

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL

CJCC FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

April 16, 2010, 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

LRC Meeting Room A, Hogback Road Service Center, 4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Members Present: Jerry Clayton (County Sheriff), John Shea (Attorney, Barr Association Representative), Kirk Tabbey (14-A District Court Chief Judge), Barbara Levin Bergman (Community Corrections Advisory Chair), Robert E. Guenzel (County Administrator), Verna McDaniel (Dep. Administrator), Matt Harshberger (Director of Public Safety, Pittsfield Township), Lloyd Powell (Public Defender), Charles Pope (14-B District Court Judge), Donna Sabourin (CSTS Director)), Libby Hines (15th District Court Chief Judge Pro Tempore

Members and Regular Attendees Absent: , Rolland Sizemore, Jr. (Chair, County Board of Commissioners), Brian Mackie (County Prosecutor), Lawrence Kestenbaum (Clerk/Register), Donald Shelton (Circuit Court Judge), Dan Dwyer (Trial Court Administrator), Steve Copeland (General Public), Michael Moran (Ann Arbor Township Supervisor), Michael Fried (Public Representative), Delphia Simpson (Public Defender's Office), Mary King (MPRI) .

Others Present: Sheila Blakney (Public Defender's Office), Greg Dill (Sheriff's Office), Rick Kaledas (Sheriff's Office), Kathy Wyatt (Sheriff's Office), SiRui Huang (County Budget), Renee Wilson (Sheriff's Office-community Corrections), Gene DeRossett (14-A District Court Administrator), Steve Hiller (County Prosecutor), Patrick Hughes (Department of Corrections Probation), Alice Ralph

1. Call to Order:

7:39 a.m. by John Shea, Chair.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion and support. February 19, 2010 Full Council Minutes approved by Full Council.

3. Public Participation:

Alice candidate for BOC in attendance.

4. Committee Reviews/Updates:

- a. Govt. Initiatives Committee hasn't met since last meeting. John will set meeting soon. John: none
- b. Crime Prevention Committee hasn't met. Brian None
- c. By-laws Committee. Steve: None.

5. "Systems" Updates

(Each area has about 5 minutes. Goal: attempt to identify any important problems or trends to discuss at the next Full Council meeting.) Identify areas of cooperation.

- a. MPRI: no update/not in attendance
- b. JPORT

Received a grant allowing expansion of jail services. Booking officers do initial screening and assessment. About 50 people in jail at any time with significant mental health needs. Some are clients—Deb Pippins looking at what might be done to reduce contact with SO. Many of patients hospitalized are coming from Ypsi and Ypsi Township—many not yet being served. Hazellett Robinson partnering with Derrick on what can be done. (Hazellette WHO Community Relations).

Bergman: we need to look at barriers to access—get people help instead of in jail. Sheriff: part of the barrier is delivering the services in the physical area where they are needed (part of that issue is safety issue—SO can help with that). Crisis Team (John Volkner) is getting out in the community.

- c. Public Defender: Case Loads and Trends

Mr. Powell has been with PDO for 31 years, and believes Washtenaw County is one of the best places to work. PDO reduced the PD budget substantially but is doing ok. PDO has been trying to be cost effective, by utilizing qualified volunteer assistants (attorneys or law students). Hits were primarily in support staff, not attorneys-- have filled gap with technology and assistants. One area of increased work load is juvenile (particularly in abuse and neglect— change in law where PDO is guardian). However PDO is looking to the day when PDO will get more state funding. John: any particular demographic trends in service populations? Mr. Powell: the African American involvement in criminal justice system is vastly out of proportion to the % of population. Thinks more should be done in terms of rehabilitation. Mr. Powell said it is a privilege to work with Mary King of MPRI. Supports drug court. Sheila Blakney thinks felony filings are up. Have started working with contract public defender firms (where co-defendants or is a conflict) Judge Simpson has been very helpful. Mr. Powell: PDO does

everything—is a full service organization. Contract public defense that was started recently is working really well (in part because of good relationships with Kim Moore and Erane Washington)

Sheriff: we are really fortunate to have the leadership of Mr. Powell—who does a lot of great work.

Sheriff: Important for us to work with courts aggressively to find alternatives to incarceration where individuals are not a risk to the community (we have talked about having a Sub-committee). Courts must have confidence in what is being done. Sheriff and Courts talking about putting things in place so that the focus is on operational capacity instead of getting to mandated overcrowding. (Stay at around 350, which is where we are now—want to recapture the gym where people are staying now.) Even after opening, will be rotating inmates into new housing units

d. Courts: Specific and Anecdotal Data

Steve Hiller: agrees with Sheila's observations about Tuesday exams that Ypsi numbers are high (though this has been true for some time)

Judge Hines: big drop in traffic cases—and is big revenue source. Also drop in complaints and warrants. This impacts their budget—when City is cutting budget and take home pay. Street Court numbers are stabilizing (were up for awhile).

