

Criminal Justice Collaborative Council

CJCC Full Council Minutes

June 20, 2008

200 N. Main, Lower Level

Ann Arbor, MI

7:30am – 9:00am

Members Present: Barbara Ryan Fuller (Public Representative), Jeff Irwin (Chair, County Board of Commissioners), Brian Mackie (County Prosecutor), Michael Moran (Ann Arbor Township Supervisor), Lloyd Powell (Public Defender/Defense Attorney), Kirk Tabbey (14-A District Court Chief Judge), Ann Mattson (15th District Court Judge), Dan Dwyer (Trial Court Administrator), Donna Sabourin (CSTS Director), Charles Pope (Magistrate, 14B District Court, Paul Bunten (Chief of Police, City of Saline), Robert Brackenbury (Public Representative)

Members Absent: Lawrence Kestenbaum (Clerk/Register), Daniel Minzey (County Sheriff), John Shea (Attorney, Bar Association Representative), Barbara Levin Bergman (Community Corrections Advisory Chair), Patrick Hughes (Department of Corrections Probation), David Swartz (Circuit Court Chief Judge), Robert Guenzel (County Administrator)

Others Present: David Behen (Deputy County Administrator), Sheila Blakney (Public Defender's Office), Kirk Filsinger (Jail Commander), Scott Patton (Assistant to County Administrator for Public Safety), Gary Greenfield (Sheriff), Stephanie Jensen (CJCC Staff Intern), Randy Casey (Sheriff Department), Susan Beecher (Support Services), Rick Visel (Sheriff Department), Dale Vanderford (Support Services), Scott Cannell (SS-IT), Gary Greenfield (Sheriff's Department)

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:33am.

I. Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2008 CJCC Full Council meeting was made by Fuller; all in favor.

II. Public Participation

None.

III. 2008/2009 CJCC Workplan Discussion

Patton introduced the workplan, gave an overview and recommendations. Discussion ensued.

Fuller asked about the membership of the CJCC committees. Patton replied that rosters will be reported.

Adoption of the 2008/2009 CJCC Workplan was moved by Fuller, seconded by Dwyer.. All in favor.

IV. Updates for CJCC

a. Community Corrections

Dwyer reported that the committee is looking at services provided, what should be consolidated, transferred to the private sector, and what services should be provided. i.e. drug testing. Tabbey added that Community Corrections has been a very reliable resource. Dwyer added that Judge Julie Creal has been very helpful in the committee discussions.

b. Public Defender Conflicts

Patton reported that the committee is looking at ways to reduce or recoup costs for indigent defense. One suggestion is a second public defender department, though it could not always be utilized, i.e. cases with multiple defendants. Another option is to contract with local law firms. Two recommendations have been made: establishing guidelines for indigence standards and public defender office protocol changes. Patton referenced a report on indigent defense. Discussed ensued. Irwin asked for recommendations. Moran suggested that recommendations be made once the report has been reviewed.

c. Trial Court Collections

Dwyer referenced the document distributed at the meeting outlining the outcomes from the court collections committee discussions. He added that collections are currently handled by many different departments.

d. Sheriff Earned Release Program

Filsinger referenced an article distributed at the meeting about the earned release program in Washtenaw County. Inmates do things in jail to save money but also earn early release credits. The jail is using new methods for operations, such as uniform repair and silk screening. Also, he reported that the jail is working with jail industries for the jail expansion for projects for inmates to learn a skill to assist with job placement, i.e. furniture and small engine repair.

e. JIS Update

Cannell reported on the next generation JIS. He stated that the current system vendor is out of business and the new system is attractive because it is more widely used and is financially reasonable. The new system is being tested at the 14A and 14B courts along with Berrien County. The new system will be implemented in phases. The estimated launch dates are mid-2009 for the civil court and 2010 for the criminal courts. The implementation of the new system will be complete by 2011.

V. Adjournment

Irwin adjourned the meeting at 9:18am.

Next Meeting:

The next CJCC Full Council meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 14, 2008, 7:30am, at 200 North Main, Lower Level Conference Room.