



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Executive Committee Minutes September 10, 2018

Committee Members Present: Judge Jennifer Dorow (chair), Sam Benedict, Paul Farrow, Sue Opper, Antwayne Robertson

Committee Members Absent: Paul Decker, Eric Severson

Also Present: Eric Calvino, Judge William Domina, Rebecca Luczaj, Janelle McClain, Anna Spoden

Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Presentation: Overview of Kenosha County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

Calvino gave a brief history of how the Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force was started in Kenosha County, beginning in 2014. He commented that there was difficulty in beginning the process because stakeholders were reluctant to acknowledge that human trafficking was an issue. Ultimately, Kenosha County was able to collaborate with Racine County, whom already had a task force in place, and they were able to perform various joint sting operations. They found that they were not recovering many youth, but rather, the parents of the youth who they had in care. When they looked at the situation closer, it appeared that the parents got into the lifestyle due to child welfare system pressures. The courts were establishing rules and requirements, such as having a house and being able to financially support the child(ren), that had to be followed in order for them to get their child(ren) back, yet they had difficulties finding and keeping jobs due to limited job skills and their criminal history. This caused the stakeholders to evaluate the system and determine that the system itself was the cause of many parents being trafficked. Kenosha County's Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force consisted of mid-level employees at the District Attorney's Office, State Public Defender's Office, Women's Center, nurses at various medical organizations, United Way, and law enforcement from multiple municipalities. Racine County's Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force is run by a non-profit organization.

The biggest challenge that Kenosha County faced was difficulty getting stakeholders to participate, and this led to difficulty coordinating efforts. Calvino stated that another issue was, since the task force was not being run through a non-profit organization, there were no means to be able to accept anything that community members wanted to donate – be it monetary or more substantial, such as a house.

Outagamie and Rock Counties both have an anti-human trafficking coalitions. Calvino is unsure if the coalitions in those counties are under the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) or not.

Dorow is a member of the steering committee that started last month. The steering committee will identify the workgroup chairs, and then the workgroups will receive their tasks.

Approve Minutes from August 13, 2018 Meeting

Motion: Farrow moved, second by Robertson, to approve the minutes from August 13, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Continue Discussion on Creation of a Court Systems Pillar Workgroup of the Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

Committee members present discussed and determined that an ad hoc committee would be the ideal first step in determining if the CJCC is the right place for the legal/courts pillar of the Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force.

Robertson suggested having a representative from the FBI as a member of the ad hoc committee, as they already have data and information that could help.

Dorow recommended having Judge Carter involved on the ad hoc committee. Luczaj reminded the committee that someone from the CJCC would have to chair the ad hoc committee.

Motion: Opper moved, second by Farrow, to create an Anti-Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee of the CJCC to explore and determine the legal impact of this issue in Waukesha County. Motion carried unanimously. The topic will be added to the 9/26 CJCC agenda as an information update.

Benedict left at 9:10 a.m.

Review Agenda Items for September 26, 2018 CJCC Meeting

- New Drug Treatment Court testimonial video debut
- Linda Gordy from WCTC to present on Jail ABE/GED outcomes
- 2019 Budget overview
- Committee updates
- EBDM update
- Courthouse remodel project update
- Anti-Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee update

Other Items for Discussion

There were no other items for discussion.

Adjourn

Motion: Robertson moved, second by Farrow, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.