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

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2018 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL RETREAT
MOTION by Veerasamy/Burke to approve the November 16, 2018 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. Motion carried unanimously; L. Kruse, Melby, Rifenburg excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS:

Sheriff’s Department – jail population keeps going up; currently at 187; have been close to 200 quite a bit with 35-40 females.

Public Defender – continue to struggle with getting conflict cases out, but there is momentum for trying to raise the private bar rate.

DOC – nothing to report

Human Services – had first Design Team meeting to discuss if La Crosse would become a regional correctional facility. There are still a lot of questions in whether the State will move the timeline and add more funding.

District Attorney – nothing to report

Judges – reiterated that it is a crisis situation in trying to get attorneys to take on Public Defender cases for such a minimal rate.

County Board – accepted a grant for addressing opioid issues.

Pretrial Workgroup – there is a Legislative Study Committee that is still meeting – the focus has been on the potential of changing the constitution for preventative detention statute that is “unusable” in the State of Wisconsin. They are also talking about bail jumping and the potential of only allowing bail jumping to be a misdemeanor and not a felony. JSS has received NCIC access, which will allow them to do full and thorough criminal background checks on a national basis. They have also revised pre and post
 diversion protocol for the County, which they will present to the Defense Bar in January. They continue to work with the State Pretrial Pilot to standardize what pretrial assessments and protocols look like across the state. We are 1 of 7 counties that are part of this pilot.

LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT
Scott Mihalovic was present to discuss the Lighthouse Project, which is a peer run respite center “A Beacon of Hope”. This has been in the planning stages for the last two years, and is an off-shoot of the former Heroin Task Force.

What is peer respite care?
Peer respite care provides a home-like environment available short-term to those challenged with substance use disorder while receiving peer support from individuals who have successfully recovered from similar experiences. In addition to being a safe haven, the objective is to provide “hope and promise” to those voluntarily seeking support.

Why is peer respite care needed?
• Provide a crisis alternative
• Provide a place for hope and promise to break a pattern of use and addiction
• Lower cost compared to hospitals and other detox centers

Who do we Serve?
• Those suffering from opioids or meth addiction in need of a safe place
• Those ready to seek help for their addiction
• Those beginning a non-medical Detox
• Those who may be awaiting a spot in formal treatment center

This is not:
• Intended to be a drop in center
• A transitional facility
• For those suffering from alcohol abuse

Crisis alternative
• Non-medical detox and less expensive alternative program
• Secure and judgement-free environment
• Hope and Promise to diminish external intervention
  o Connection to peers while experiencing challenging thoughts, impulses, or feelings
  o Offers short-term solutions and options for handling future crises

Hope and Promise
• Voluntary admit or self referral
• Less impact and greater compassion
• Provides a bridge & momentum to a healthier lifestyle
• Provides temporary and secure shelter

Lighthouse Mission and Vision
Mission: to establish individual community resources that will support, preserve and enhance the dignity and rights of those battling the disease of addiction and in doing so, seek their own level of recovery and independence.
**Vision:**
- The lighthouse will work to support and empower those challenged with substance abuse disorder and educate the community on this illness, while providing a safe, homelike environment
- We will provide community connections, housing and support group programming. In addition to being a safe haven, the objective is to provide “hope and promise” to those voluntarily seeking support.

**Goals:**
- Maintain a safe, comfortable environment in a residential setting
- Provide linkage with other providers to aide in the therapeutic process as soon as possible
- To assist guests to find the means to establish other levels of care
- Develop a preliminary individualized treatment plan with the guest to include identification of needs, goals and activities designed to meet those needs
- Provide access 24 hours/day, 7 days/week

**Lower costs**
- $6 million per year saved from drug poisonings for ER and inpatient hospitalizations at Gundersen Health Systems
- $1.8 million in foster care (out of home placement) for parents having substance abuse disorder and unable to maintain custody of their own children (Health & Human Services)
- Annual cost of Medicated Assisted Treatment = $6,205 vs. annual cost of incarceration in jail - $46,625

**Lighthouse Funding**
- Free to guests
- Will primarily rely on grants and the generosity of individuals and businesses within our area communities.

**RETREAT SUB-GROUP REPORT OUT:**

A. Understanding White Identity – Tim Gruenke reported that in the past they had done many things but wanted to try something more in-depth. They will begin to expand on a certain topic throughout the year at CJMC meetings each month.

B. Model Arrest Policies – they are trying to find research for pretrial release conditions and figure out if there is a correlation between safety and having these conditions and monetary bail. Following is some information from an email Dr. Kruse sent, who was unable to attend today’s meeting:

> “Overall, and so far these are the conclusions from the research (some will likely not be surprising):

- Detention during the pretrial phase is correlated with longer sentences after conviction (more likely to get jail/prison time and longer periods in detention). It also comes with the potential for significant life disruptions: job, family relations, mental health
- The higher the amount of bail, the less likely it is that an individual will post. Monetary bail has not been found to be correlated with public safety or appearance at court dates. Bail amounts are consistent with charges (so bail amounts go up with severity of charges).
- Side note: there is concern out of California about the algorithm replacing monetary bail -- still looking into this research but the algorithm may be discriminatory
- There is racial discrimination in detention pretrial and bail amounts. African Americans and Hispanics are more likely to be detained and are given higher bond amounts (when controlling for charges) -- implicit bias and perception of dangerousness of these populations (public safety concerns are higher for these populations that we perceive as more dangerous)
- The more conditions placed on an individual, the more likely they are to violate the terms of their probation. Many jurisdictions have "standard conditions" of probation that are not correlated with effective public safety and not tailored to the needs of the individual. (This is the piece by the Yale Law Professor that I'm still looking through but am attaching it here for you all as well)

Also, I rewatched the Frontline documentary "Life on Parole" and I thought it might have some relevancy to the discussion being had for pretrial. [https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/life-on-parole/](https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/life-on-parole/)

I’ll have a more comprehensive and solidified review of the literature with references but it will have to be at the January meeting.”

C. Cumulative Disadvantage Data – this has been going on for quite some time so the group just needed to reassemble the information. This data was originally presented to the CJMC in February. The important decision points throughout the criminal justice system were broken down by race and gender. They looked at continued gaps and hope to bring back quarterly data dashboards beginning in March 2019.

D. System Process & Legislator Involvement – meaningful change in the criminal justice system is often dependent on legislative action; need to get legislators educated and on our side. It may be helpful to invite legislators and walk through the system; will also invite the media; the target date is March; possibly have ongoing meetings twice a year to check progress. Could also take some of these issues up with the WCA.

**CITIZEN MEMBER RECRUITMENT**
There are still a few open spots for citizen members on the CJMC. There was an add put in the La Crosse Tribune. If you know of anyone that is interested and would be a good fit, please encourage them to apply. Applications are due January 4th to County Board Chair Tara Johnson’s office. There will be a panel to interview the candidates; if any citizen member would like to be a part of this process, please let Mandy know.

**INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** None noted.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None noted.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 a.m.

**APPROVED January 16, 2019 - Recorded by Terri Pavlic**