Gene: things are very busy. Parolees 60 % live in Eastern part of County (based on last known address of jail inmates. Are dealing with increased demand with same number or less employees. DV is up. Traffic is down. Northville traffic is up where have gone to e-ticket writing.

Judge Tabbey: over-all filings are slightly down. Tickets are down. Revenue dropping—looking at reorganization—possible go down two positions. Judge Tabbey is concerned about when have reduced LE personnel –service reactive, and have to rush from CFS to CFS no follow-up or detailed investigation. Collections are a big concern, because people don't have it. Huge numbers in uncollected revenues. Judge Tabbey is seeing more and more serious Domestic Violence.

Supreme Court may make binding rules as to collections—Judge Hines is concerned about the impact on the poor of these rules. Judge Hines says will create pits starting with traffic fines, drivers responsibility fees, etc. that end up with people in jail. Mr. Powell also concerned about police reductions that impact ability to follow-up or investigate.

Matt: super drunk driving law requiring mandatory impound of vehicles. Judge Tabbey also concerned about traffic fine impacts (also increases civil docket when towing companies sue for fees when people can't pay).

Judge Pope: contracting Deputies numbers are down. Civil cases went up. Sheriff is right about being reactive instead of proactive. Traffic down. Impact on revenue: Civil cases –don't generate revenue though take court time.

e. Sheriff: Social Justice Campus

Law Enforcement trends, general info. Sheriff: activity consistent. SO had a Community forum in Ypsi one goal was to align perceptions with reality. Used quizdom and compared to data. Most residents felt personally ok, but concerned about property—related to publicity about home invasions (actually first quarter home invasions and calls for service are down). Perceptions could be generated by being down 7 deputies—more reactive, than proactive. CLEMIS data is hard to compare going back to 08 because had just started to use CLEMIS. Actually some assaultive crimes are up. John inquired what % of calls for service are generated by deputies—Sheriff will find out.

Commissioner Bergman asks about perception of safety in regards to loss of deputies? Ypsi residents are very concerned about abandoned houses, etc. Comm. Bergman noted that Sheriff can't do it all. Sheriff: the Township was involved. We refers to SO, Township, and the residents. We are doing another Forum April 27, will also be doing forums in York, Augusta, Manchester, and Dexter. Comm. Bergman says CJCC should also have forums

f. MDOC Probation/Pat Hughes

Are busy—spikes. 100 sex offenders in Washtenaw County. Have leave days.

g. Prosecutor: First Quarter Authorizations

Authorizations about the same as last year. Number of police officers is a concern for prosecutor's office. (over last weekend Ypsi had three shootings—doesn't look good). On positive note, SO is starting to submit misdemeanors electronically. Prosecutor Office is providing electronic discovery (other areas are charging for). Has been a bit off spike in home invasions, maybe drug related but not sure.

h. Harshberger: Arrest/Calls for Service Trends

Calls for Service are up, or stagnant. Robberies are down, violent crimes down. Property crimes are up. Saline will be losing two officers next year. Ann Arbor may be cutting 20 officers. Ypsi City is cutting 5 more officers. Pittsfield is also feeling the pinch. Ann Arbor has serious staffing issues—can't put officers on the street. EMU Safety Dept. is actually adding officers. Ann Arbor was at 220 at one

time now is down to 120, and may go down to 100 (not all sworn officers). Ypsi once at 55 not will be down under 30.—will down to be 2 or 3 officers per shift. Sheriff: COPS office hiring has been refunded, if agency applied previous round will be considered this time (SO had submitted an application). Matt believes Ypsi was only local dept. that got any money (2).

6. New Business

John: the CJCC Steering Committee discussed the importance of having residents understand perceptions vs. reality and understand how LE issues impacts them. Comm. Bergman suggested, and group supported sponsoring community forums –designed to narrow the information gap. Does the Full CJCC want to do? The Full group was very enthusiastic. Comm. Bergmann said now is a good time—when not in crisis mode.

John will get committee formed/ Sheriff: offered to Chair (John will work with Sheriff to get rolling.)

7. Next meeting is June—jail utilization report and social justice campus.

8. Adjourned: by Chair John Shea at 8: am.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2010 CJCC FULL COUNCIL MINUTES BY FULL COUNCIL:

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