CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL RETREAT
MARCH 15, 2017
ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER – Room 1107

| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Keith Belzer, Jessica Skemp for Tim Gruenke, Ramona Gonzalez, Vicki Burke, Jason Witt, Jerri Hertel, Jean Young, Tom Locante, Steve Helgeson, Jason Melby, Monica Kruse, Chuck Ashbeck, Vicky Gunderson, Sharon Hampson, Pat Soell |
| MEMBERS EXCUSED: | Margaret Larson, Troy Harcey, Lisa Kruse, Margaux Carrimon, Shaundel Spivey |
| OTHERS PRESENT: | Megan DeVore, Jane Klekamp, Mandy Bisek, Dayna Albitz, Jeff Wolf, Bev Heebsh, Molly Hilligoss, Terri Pavlic |

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 15, 2017 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MOTION by Young/Hampson to approve the above minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. Motion carried unanimously; Larson, Harcey, L. Kruse, Carrimon and Spivey excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS:

Sheriff – the jail population has gone way up again; functionally it should be at 175 but twice in the last few weeks it has been at 240; have had 50 females which is very high. Everyone is trying hard to reduce these numbers.

Corrections – they were able to secure .25 for a secretarial position in their department; they already had a .75 position so this makes it a full-time position.

Jerri and Jean went through every probation hold that is in jail so they are keeping an eye on the population that they have in jail.

Human Services – they are in the hiring process for the Human Service Deputy Director position. Dean Ruppert, Deputy Director, is retiring mid-May. The second round of interviews for this position is scheduled for Monday.

They have been notified by the Wisconsin Department of Justice with regards to Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative that they are ready for the second round of roll out and La Crosse County can participate in this. Wisconsin is a JDAI state which helps provide alternatives to corrections for young people.

District attorney – they have been experiencing a lot of turnover in their department; they are losing their most experienced Assistant District Attorney

Judges – as part of the pretrial conversation, Judge Gonzalez and Jerri Hertel got together to discuss what they thought would be helpful. One thing identified was to have the DOC give a presentation of what they can and cannot do. The DOC will be giving this presentation on March 29th at noon. This will be a brown bag session for private attorneys, Public Defenders, prosecutors, and judges.
Judge Gonzalez mentioned the legislation being proposed regarding expansion of the law to allow any juvenile to be placed in a secure residential care center, juvenile corrections or the Serious Juvenile Offender Program for any act that would be a felony if committed by an adult. Mandy will send out a link to this.

She also asked council members to take a look at the Governor’s Budget and see what legislation will impact our area. She feels that there may be a lot in there that could impact us.

County Board – there will be a referendum on the April ballot regarding the Primary Resort Area Tax (PRAT), which would go towards roads.

Community Treatment Options – Joe Larson has been interviewing treatment providers. Some have responded to his request for an interview, however there are a number of organizations in the community who have not responded or agreed to an interview.

Pretrial workgroup – they are starting to focus on the expectations that the State has come out with for pretrial pilot sites.

RACIAL JUSTICE – MOLLY HILLIGOSS
Molly Hilligoss, Director of Social Justice and Advocacy with the YWCA, was present for ongoing discussions regarding Racial Justice. Last month, the following definitions were discussed:

Racism: prejudice against people of color plus power
Institutional Racism: Society’s self-perpetuating system of racism
White privilege: Advantages, granted on an ongoing basis, that propel white-skinned people toward favored status and favored goods, benefits, services and protections of society. White privilege has the effect of over-empowering white-skinned people in society.
Racial justice: An environment that nourishes the potential and abilities of every individual regardless of the color of their skin.

Molly distributed a survey that asked for members’ own personal opinions or values, which included several questions to see where the council members stood on certain issues.

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<td>1.) I believe talking about racism is negative, divisive and polarizing</td>
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<td>2.) I believe we all get what we deserve in life</td>
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<td>3.) I believe that bias exists within our systems</td>
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<td>4.) I believe that most law enforcement officers do the best they can in every situation</td>
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<td>5.) I believe that judges should consider race when making decisions</td>
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<td>6.) I believe that low level drug crimes are being prosecuted as they should be</td>
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<td>7.) I believe that racism is not really a problem because we don't have that many people of color in the community</td>
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8.) I believe that the kind of overt racial bias and discrimination we saw in the past does not exist today 0 1 14 4 0

9.) I believe there are policies in place that disproportionately impact poorer people 9 9 1 0 0

10.) I believe the judicial system is fair to people of color 0 3 14 1 1

11.) I believe people who use / abuse drugs deserve to be incarcerated 0 2 11 6 0

12.) I believe that race relations are getting better 0 6 12 0 1

13.) I believe those within the criminal justice system have access to all the services they need 0 0 9 10 0

Her second exercise had members write down:

1. Where are there opportunities for us to gather data or look at issues within our system regarding disproportionality or racial justice

**ANSWERS:**
- Police contacts (numbers for the day and reason for the contact)
- Arrests
- Community conversations/training
- Cross system training
- Community policing perception
- Law enforcement resources
- Treatment option/resources
- Data collection from Public Defenders Office
- Demographic data collection
- Revocation data base
- DA’s charging decisions
- Decision Points
- Utilize objective decision making tools
- Jail population and length of stay for pre-convictions
- Incarceration sig bond or cash bond; revoke or not revoke
- Sentencing decision point
- Save money by doing things differently

2. What are the barriers to dealing with these issues?

**ANSWERS:**
- Money
- Time
- Collecting meaningful data
- Trust
- Bias
- Resistance to change
- Values
- Over-simplifying the data collected

**INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS** – Margaux Carrimon has resigned from the CJMC so there is a vacancy on the Council.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** –
- Start mapping details of the adult system.
Update on the legislation being proposed regarding expansion of the law to allow any juvenile to be placed in a secure residential care center, juvenile corrections or the Serious Juvenile Offender Program for any act that would be a felony if committed by an adult.

ADJOURN
There being no further business, MOTION by Gonzalez/Skemp to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 a.m. Motion carried unanimously; Larson, Harcey, L. Kruse, Carrimon and Spivey excused.

APPROVED April 19, 2017 - Recorded by Terri Pavlic