CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER – ROOM 1615

| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Tim Gruenke, Dr. Lisa Kruse, Chuck Ashbeck, Kim Cable, Judge Scott Horne for Judge Gonzalez, Sharon Hampson, Jeff Wolf, Margaret Larson, John Medinger, Rob Abraham, Jayne Rifenberg, Joella Strieble, Jason Witt, Dr. Suthakaran Veerasamy, Mai Chao Duddeck, Carrie Rein |
| MEMBERS EXCUSDED: | Ramona Gonzalez, Dr. Troy Harcey, Jerri Hertel/Jean Young, Monica Kruse, Araysa Simpson, Stephanie Young |
| OTHERS PRESENT: | Bev Heebsh, Jim Verse, Jordan Vian, Evan Wenberg, Tim Jensen, Zach Fudge, Terri Pavlic |

CALL TO ORDER
Vice Chair Lisa Kruse called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 21, 2019 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MOTION by Abraham/Horne to approve the August 21, 2019 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. Motion carried unanimously; Gonzalez, Harcey, Hertel/Young, Kruse, Simpson and Young excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS:

Sheriff – average daily population last month was 143; today it was 157

Public defender – in a holding pattern until the private bar attorney rate increases on January 1st. If a private attorney accepts a case now, then they are locked into the old $40/hr. rate forever.

Human Services – Governor Evers reconstituted the Governor’s Juvenile Justice Commission. David Steinberg, Superintendent of La Crosse County Detention Center, has been appointed to this commission.

District Attorney – they officially got their 2 new positions; there are 60 positions state-wide so this may take awhile to get these positions filled.

County Board – will be starting work on the 2020 budget.

CHECK IN ON ALTERNATIVE RESPONSES TO BOND VIOLATIONS
For people with certain bond violations, a new system is in place where the PD can send the person to JSS instead of arresting them. Felony bail jumping violations are still being arrested. This will be put on next month’s agenda; Jason Melby will be bringing in stats for discussion.

UNDERSTANDING WHITE IDENTITY DISCUSSION
Joella Strieble, Dr. Suthakaran Veerasamy and Mai Chao Duddeck met to discuss how we should continue to keep these discussions moving forward. As we move into the next year, they asked Council members if this should just be imbedded into all conversations within the agenda topics, and not a specific line item on the agenda. After much discussion, it was
agreed that this will not be a separate agenda item, but instead be integrated into conversations.

**INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Rob Abraham noted that among the top 3 to 4 charges for African Americans, was possession of marijuana referred to the DA’s office. The La Crosse P.D. has issued a directive to allow officers the discretion to charge possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia as a municipal charge and then send the state charges over separately. Will look at data again in a year.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
- Rob Abraham’s issue regarding people being released on bonds and recommitting crimes
- Follow up implicit bias in System of Care
- Everyone is invited to Hmong New Year this weekend at Veterans Memorial Park September 21 and 22.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, Chair Gruenke adjourned the meeting at 8:31 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously;** Gonzalez, Harcey, Hertel/Young, Kruse, Simpson and Young excused.

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