MEMBERS PRESENT:  Keith Belzer, Tara Johnson, Ramona Gonzalez, Vicki Burke, Jason Witt, Jean Young, Jerri Hertel, Tom Locante, Jason Melby, Monica Kruse, Troy Harcey, Maureen Funk, Vicky Gunderson, Lisa Kruse, Sharon Hampson, Pat Soell

MEMBERS EXCUSED:  Tim Gruenke, Steve Helgeson, Rita Zindorf, Chuck Ashbeck

OTHERS PRESENT:  Steve O'Malley, Jane Klekamp, Rukmini Vasupram, Donna Christianson, Jason Larsen, Dayna Albitz, Steve Anderson, Bev Heebsh, Joe Sumner, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MOTION by Gonzalez/Burke to approve the February 17, 2016 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. Motion carried unanimously; Gruenke, Helgeson Zindorf, and Ashbeck excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS:
Sheriff – The jail numbers are starting to creep up again.

DOC – They are working on data conversion of Risk Needs Assessments, which need to be done manually for all offender records. April 4th is the “go live” date, and they are on target for this. Also, approximately a year ago, the DOC rolled out a Behavioral Rewards Program as a way for agents to offer incentives to offenders for positive behavior. Quite a few of the newer staff are only given a short snapshot of this in their 8-week training, so some of them will be “retrained” on this module.

The DOC has a conflict on May 18th, and will not be able to attend the CJMC Retreat that day. It was discussed whether or not the date should be changed. Jane will send out a doodle poll to the council members.

Human Services – March is the kick off of their budget planning. They held their first session and identified priorities. This is the 6th year of reduced funding for the department. The Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association has put together their initial budget priorities. Jason Witt was glad to see that one of their top 6 priorities was increased funding for Child Protective Services. Jason also indicated that they have been doing a whirlwind tour of the different schools in La Crosse centered on the Rebuilding for Learning effort.

County Board – The Family Collaborative presentation (later on the agenda) was also shared with the County Board at their Policy Planning meeting. County Board Chair Johnson reminded everyone that April 5th is Election Day - please be sure to vote.

EBDM – The EBDM team has identified the priorities have divided into subgroups that will establish plans to implement the priorities. The work is to be completed by June and La
Crosse County will apply for Phase VI when it’s released. A survey is being distributed to assess where we are in our understanding of evidence based practices.

**LA CROSSE AREA FAMILY COLLABORATIVE**

Jason Larsen, Director of the La Crosse Area Family Collaborative and Supervisor of Community and Preventative Programs, was present to discuss the Family Collaborative.

Jason gave a brief history of how the Collaborative was formed. In early 2014, the Community Collaboration Committee was a faith based group with non-profit partners had a desire to do things differently, which lead to the idea of a neighborhood focused prevention model. This then lead to Joining Forces for Families. Several individuals and groups from the county went to Madison to look at the Joining Forces for Families model in Dane County.

The La Crosse Area Family Collaborative was formed with about 30 founding partners helping design it and many are still partners and active today. The Collaborative is a proactive, neighborhood centered prevention model to bring assistance to La Crosse area children, youth and families in a manner that is highly accessible, responsive and empowering. They work with families on housing challenges, mental health challenges, parenting challenges and financing challenges.

Jason showed data of Child Protective Services (CPS) referrals, Juvenile Justice (JJ) referrals and percent of crime analysis in certain neighborhoods. This shows that 10% of the city population is accounting for over a quarter of all CPS referrals, JJ referrals, and crimes. The neighborhoods of Washburn, Powell-Poage Hamilton, Lower North Side Depot and Logan North make up about 20% of the city population and accounts for half of these referrals for CPS, JJ and certain neighborhood crimes.

