

**Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Programs and Alternatives Standing Committee
February 10, 2010**

Peter Schuler called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Dick Manke	Sara Carpenter	Mike DeMares
Meg Schnabl	Sally Tess	D.J. Blum
Lee Wipfli	Peter Schuler (chair)	Jane Batha
Susan Andrews	Donna Martinez	

Committee Members Absent:

Lisa McLean	James Pearson	Linda Sumwalt
Diane Kelsner		

Also Present:

Rebecca Luczaj

Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2009

The minutes of October 21, 2009 were unanimously approved.

Review of 2009 Program Outcomes & Performance

Pretrial Screening Program – Carpenter said during 2009, the Pretrial Screening Program received 2,565 reports for the courts, interviewed 2,484 people and verified 726 reports. Of those interviewed, 403 self-reported having alcohol issues during intake, 380 self-reported drug issues and 448 self-reported to having mental health issues. Eighty percent of the clients enrolled in the program in 2009 were male, while 67% were Caucasian and 60% were between the ages of 18 to 34 years of age. Carpenter commented that statistical intake information outlined in the report is based upon interviews of clients and a secondary source.

Pretrial Supervision Program – Carpenter said the target census for the Pretrial Supervision Program is 130 clients. During 2009, 282 people were admitted saving 6,892 jail days. There has been a significant increase in the number of young opiate abusers in this program. This population requires a greater level of supervision and staff resources and are difficult to serve because they tend to be undereducated, unemployed and struggling. Even with the growth of young opiate abusers, the program still realized a compliance rate of 70% and saved 6,891 jail days.

Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program – Carpenter said during 2009, 1,256 people were supervised in the Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program saving 15,601 jail days with a 78% compliance rate. At the end of December, six case workers managed an active caseload of 430 participants. Ninety-one percent of the participants ended up in treatment. Fifty-seven percent of participants have been charged with their second OWI offense, 28% for third offense and 10% for fourth offense. Five people died while enrolled in the program. Thirty-nine percent of participants had BACs of 0.10-0.19 at admission while 29% had BACs of 0.20-0.29.

Operating After Revocation Program – Carpenter said there were 1,853 OAR cases on the court calendar in 2009 with 144 referred to the WCS program. Eighty-nine of the individuals were referred from a judge and 16 were self-referred. During the reporting period, the program had 217 new clients, a monthly active OAR caseload of 191 and closed 264 cases. Of the closed cases, 60% were able to reinstate their driving privileges. The majority of participants in the program were white males, 18 to 45 years of age.

Due to changes to OAR laws in July 2009, the OAR Program caseload is gradually decreasing. New, non-criminal penalties for OAR charges have moved about half of the OAR cases to municipal courts. WCS staff is discussing what to do with the program if the caseload continues to decrease. Schuler said the county tried to generate interest in an OAR pilot program for municipal courts when the law changed. The county executive recommended a program with phased down county funding that would eventually be paid for completely by the municipalities. When the recommendation was not received well, the county executive recommended the county paying for a larger share of the program. The municipalities were not in favor of either recommendation and did not want to contribute a share of the fines collected at the local level for a county wide OAR program.

Carpenter said the Center for Drivers License Recovery and Employability (DLRE) under WCS in Milwaukee is interested in meeting with the CJCC especially since so many Waukesha County program participants are from Milwaukee County. Staff from the DLRE made a presentation at the Pretrial Subcommittee prior to the law change when Waukesha County did not need such a program.

Schuler said eliminating the OAR Program will affect all of the WCS programs since the programs are bid as a group. Eliminating one program will affect administrative allocation of costs and services. Something needs to be done before the opportunity fades away. The program still has a significant caseload that needs to be administered. Wipfli said clients like this program because it provides an orientation of what is going on and is very helpful.

Carpenter said the Intoxicated Drivers Program has alarming statistics. The age of the clients is dropping while the number of repeat offenses is increasing. Currently there is a 16-year-old in the program with a second OWI offense. It is anticipated that this program will have its funding cut during the second half of 2010 so WCS staff is developing ideas to deal with the cut. DOT is implementing the new objective for IDIP all programs across the state to become self-sustaining in three years.

Schuler asked if the committee would like to develop a proposal on how to deal with the OAR Program, possibly one that deals with OARs across several counties. The committee unanimously agreed. Schuler said the committee may need to work on recommendations for the CJCC Executive Committee to deal with state funding reductions to the OWI Program.

