

**MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL
Programs & Alternatives Committee**

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

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

Present: Peter Schuler (Chair), Judge J. Mac Davis, Sara Carpenter, Diane Kelsner, Meg Schnabl, Mike DeMares, Dick Manke, Susan Andrews, Betty Groenewold, Jane Batha, Linda Sumwalt, Jim Pearson, DJ Blum, and Sally Tess. **Absent:** Judges Don Hassin and Linda Van De Water, Donna Martinez, Lisa McLean, and Lee Wipfli.

Also Present: Linda Witkowski, Clara Daniels, Beth Frederick, and Barbara Nordberg.
Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Develop Recommendations for Community Corrections Center Study Committee to Expand Day Report Center to Include a Wider Array of Partners and Services

Schuler referred to the recent tour of the Milwaukee County Community Justice Resource Center (CJRC). He praised the one-stop environment that addressed the needs of the diverse populations within the facility. Milwaukee County offers an attractive variety of programs such as AODA relapse prevention, AODA intensive therapy, parenting classes, anger management, life skills, job search, GED preparation, case management, etc. Schuler noted that Waukesha County has funding issues whereas Milwaukee County's Day Report Center has a million dollar budget and a multitude of resources. Schuler asked for recommendations as to what we want to see here in Waukesha County to expand programming in our Day Report Center.

Schnabl said her sense from the Sheriff is that due to a lack of staff, he would want a more formal outline of what it would look like and how it would affect their operations and staffing. Schnabl spoke of population spikes at the Huber Facility and the need to open additional floors taking into consideration the reduction of 11 Corrections staff. Schuler thought this is a huge dilemma. He indicated Luczaj will return from maternity leave May 4 and with her knowledge, she can begin drafting an outline. Schuler asked members to advise him or Luczaj of their ideas. He believes the final draft will be similar to Milwaukee County, considering the budget, and over time we can build connections from the core up.

Update on 2009 Outcomes for AODA Services Contract & Discharge Planning Services

Schnabl said historically they have had a full-time educational transition worker in the jail. The AODA piece was cut from the Sheriff's budget and picked up by CJCC. It makes sense to keep this position full-time because inmates are receptive to the program. They have typically been through treatment many times and for many, this is the first time they have been sober in a long time. In the last couple of years they have added mental health credentials as requirements for this position because a lot of mental illness occurs along with AODA issues. There is also a half-time discharge/ transition worker. Both of these positions are contracted with Correct Care Solutions (CCS) and Frederick is the CCS administrator.

Schnabl advised the half-time worker left a week ago. They now realize that many inmates who need serious transition planning are mentally ill or have medical or discharge planning issues that need more than what she was able to provide as a social worker. Many inmates are referred back to the Sheriff's nursing/mental health staff. Schnabl asked Schuler if they could add mental health credentials as a requirement for this position. She said it would lessen the hours a little bit due to budget constraints but it just makes good sense. Schuler agreed and thought Human Resources staff could assist. He noted additional prevention dollars may be available. Frederick said they put together a list of job duties and a schedule which she discussed briefly. Schnabl said we need another full-time mental health worker just to keep people safe. We had one in the budget but lost it a few years ago. The position saved lives. We also need another full-time worker to deal with medications and transition. Schuler said this issue should also be taken up with our legislators.

Update on 2009 Outcomes for Community Transition Program

Nordberg reviewed statistics as outlined in her handouts for the Adult Basic Education Program at the Waukesha County Jail for 2008/2009. She noted that the men tend to be more interested in education than the women. During this time they served 189 inmates whereby 24 earned their GED or HSED, 29 completed one or more GED test, 27 participated in the Book Club; and 81% improved their academic literacy skills. Several students who were unable to complete testing before they were released finished their testing at the WCTC campus. The first jail graduation ceremony was held last April. They beat their enrollment goal of 150 with 189 students. Nordberg said they are always concerned about the limited English proficient students because there is no programming for them. However, they do receive some tutoring from the Literacy Council of Greater Waukesha. Because of the economy, people are having a difficult time finding jobs and there are concerns that some will revert to crime such as selling drugs. A GED in this economy just is not enough right now. Last year, with help from WIRED grant funds, they developed the Trash Negative Thinking Program to reduce recidivism. Statistics and outcomes will be tracked. A financial fair is being held today to help students understand there are more than payday-type loans. Nordberg noted they are continuously applying for outside grants.

DeMares reviewed Community Reintegration statistics as outlined in his handout for January of 2009 through August 14, 2009; and August 15, 2009 through April 12, 2010 which is when this program was transferred to the jail to administer. He said the program consists primarily of men, most of whom are Waukesha County residents. Statistics included numbers on homeless, mental health, AODA, SSI applications, payeeships, housing, transportation, food, utilities, and medications. Some of the individuals are now participating in the Community Support Program (CSP) and they have incorporated Shirley into that program. Therefore, individuals receive assistance from Shirley as well as CSP. Most of the individuals she sees start out homeless and have mental health and AODA problems, etc. They have been successful getting many of these individuals SSI (when eligible) and many have stayed out of jail because they now have some money. They also do some limited payeeships with help from Hebron House and Salvation Army. This was transferred from Shirley because it is so time consuming. DeMares reviewed last year's financials – money spent on individuals in the program. These include about \$2,000 on food, \$2,000 on electricity, \$2,000 on telephone services, \$32,000 on rent (often seed money, some of which has been returned through SSI payments), \$2,000 on medical services, and \$8,000

on transportation such as bus tickets. DeMares said bus tickets are very helpful as they allow individuals to continue outpatient services, medical appointments, etc. Bus tickets and SSI seem to be the two most important factors for success. Schuler added that the Mental Health Advisory Committee continues to recommend using one of our unfunded AODA counselor positions, perhaps for Day Reporting.

Discuss Continuing Schedule of Program Reviews and Development of Written Recommendations for the CJCC Executive Committee

Schuler indicated they will continue to compile the above information/statistics for the CJCC Executive Committee with recommendations for programs and funding levels to set the basis for 2011 CJCC budget contemplation. He said we did fairly well with last year's budget and had a surplus of about \$23,000, mostly from unexpended grants. Some Alcohol Treatment Court fees that were collected last year will be used this year to help supplement the program. He thought the participation fee collections target was slightly below what was estimated so this will be revisited. Schuler said they will be working with Carpenter next week on transitioning the Operating After Revocation Program.

Schnabl asked if the expanded Day Report Center concept or the Mental Health Court concept has a 2011 target. Schuler did not know the answer for the Mental Health Court although there is movement out there both locally and nationally. Regarding the expanded Day Report Center, Schuler said it is completely up to us right now to get this going. Schnabl said this has been talked about for so many years and felt it should be given more priority. Perhaps it could start out small in 2011 with a phased plan to follow.

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

Schuler briefly discussed this issue as outlined in Luczaj's handout. The grant was submitted on February 11, 2010 and he does not think we will hear anything until August or September of this year. The grant request is for \$1,212,343 over a three-year period.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Schuler said he would like to discuss 2011 program recommendations and develop a good draft for the CJCC Executive Committee to consider. At some point, he would also like "recidivism" defined as to how it will be applied to CJCC programs whereby he asked for volunteers from the committee to take the lead on this.

Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2010

MOTION: Manke moved, second by Carpenter to approve the minutes of February 10. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.