CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER – ROOM 1615

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Tim Gruenke, Dr. Lisa Kruse, Scott Horne, Sharon Hampson, Jeff Wolf, Jerri Hertel, Monica Kruse, Margaret Larson, Margaret Larson, Araysa Simpson, Jayne Rifenberg, Joella Strieble, Jason Witt, Stephanie Young, Dr. Suthakaran Veerasamy

MEMBERS EXCUSED:  Chuck Ashbeck, Vicki Burke, Dr. Troy Harcey, John Medinger, Jason Melby

OTHERS PRESENT:  Tara Johnson, Jane Klekamp, Megan DeVore, Mandy Bisek, Steve Anderson, Jenna Rose, Beverly Heebsh, Keith Knudtson, Gary Tyler, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Tim Gruenke called the meeting to order at 7:33a.m.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 15, 2018 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MOTION by Larson/Hampson to approve the August 15, 2018 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. Motion carried unanimously; Ashbeck, Burke, Harcey, Medinger and Melby excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS:
Sheriff’s Department – this week the jail population is over 200 with 40+ females; a significant amount of these arrests have been from meth and bail jumping.

Public Defender – a new attorney, Allison West, will be starting at the Public Defender’s Office October 1st. They will then be fully staffed.

DOC – moving forward with the smart supervision grant.

Human Services – the state-wide juvenile corrections project is moving forward slowly; Eau Claire County has opted out so La Crosse County will be the only contender for western Wisconsin.

DA – the Prosecution Academy went very well; 22 people attended; all were very interested and would like to see a second meeting in the future.

Judges – reimbursement levels for private attorneys taking Public Defender cases have been at $40/hr. for 20+ years resulting in these attorneys not wanting to take these cases. This has an impact on the entire criminal justice system.

County Board – working on budget; also developing voter education plan for transportation referendum.

Prettrial workgroup – Judge Horne and Jane Klekamp are on the Legislative Study Committee that is discussing the Wisconsin bail reform; there are 3 more meetings to go
and they will make recommendations to the Wisconsin Legislature. The main focus is on bail and use of risk assessment tools.

**PRESENTATION BY GARY TYLER**
Gary Tyler was present to share his experience. He was falsely accused and charged with murder at the age of 16; he was tried and convicted of 1st degree murder and sentenced to Angola maximum-security prison in Louisiana. At age 17 he was the youngest inmate to be incarcerated on death row. After more than four decades of incarceration, Mr. Tyler was released from Angola in April 2016. For his full story, see the two articles submitted with the agenda.

**HEROIN TASK FORCE STATUS UPDATE**
In 2013, the La Crosse community had a conversation about the Heroin epidemic and the La Crosse County Heroin & Other Illicit Drug Task Force was formed. Jane Klekamp distributed a list of their accomplishments. They have been meeting for 5 years, but are now morphing into the Institutes for Health Care Improvement, getting more involved in the public health component. The La Crosse Community Foundation has dedicated funding, along with the hospitals; Al Bliss with the Health Department will also shift his time over to work with task force. This group will also focus on the medical side of prescription drugs.

**FOLLOW UP FROM AUGUST MEETING DISCUSSION ON JAIL MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PERCEPTIONS**
At last month’s CJMC meeting, the controversial video from the Sheriff’s Department was discussed. Some community members felt that this video portrayed the jail and inmates in a negative way and offended those with mental illness, had substance abuse issues, etc. This agenda item was put back on for discussion and so that members are aware that the jail has done a lot in the area of mental health, substance abuse treatment, programming in the jail, etc. The CJMC has supported and promoted programming in the jail, mental health therapy, substance abuse therapy, interventions offered to defendants in jail, etc.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**
- October 17: regular meeting
- November 16: 8:00 a.m. – noon – retreat
- November 21: CANCELLED
- December 19: regular meeting

**INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** None noted

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None noted

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, **MOTION** by Hampson to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 a.m.  **Motion carried unanimously;** Ashbeck, Burke, Harcey, Medinger and Melby excused.

**APPROVED October 17, 2018 - Recorded by Terri Pavlic**