**The Family Collaborative Prevention Strategy:**
- Stabilize families to avoid entry into emergency care systems
- Target geographically
- Relationship based and flexible

**LAFC Model: Neighborhood Based Social Workers:**
- Offices located in neighborhood offices in Lower Northside Depot/Logan North and Powell-Poage Hamilton/Washburn areas
- Build Familiarity and Trust through Networking. Community Presence and Participation
- Pro-actively working with individuals and families to avoid entry into emergency care systems and promoting self sufficiency

**Goals:**
1. Reduce CPS Referrals within target neighborhoods by 10%
2. Reduce JJ Referrals with target neighborhoods by 10%
3. Create La Crosse Area Family Collaborative Led Diversion Programs for our youth by 2017
4. Enhanced systems of care

**Early Success:**

**Stabilizing Families:**
- Connecting single parents to mental health supports
- Helping families obtaining stable housing
- Addressing multiple chronic truancy issues

**Overcoming System Barriers:**
• Navigation & Enrollment (esp. Housing & Employment Training)
• Immediate Help (while enrollment pending)
• Flexibility and time to develop trusting relationship

Creating Relationships and connecting clients:
• School/Parent Advocacy
• Parenting groups
• Budgeting/Financial Counseling

Hearing Overwhelmingly Positive Community Feedback
• Teachers
• Police Officers
• Faith Partners

What we’re seeing and doing...
• Created a transportation fund to offset the use of our primary resource pool for auto repairs
• FSPA sisters and the LAFC have a 3-bedroom apartment for short term stays while we work to stabilize and find resources for families
• Independent resource pool – financial and volunteer pool owned by and comprised of area faith based groups and their partners
• Resident MD’s and LAFC – making home visits and other community health work alongside LAFC
• Juvenile justice and system of care work – working with juvenile justice, school district, and others to form a system of care to enhance and strengthen diversion options for youth

CRISIS/EMERGENCY DETENTION UPDATE
Donna Christianson, Integrated Support & Recovery Services Supervisor, gave a brief presentation on the Crisis Program, which is a state certified program under Chapter 34. This means we need to meet several criteria such as staffing, training, services provided, and we get reviewed every two years to get recertified. The program has been up and running since 2001. We are working to regionalize all of our mental health and substance abuse programs.

DHS 34: Emergency Mental Health Services Program Components:
• Telephone Mobile
• Walk-in
• Linkage and Coordination
• Short Term Voluntary or Involuntary Hospital Care
• Services for Children and Adolescents and their Families
• Crisis (Prevention) Planning

Crisis Stabilization is an optional program component that La Crosse County provides either in a person’s home or in a variety of settings, during a transitional period of crisis. Some of these options include Western Regional Adolescent Center, Lutheran Social Services: Foster Homes, Family & Children Center Youth Home; Family & Children Center Treatment Foster Homes; CARE Center, Sienna Hall.

Crisis Response Options:
• Telephone support
• Next day therapy appointment/short-term therapy
• Crisis prescribing/triage clinic
Crisis stabilization placement follow up
- Short-term case management
- Development of a crisis plan
- Connection to community resources/providers
- Community Bridges
- Hospital liaison: Chapter 51 disposition and discharge planning

Donna showed a graph with the Chapter 51 Emergency Detentions between 2006-2015. Due to community efforts these numbers have dropped significantly.

**Impact on emergency detentions**
- 2006-2012: CIT Training
- 2009: Change in the law
- 2010: Opening of the CARE Center
- 2011: Process Improvement Project

Donna showed a graph with the number of contacts by Law Enforcement between 2005 and 2015. In 2005-2006 we started training in officers’ inservice for 1-3 hours and started getting them more familiar with crisis situation. CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) Training began in 2006 (through 2012) which is a 40-hour course for patrol officers and other first-responders. In 2009, there was a change in the law where it became the County Crisis Program’s responsibility to authorize Chapter 51s. Prior to this, it was Law Enforcement’s responsibility. In 2010, the CARE Center opened. In 2011, a Nyatex Process Improvement Project was done with the Crisis Teams.

Some challenges with the CIT Training is that there is turnover of officers, and the training takes 40 hours, plus staff coverage. The cost of the training; coverage for the officers; securing funding sources; time and expense of setting up a 40 hour training; many presenters to coordinate are some of the other challenges involved. Jason Witt will talk to Sheriff Helgeson and to the Mental Health Coalition, and report back to the CJMC.

**INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**
A letter will be sent out to the Tribune re: Ban the Box. The Governor has signed this bill.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- CIT Training for officers

**ADJOURN**
There being no further business, **MOTION** by L Kruse/Soell to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously;** Gruenke, Helgeson Zindorf, and Ashbeck excused.

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

Recorded by Terri Pavlic