

Criminal Justice Collaborative Council

**CJCC Full Council Minutes
October 17, 2008
200 N. Main, Lower Level
Ann Arbor, MI
7:30am – 9:00am**

Members Present: Dan Dwyer (Trial Court Administrator), Robert Brackenbury (Public Representative), Patrick Hughes (Department of Corrections Probation), Michael Moran (Ann Arbor Township Supervisor), Jeff Irwin (Chair, County Board of Commissioners), Barbara Ryan Fuller (Public Representative), Lloyd Powell (Public Defender/Defense Attorney), John Shea (Attorney, Bar Association Representative), Kirk Tabbey (14-A District Court Chief Judge), Ann Mattson (15th District Court Judge), Brian Mackie (County Prosecutor), Lawrence Kestenbaum (Clerk/Register)

Members Absent: Daniel Minzey (County Sheriff), Donna Sabourin (CSTS Director), Charles Pope (Magistrate, 14B District Court), Paul Bunten (Chief of Police, City of Saline), Barbara Levin Bergman (Community Corrections Advisory Chair), David Swartz (Circuit Court Chief Judge), Robert Guenzel (County Administrator)

Others Present: Kirk Filsinger (Jail Commander), Scott Patton (Assistant to County Administrator for Public Safety), Stephanie Jensen (CJCC Staff Intern), Steve Hiller (County Prosecutor), SiRui Huang (Budget Office), Karen Edman (Deputy Clerk/Register of Deeds), Dale Vanderford (Support Services), Michael Fried (Dispute Resolution Center), Sheila Blakney (Public Defender's Office), Susan Beecher (Support Services), Delphia Simpson (Public Defender's Office), Rick Visel (Sheriff), Jack Overhiser (Support Services), Gary Greenfield (Sheriff), Jim Zwolensky (Support Services)

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:35am.

I. Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2008 CJCC Full Council meeting was made by Fuller, seconded by Tabbey; all in favor.

II. Public Participation

None.

III. Information Sharing and Integration Committee Update

Patton stated that committee met this past week to discuss three projects: warrants, update to banding and the green sheet. The goal was to identify any efficiency. A list will be developed to find any overlap.

Hiller gave an update on the warrants project. The e-warrant project will allow the sheriff to submit warrant requests to the prosecutor electronically. This will avoid double entry and save deputy transit time, reducing costs. The current plan is to use the county's imaging system and workflow management system. Preparations are being made to convert current documents to electronic format. The tentative go-live date is winter 2010. The banding project is at the formatting stage, is awaiting approval from the judges, and should be completed in 2-3 weeks.

IV. Jail & District Court Construction Update

Zwolensky stated that neither the jail or court scope has changed since the last update. All contracts are approved and in negotiations. Groundbreaking will be in mid-November. The project is on budget, minus the issue with the Washtenaw Ave. entrance.

Zwolensky thanked Tabbey for a successful groundbreaking at the Saline Court. The walls will go up the following week. The court will open late March or early April 2009.

V. Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Initiative (MPRI)

Mackie stated that funding is continually reduced per inmate for the MPRI programs. The next reform will address service provision for those who are maxing out of the program. Those who are maxed out are those most in need, said Mackie. He informed the group that there would be a graduation for six-month completion of MPRI at St. Joseph Mercy hospital on November 1st.

Fuller asked if Mackie thought there was value in the recognition and asked how the graduates were rewarded. Mackie answered that there is some value and how much value depends on the individual.

Mackie also stated that the low risk inmates receive no services and that the high recidivism rates in the county mean that we should give everyone services. Powell added that in a bad economy we need more MPRI services because re-incarceration is more costly than providing services. Shea stated that the program is continually underfunded and asked Mackie if contracting organizations could help supplement. Mackie replied that that is already the case; i.e. the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County reserves 10 beds for MPRI.

VI. MDOC Parole Office Move

Patton reported that the MDOC has plans to move the existing parole office from Pittsfield Township to Ypsilanti Township near the Wayne County border. MDOC's stated intent is to move closer the clientele and reduce costs. The location chosen will most likely be infeasible and a second site will likely need to be located. Also, only the supervision portion will be moved.

Mackie provided a copy of the "Blueprint for a safer Michigan: Work in Progress" to the group for their review and for discussion at a future meeting. He added that the county needs a strategic plan to address public safety issues.

VII. Adjournment

Irwin adjourned the meeting at 8:40am.

Next Meeting:

The next CJCC Full Council meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 19, 2008, 7:30am, at 200 North Main, Lower Level Conference Room.