

Criminal Justice Collaborative Council

CJCC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Administrative Building, Lower Level Conference Room

220 N. Main

January 8, 2010 – 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Members Attending: Kirk Tabbey (District Court Presiding Judge), Judge Shelton (Circuit Court Presiding Judge), Jerry Clayton (Sheriff), John Shea (CJCC Chair), Bob Guenzel (County Administrator),

Members Absent: Brian Mackie (County Prosecutor), Lloyd Powell (Public Defender),

Others Present: Barbara Bergman (Community Corrections Advisory Board), Sheila Blakney (Public Defender's Office), Richard Kaledas (Sheriff's Administration), Gregory Dill (Sheriff Administration), Steve Hiller (Prosecutor's Office), and Kathy Wyatt (Sheriff Administration)

Meeting Convened: 7:30 am

I. 2010 Leadership

Steering Committee will recommend that the 2010 Leadership of the CJCC remain the same. John Shea will continue as Chair. Sheriff Clayton will continue as Vice-Chair.

I. CJCC Meeting Location and Schedule

The Steering Committee recommended meeting bi-monthly. The Full Council Meeting would be at the LRC next week. Future locations and time will be decided then.

II. 2010 Initiatives

Discussion around possible initiatives and committees needed for 2010:

A. The government Initiatives Committee (Chair: John Shea) will continue its work on inventorying county services.

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- B. The Crime Prevention/Intervention Committee (Chair: Brian Committee) will still be active.
- C. Question as to need for CJCC facilitation of communication between agencies/technology. Judge Shelton mentioned the statewide program designed to get all the courts in the state using the same data management system. Barbara asked if this would help Community Corrections get the data they need. Consensus was that the Data Integration Committee doesn't need to be reconvened at this time.
- D. Will suggest to the Full council that a By-Laws Committee be formed and solicit volunteers to participate on it.
- E. Social Justice Campus: Sheriff will discuss at the Full council meeting the CJCC's role.
- F. Juvenile Court is moving downtown. Court Clerks are being merged into one operation. (any CJCC member help needed, let CJCC know)
- G. Opening of the Jail (and Court): ongoing issues.
- H. Work Release Program: SO would like to see happen. Bob: it must be tied into over-all planning, and a business case made for it, needs to be at least revenue neutral. Tabbey: his judges are committed to work release being used to get people out of the jail. Tabbey: offenders keep their jobs, and pay for the privilege. Barb: supports in concept.
- I. Judge Shelton: believes there is no pent up demand for jail beds. Tabbey: we should continue the process we have now. Shelton: unless there are changes, we won't continue to do what we do now. Judge Shelton: jail overcrowding forces evaluation & weighing of cases. That issue will no longer there (overall resource balance forced by overcrowding). Tabbey and Shelton will be meeting. Difference between operational capacity (80-85%) and rated capacity. The overcrowding process has had some positive results. Judge Shelton: part of the philosophy is that felonies generally take precedence over misdemeanors—reserve beds for people that we are afraid of, not just mad at.
- J. Our prison incarceration rate is slightly up. Barb: should we look at the impact of MPRI? Judge Shelton: parolees who commit crimes are not getting violated and sent back like they used to (how to handle a drunk and disorderly—do jail or work on alcoholism?)
- K. SHEILA: Lloyd would like to focus on the State House bill on the Public Defenders system (bill pending to centralize defense of indigents, oversight and funding—bill is in House Judiciary Committee—Mr. Powell's concern with structure –believes no need for the centralized system). Mr. Powell is concerned about the impact on Washtenaw County. John Shea thinks concept most important.. Bob: is a lot of money involved, will take a while (is the result of a lawsuit)

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III. Full Council Agenda

Full Council Agenda suggested for next week (in addition to meeting dates, times, and location): Rebekah Warren wants a CJCC endorsement of the concept for the Public Defenders bill. She is meeting with Mr. Powell before next week. Judge Shelton: the concern is that it could lead to the lowest common denominator

Adjourned: 8:19 am

Next Steering Committee meeting: February 12, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. in the BOC basement conference room at 220 N. Main St. in Ann Arbor. (Note: Location changed to LRC B after the meeting took place.)

Approved by Steering Committee: February 12, 2010.