Update on CDBG/CJCC Reentry Employment Services Contract

Luczaj said in an attempt to save some form of the Facilitated Employment Program for offenders (FEPO), Luczaj and Schuler sought funding from CDBG. CJCC collaborated with CDBG to post an RFP for \$25K for the Reentry Employment Services Program on October 30, 2009. Proposals were received from WCS, WOW Workforce Development and Insight LLC. Because WCS and WOW Workforce Development proposals scored similarly, an evaluation committee comprised of Mike Giese, Sue Zastrow, Cindy Greco and Luczaj held interviews December 7, 2009. WCS was awarded the \$25K contract for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2010. Luczaj said according to WCS the program is going well. The invoice will soon be received outlining program activity to date. The hope is that the success of the program will lead to additional CDBG funding.

Schuler said funding renewals and applications for 2010 CDBG funding begins in March and open applications are due in May. After hearing the CJCC presentation for the Reentry Employment Services Program, CDBG moved offender employment and training programs higher on the list of priorities.

Update on Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)/Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) Grant Application

Luczaj said CJCC will be submitting a grant application tomorrow for a funding opportunity through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and U.S. Department of HHS, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). If awarded, the grant would be for up to \$1,275,000 (\$300K from BJA and \$975K from CSAT), run for three years from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2013 targeting 150 fourth offense OWI offenders and eliminating the waiting list of third OWI offenders. Components of the grant include case management, screening and assessment, treatment services, medication-assisted treatment (MAT), wraparound services, evaluation and staff training. The grant's 25% in-kind match requirement of the \$300K BJA allotment would easily be covered with items such as program space, public defenders, court reporters, bailiffs, etc. Luczaj discussed the grant opportunity with Matt Hiller who agreed it would be beneficial to target fourth offense OWI offenders and eliminate the third time offenders waiting list. Luczaj said the budget will come in at about \$1,200,000 or approximately \$75K less than the total possible award. All needs have been accounted for in the budget. The chances of Waukesha County being awarded the grant are higher than in 2009 because Milwaukee County received the award in 2009 and is not in the running for this grant.

Blum asked if this will tie into WCS programming? Luczaj said it will expand ATC allowing WCS to hire two additional case managers.

Discuss January 2010 Tour of Milwaukee County's Community Justice Resource Center (CJRC) & Develop Recommendations for CJCC Community Corrections Center Study Committee

Schuler said the tour was complete and staff were very hospitable. The staff are truly a team with a vested interest in the Center. Luczaj said County Executive Vrakas requested a committee be formed to research options for the future Huber Facility and Day Report Center. The CJRC was toured with hopes of finding solutions and recommendations for the Community Corrections Center Study Committee (CCCSC) on a day report center that would be a one-stop shop in conjunction with Huber. While on the tour, she learned of the large increase in the number of referrals from the District Attorney's Office during the last three years. DA staff is very involved and goes to the center every two weeks for staffings. At the CCCSC meeting, Judge Davis asked District Attorney Schimel if his office could support that type of involvement and generate referrals for the center on Deferred Prosecution Agreements. Schimel commented that something definitely could be done and committed to working with his staff to gather estimates on the number of referrals his office could generate. Luczaj is not aware if the center would reduce the DA's workload and would like to invite someone from the Milwaukee County DA's Office to speak to the CCCSC about the CJRC.

Schuler said a weakness of resource centers not connected to Huber is the travel between facilities. Some people fail because they are unable to travel to and from Huber in a timely fashion or without stopping too many times along the way. More services could be provided in a Waukesha County resource center if space were found. In the past, several agencies volunteered to provide services at a resource center but that was when the economy was better. Schnabl asked how many partners would come into the center for free? The group provided the following list of potential partners: UW-Extension (education, nutrition, gardening), Women's Center, Prison Outreach, Waukesha County Public Health Department, pre-employment, Food Share, etc. Carpenter said services for AODA and mental health issues, employment and education would be needed. Schnabl suggested follow-up or transitional services.

Schnabl said she thinks space is available at the current Waukesha County Huber facility because a floor is closed. Minimal changes to the facility would be needed such as switching which floor is used and redesigning the front. If the space was used for programming, provisions would be needed in case the space was needed for Huber overflow. Planners would also have to feed, medicate and supervise Huber inmates accordingly. Putting a resource center further from Huber does not make sense. Any changes would need the approval of the Sheriff.

Schnabl asked what are the incentives or sentencing structures for participants? Would the Day Report Center be an enhanced program? Carpenter said services could be referred out. Schnabl said the relationship would have to be well defined. Schuler agreed sentencing would have to be worked out. Luczaj said more funding is needed.

Future Agenda Items

Review of CJCC programs

Recommendations for CJCC Community Corrections Center Study Committee

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 @ 8:30 am, HHS Boardroom

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.