

**Minutes of the Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee
October 29, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Present: Sam Benedict (Chair), Kelly Haag, Judge Pat Haughney, Pete Slesar, Tim Westphal, Jim Haessly, Dick Farvour, Sara Carpenter. **Absent:** Dave Wanner

Also Present: Rebecca Luczaj, Karen Phillips

Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2009

The minutes of May 7, 2009, were approved by unanimous consent.

Update on CJCC Committee Membership Policy

Luczaj clarified that the CJCC Executive Committee must approve any new memberships of the standing committees and subcommittees, and ad hoc committees as outlined in the CJCC by-laws. Luczaj distributed a copy of the by-laws for reference.

Update on Juvenile Justice Grant Applications Submitted

Slesar stated that the truancy abatement concept paper submitted to the Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) was not approved. Consequently, HHS will not be eligible to submit a full grant application. A Federal grant regarding the juvenile reentry program was also not approved. The status of a similar grant submitted to reinforce school attendance is still unknown at this time.

Slesar stated that American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds were used to purchase a replacement oven at the Juvenile Center. Two awards received through the CDBG will be used to augment some funding reductions in the WCS Homebound Detention Program and the Lauer Center Program.

Luczaj stated Waukesha County did not receive the BJA grant for the ATC nor the SAMHSA Grant. However, a Byrne Grant was awarded to work with the Public Policy Forum for technical assistance to the CJCC. They will provide assistance with the Huber Study Committee. Luczaj reported that the 180° Juvenile Diversion Program, in conjunction with the DA's Office, is submitting a grant application to OJA for diversion of juvenile misdemeanors. Westphal stated the program would be targeted for 17-18 year olds with non violent misdemeanors.

Update on Monetary & Community Service Restitution Orders & Payments for Jan-Sept 2009

Slesar distributed a handout titled *January-September 2009 Monetary and Community Service Restitution* and reviewed the information as outlined. Through September of this year, 43 youth have been ordered to pay monetary restitution of \$35,206.94. A total of \$31,618 has been paid so far this year. This compares to a total of \$56,027 that was paid in January-September 2008. The total amount for all of 2008 was 83 youth ordered to pay \$92,734.28. In both of these years, some of the restitution paid was in response to orders from previous years.

Slesar continued with a review of the Community Service restitution hours as listed in the handout. Through September 2009, 37 youth have been ordered to serve a total of 1,084 hours of Community Service, of which 352 hours have been served. In all of 2008, a total of 51 youth were ordered to serve a total of 2,570 hours, of which 1,553 hours were served.

Benedict stated he would like to see the statistics for the orders coming to an end and how many were successful in completing the restitution. Slesar stated that if a young person's supervision is coming to an end and restitution is not complete, that case is supposed to go back to the court. Haag said they are seeing more requests for extensions.

The Committee further discussed the challenges faced in operating the program since the transition from WCS to HHS staff. They discussed some of agencies/organizations who offer community service opportunities. In some/most cases it is the responsibility of the youth to make contacts and arrange their own community service job. Haughney stated he would rather see HHS staff or even the defense attorney arrange a definite community service placement and assign it to the youth.

Overview of Evidence-Based Training for Waukesha County Action Plan Development

Slesar stated that during mid-October, a group of 10 people from Waukesha County attended 3 days of training in Madison that specifically addressed evidenced- based practice in the juvenile justice field. After literature and concepts were reviewed, each County group presented and overview of their current programs. Luczaj stated that Waukesha County has a comprehensive array of services and programs for juveniles in comparison to the other Counties. The County will need to determine which programs may or may not be evidence based or possibly have an evaluator come in to do research on the programs to determine if they are evidence based. Slesar explained the need to look at how to augment what we are currently doing, implement more of it and look at how to determine whether what we are doing is effective. He said they would look at a list of services provided and purchased and determine where they fit in relation to evidence-based practice. He said there are many programs that have experienced long-term success for a number of years. They would be looking into doing internal auditing to determine what programs are accomplishing the most.

Following lengthy discussion, Haessly suggested that this should remain a standing item for discussion by the Committee over the next year. Benedict stated he would report back to the Executive Committee of the CJCC to keep them informed of work of the Juvenile Justice Committee. The Committee members presented their ideas for topics of discussion at future meetings.

Next Meeting Date

- Thursday, January 28, 2010, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Future Agenda Items

- Review of Fundamental Juvenile Justice Statistics
- Presentation - Foster Family Recruitment - Sherry Rather
- Update from the "Evidence-Based" Group
- Report on Court Statistics – Haag

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm.