

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL

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## CJCC STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 9, 2010, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

County Administrative Building, Lower Level Conference Room 220 N. Main, Ann Arbor, MI 4810

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**Members in Attendance:** Jerry Clayton (Sheriff), John Shea (CJC Chair), Kirk Tabbey (District Court Presiding Judge), Verna McDaniel (County Administrator) Lloyd Powell (Public Defender)

**Members Absent:** Brian Mackie (County Prosecutor), Judge Shelton (Circuit Court Presiding Judge)

**Others in Attendance:** Barbara Bergman (Community Corrections Advisory Board), Sheila Blakney (Public Defender's Office), Eric Gutenberg (county Prosecutor's Office), Gregory Dill (Sheriff Administration) Rick Kaledas (Sheriff's Administration) and Kathy Wyatt (Sheriff Administration).

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

7:35 a.m. by John Shea, Chair

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

February 12, 2010 Steering Committee Minutes were approved by the CJCC Steering Committee. Mr. Powell expressed some concern about whether minutes expressed exactly what he said, but did not want to belabor the issue. Expressed his full support for reform, but not as the particular bill proposes: too expensive, expressed multiple concerns about the bill. Mr. Powell may submit an addendum.

**3. SYSTEM'S UPDATE DISCUSSION**

John suggested that as it was the end of the first quarter the CJCC should do an update and review. Everyone would have about 5 minutes: Identify any important problems and trends to discuss during the following meeting. Courts would bring specific and anecdotal data. Judge Tabbey agrees. Barbara thinks having data is very important. MPRI will send somebody to the Full Council meeting. (Comm. Bergman said MPRI did a great presentation to the BOC on Ban the Box.) JPORT will present to the Full Council. Pat Hughes invited also. Rick will bring jail utilization report in May. In May SO will also

talk about Judicial and SO progress on process to address jail overcrowding before it happens.

#### **4. FULL COUNCIL AGENDA FOR 4-16-10**

Full Agenda will reflect the discussion above. No committees have met (but keep on the Agenda). John asked Verna if there were any questions from her or Bob. Verna said no, but she appreciated the opportunity to learn.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Powell mentioned a Panel Discussion held in Ypsi on Michigan's Public Defense system.

Sheriff: the BOC approved the 39 staff which is very important to run the expansion safely and appropriately. The Expansion is moving along. The Court will probably not open until July, so that they do not have to push the transition--ants to coordinate with SO and IT. Comm. Bergman and the Sheriff both commented they thought this was a good idea. Sheriff: on the PS side challenges continue—down 7 staff in Ypsi Township. SO is trying to manage same level of crime with 7 fewer officers due to the millage failure. (SO absorbed staff temporarily) For the SO this means in Ypsi Township can only be in reaction mode (CFS) instead of being proactive as SO would like. Ypsi Township is working aggressively in terms of ordinance enforcement. John noted weather getting warm. Sheriff agreed that will be challenge. John asked about liquor store. Sheriff noted store complained about SO efforts to hold the store accountable. Judge Shea noted had same problem in downtown Ypsi. Judge Tabbey talks to juries after—they tend to ask why doesn't law enforcement do more—is a problem caused by not enough police Sheriff: LE in the County has been moving toward working collaboratively (SWAT, Canine, Etc.) Trying to push people to think closest car—push across jurisdictions. Ann Arbor is losing 20 more officers. Crime is remaining at least consistent—LE levels going down. Public safety perceptions impact economic development. Judge Tabbey noted a Council for State Governments' study that showed among other things that MI has fewer per capita officers than any other state. Comm. Bergman said the public should know about this stuff—do we have a committee that can reach out to the media (with CJCC guidance). Comm. Bergman said she believes child protection cases are down because there are not enough people to investigate them. John suggested hosting a public forum on the state of public safety in WC. Sheriff agrees: are doing this specific to Ypsi Township –to identify realities vs. perceptions, identify community needs. Sheriff would be happy to organize forums. Sheriff: should have at least 4 throughout the year

throughout the County. Comm. Bergman agrees—would be happy to help plan. Mr. Powell loves the idea of being transparent—thinks this should be a CJCC initiative. John asked Kathy to put this as a CJCC Initiative on Full Council Agenda under New Business.

Mr. Powell thinks Sheriff does great job of communicating his positions. Mr. Powell commended the Chronicle and the Saline Paper on their coverage (and articles this week). Sheriff and John both expressed concerns about how AA.com covers the news. Chiefs have discussed their concern with inaccuracies. Judge Tabbey said there does not seem to be an understanding of basics—they don't even know the questions to ask. Comm. Bergman said maybe we need to sit down with AA.com and express concerns. Mr. Powell says they do have a good events magazine called "Spotlight".

Eric Gutenberg noted anecdotally that there seems to be a spike in home invasions. Public Defender: Mr. Powell thinks there is an increase in his workload because people can't find work to afford attorneys, not big difference though--thinks numbers may seem more in Ypsilanti, because of heavy Tuesday docket. Mr. Powell noted neglect and abuse workload up—3 full attorneys in juvenile now.

Judge Tabbey: felony transmission working well. Video arraignment issues (met with Ward and walked through process) John asked about a meeting. Judge Tabbey said will be --but are looking at testing. Will bring everyone in, want to work out basics as to technology (image software) (Sheriff; once those things get worked out.) There have been some meetings (Sheila)

## **6. ADJOURN**

8:22 a.m. by John Shea, Chair. Full Council Meeting next week at LRC A.

Judge Tabbey: State Bar (Building) Justice Initiative Summit: Strategies for Addressing the Needs of the Unrepresented occurring Monday, April 12 --all day. Janet Welch is the State Bar Exec. Dir. (Kathy will check on, and e-mail those interested.)

**NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:** May14, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. in the BOC Conference Room (basement) at 220 N. Main St. in Ann Arbor. (Next meeting moved to June 11, subsequent to this meeting.)

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 9, 2010 CJCC STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES BY STEERING COMMITTEE:** Approved by Committee on June 11, 2010

