CALL TO ORDER
Chair Tim Gruenke called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15, 2020 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MOTION by Abraham/Simpson to approve the January 15, 2020 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. Motion carried unanimously; Cable, Hampson, Young, Rifenberg and Rein excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS:
Sheriff/Jail – death in the jail recently

Public Defender – Thomas Rodes & Zacharia Fudge coach Logan HS mock trial team and team going to state, Thomas Huh has announced his retirement

Human Services – participated in a listening session for Children’s Mental Health with First Lady Evers, Children’s MH director Linda Hall, DCF Secretary Emily Amundson

Judges – grant evaluation of drug court currently in process will bring to CJMC to report out on when complete

County Board – retirement of Jay Loeffler, new Emergency Services manager hired, presentation on Jane’s role as associate county administrator

Pretrial Workgroup – cash bail panel discussion at library that was conducted with the community last week presented by Tim Gruenke, Judge Levine and Mandy Bisek

INMATE ACCESS TO BENEFITS WHEN INCARCERATED – LORI GRAFF, ES MANAGER
- Handout provided by Lori
- Food Share & WI Shares Child Care Assistance – benefits end when incarcerated
  o Rules around Huber
    ▪ Intend to return home
    ▪ Continue to exercise care and control of their children
    ▪ Continue to plan for support and care of their children
    ▪ Is released to attend to the need of their family
- Badger Care
  o Prenatal exception – covers through pregnancy and 60 days after
  o Inpatient exception – if in hospital for 24 hours or more eligible for MA
    ▪ Haven’t seen any requests come through La Crosse County
  o Currently MA is terminated instead of suspended when incarcerated. Can reapply prior to release – should apply after the 20th of the month before they will be released
    ▪ If within 10 days of release Forward Card sent to address of where they will be released to
    ▪ If more than 10 days use jail address
    ▪ Benefit kicks in when they are released – ES verifies release dates
  o As of October 2020, WI will start doing health care suspensions rather than terminations
    ▪ Automatically picks up again when they are released from jail
    ▪ Unsure of the process for notification yet – will be able to work out something locally with JSS if need be
- Economic Support Specialist located in JSS for ease of re-entry after jail release
  o Can see defendants in person if need be right from jail
- Translation services available
  o Hmong and Spanish speaking staff available
  o Phone translation services also available
- $750,000 medical contract / year for jail as inmates do not have health care coverage when incarcerated
- Question on private prisons – no private prisons in WI other than Milwaukee House of Corrections which technically is not owned by the County
- How do inmates get the meds they need when incarcerated?
  o Clients can get their own meds to the jail if available
  o If not available contracted health care provider arranges to get medications filled
- Economic Support Specialist Kristie is doing an educational session with jail inmates on benefits
- Residential substance abuse disorder treatment benefit has been delayed at the state level
  o Need to clarify their relationship with jails and department of corrections
  o Lori has information on how we can get updates on this
  o This would be very beneficial to the clients we serve in the CJ system
  o Potential for County input
  o DHS is looking for input from communities
- Threshold for Badger Care eligibility
  o Eligibility chart available on handout
  o Any thought on making eligibility on sliding fee level? Gap in coverage when a person begins working and doesn’t qualify for MA but also doesn’t yet qualify for the marketplace – potential issue for CJMC advocacy
    ▪ Because WI didn’t expand Medicaid
- Question about how MAT is covered in the jail – some covered by samples, or through medial provider

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE OFFICERS – UPDATE ON COMMUNITY POLICING – CAPTAIN DAN KLOSS, NRO AARON WESTPFAHL, & NRO DAN MANDUHANO
- Work closely with community resources
- Attend neighborhood meetings
- Talking and listening to people
- Philosophy of building trust in the neighborhoods they are in
- Looking to add in 2020
  o 2 new NRO’s starting next month with MTU and Park & Rec
- Changing schedules to also have NRO’s available and visible on Saturdays as well
- Hoping to add a UWl NRO by end of year – work hand in hand with University Police
- Add a lieutenant
- 11 NRO’s by the time they get new officers up and running
- PPH neighborhood
  o Major partners include: Hamilton Elementary, Gundersen, Pepsi, Houghtons, etc.
- Current Work on Huber Court
  o Most successful areas – presence in the housing area has rippled into schools where the children go
  o Partnership with: La Crosse Area Family Collaborative (LAFC), Housing, Boys & Girls Club (BGC), School District of La Crosse
  o Decrease in calls for service in this neighborhood
    - Neighborhood is handling it themselves with the help of the LAFC social worker embedded in the Huber neighborhood
  o Franke Grant helped to get the community center running again with BGC staff, LAFC social worker, etc.
- Pogue Park was formerly had a lot of issues in the past
  o NRO’s started spending more time at the park during summer programming and building relationships
  o 200 calls for service in summer 2017, by next year call cut in half
- Proactive program vs. reactive
- Extra training in this type of police work? – Wisconsin Association of Community Oriented Policing conference in town recently specializing in community oriented policing
- Internal application process for open NRO positions brought in 16 officers that are interested to see a different side from patrol
- How important do you think it is that the NRO’s reflect the makeup of the neighborhood they’re in? Important, but also most important to build the trust with the families in the neighborhood
  o Theme in law enforcement of having difficulty hiring diverse workforce
  o 16% diversity within La Crosse Police Department overall
  o Recruitment and retaining diverse workforce is difficult across sectors, not just law enforcement
    - Is it because those with diverse backgrounds do not feel welcome or a part of our community or appreciated?
    - If you build it they will come – word will spread
- Are there types of calls NRO’s are not yet reaching?
  o Doing some work with drug dealing
  o Domestic issues are difficult
- Mental Health First Aid training received
- Plans to rotate NRO positions – 3 year rotation with a max of 6 years
  o Point is to take those relationships back to patrol
  o Will have transition phase to introduce new Officers to the neighborhood
- Goal is to allow community to change their perception of the police, does it also change the police perception of those in our neighborhoods?
Helps remind them they are all people and changes their perceptions as well

INFORMATION / MISC. ITEMS
   Jane Klekamp – census information available through Jane if any of your agency needs census information; will go out mid-March – can be answered online

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
   Viterbo CJ Program updates on changes to Community Policing focus in April

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Chair Gruenke adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

APPROVED May 20, 2020 - Recorded by Mandy Bisek