice, Clinical)
   - e. District Attorney
   - f. Judges
   - g. County Board
   - h. Data Workgroup
   - i. EBDM Workgroup
5. Western Technical College Grant
6. Pretrial Process Update
7. Statistics
8. Informational/Miscellaneous Items
9. Future Agenda Items
10. Adjourn

**News Media**
- La Crosse Tribune
- Coulee News
- WKBH / WLFN
- WLSU
- WKBTV
- WIZM
- WXOW
- Holmen Courier
- Fox News

**Other**
- Kim Vogt
- Tom Skemp
- John Medinger
- Tom Jacobs
- Mayor Timothy Kabat
- Peter Kinziger
- Patrick Brummund
- Jim Speropulos
- Bridget Todd
- Jeff Trotnic
- Mark Clements
- Jeff Wolf
- Judges Bjerke, Levine, Horne, Doyle
- Bradley Hompe
- Anne Junger
- Crystal Jensen
- Ron Tischer
- Patrick Barlow
- Tommy Gubbin

**Committee Members**
- Keith Belzer
- Tara Johnson
- Ramona Gonzalez
- Vicki Burke
- Tim Gruenke
- Jason Witt
- Jerri Hertel/Jean Young
- Tom Locante
- Steve Helgeson
- Shawn Kudron
- Monica Kruse
- Troy Harcey
- Rita Zindorf
- Michael McHugh
- Maureen Funk
- Vicky Gunderson
- Lisa Kruse
- Sharon Hampson
- Pat Soell

**Members:** If unable to attend, call Terri Pavlic at (608) 785-9700.

*Public Comment:* The Committee may receive information from the public, but the Committee reserves the right to limit the time that the public may comment and the degree to which members of the public may participate in the meeting.

**Persons with Disability:** If you need accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Terri Pavlic at (608) 785-9700 as soon as possible.

**Date Notice Faxed/Mailed/Emailed and Posted:** December 10, 2015

_This meeting may be recorded and any such recording is subject to disclosure under the Wisconsin Open Records Law._
CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 21, 2015 MINUTES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MOTION by Gonzalez/Burke to approve the October 21, 2015 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. Motion carried unanimously; Gruenke, Witt, Harcey, McHugh, Funk, Gunderson, L. Kruse excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Peter Kinziger was present to express his opinion regarding LSI assessments, and how long he feels they should take. He also voiced his opinions on Ophelia’s House, evidence based practices, court-based programs (Veterans Court and Domestic Violence Court) without treatment components; control groups and treatment groups.

STATUS REPORTS:

Sheriff – jail numbers are creeping up; jail population was 218 this morning, and technically we have 217 beds.

DOC – they have been down a field supervisor position, but interviews are scheduled for mid-December. They have 3 new agents who are in agent basic training. They will also be hiring two more agents due to a couple of vacancies. Once these last two positions are filled, they will be fully staffed. The department is moving forward with trauma informed care, which should be implemented by May 2016. The judges, in conjunction with Human Services, will issue a letter of support.

Judges – high numbers in jail reflect higher numbers in courts.

County Board – the 2016 budget was passed at the November County Board meeting.

EBDM work group – Mark Carey is our technical assistance person for the evidence based decision making process. He will be doing a 3-hour overview of evidence based practice on December 3rd. If you are interested in attending, please let Jane Klekamp know.

RECRUITMENT/MEMBERSHIP FOR THE CJMC
Jane Klekamp distributed the current membership list for the Criminal Justice Management Council. Currently there is one citizen member vacancy (Mike Desmond) and a DOC vacancy, with a couple of other citizen member vacancies approaching. Discussion ensued
regarding recruiting citizen members, and who might be a good candidate. The DOC has made a commitment to have either Jean Young or Jeri Hertel come to the meetings. Some suggestions were to have someone from the health care industry or someone from AMOS for the citizen member vacancies.

**BAN THE BOX**
Jane Klekamp has done some research on the Ban the Box movement and distributed some information from the National Employment Law Project. Removing questions about conviction history from job applications is a simple policy change that eases hiring barriers and creates a fair chance to compete for jobs. Some states, cities and counties, as well as employers, are taking stands on this to remove these barriers.

Research shows:
- Removing job barriers for people with records helps the economy
- Employing formerly incarcerated people improves public safety
- Children and families suffer when people with records can’t work
- Fair chance policies help people with records get jobs
- Personal contact and context put a criminal record in perspective, giving applicants a fair chance
- Employers find valued workers
- Fair chance policies have proven effective

It was decided to form a small work group to meet with some of the HR departments of local business. Megan Chapman, Coordinator for Community Corrections Employment Program, will be asked to be a part of this group, along with Pat Soell, Pat Brummond (possibly), and Jane Klekamp. This group will report back at the next CJMC meeting in December.

**ORDINANCE UPDATE**
Jane Klekamp distributed and discussed proposed changes to Section 1.58 of the La Crosse County Code of Ordinances for the Criminal Justice Management Council. **MOTION** by Hampson/Gonzalez to approve the ordinance changes. **Motion carried unanimously;** Gruenke, Witt, Harcey, McHugh, Funk, Gunderson, L. Kruse excused.

**SET THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL RETREAT**
It was decided to hold the annual retreat in May 2016 to include new members who will be coming on board in April, as well as members that are going off the Council. The date will be May 18 from 8:00 to noon.

Some ideas brought up for possible topics at the retreat were:
- Boot camp programs/grow academy
- State issues
- Trauma informed care
- Community conversation – criminal justice issues in general
- Recruitment of CJMC members

If anyone has any other ideas, please get them to Jane or Keith Belzer.

**STATUS OF THE RESOLUTION REGARDING 17 YEAR OLDS**
As the Council directed at the last meeting a resolution was drafted regarding the legislation of putting 17 year olds back into the juvenile justice system. This went to the Judiciary & Law Committee where it passed; and then went to the Health & Human Services Board where it also
passed. There was a Motion to Amend the resolution at the HHS Board to take out the part about the 17 year olds and just ask the State to provide financial support to the counties when making the move. The amendment did not pass, but the same amendment came to the County Board, and it looked like it may pass that way. Steve Doyle asked that it be referred back to the committees in the December cycle. Keith Belzer will compose a letter and send to all County Board members reminding them of the original intent and recommendations coming out of the CJMC.

INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Mike Desmond was presented with a certificate of recognition for his great work on the CJMC.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- Juvenile Justice Changes

ADJOURN
There being no further business, MOTION by Gonzalez/Soell to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 a.m. Motion carried unanimously; Gruenke, Witt, Harcey, McHugh, Funk, Gunderson, L. Kruse excused.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting

Recorded by Terri Pavlic