

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL

CJCC STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 11, 2011, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

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

Members in Attendance: Sheriff Jerry Clayton (Chair), Verna McDaniel (County Administrator), Lloyd Powell (County Public Defender), Brian Mackie (County Prosecutor)

Members Absent: Donald Shelton (Circuit Court Presiding Judge)

Others in Attendance: Conan Smith (BOC Chair), Gene DeRossett (District Court Administrator), Mike Fried (CJCC Vice Chair), Greg Dill (Sheriff Administration), Kathy Wyatt (Sheriff Administration), Mike Moran (Ann Arbor Township), Sheila Blakney (County Public Defender's Office), Haley Gordon (Sheriff Administration)

Regular Attendees Absent: John Shea (Bar Association), Barbara Bergman (Comm. Corr. Advisory Board), Kirk Tabbey (District Court Presiding Judge), Dan Dwyer (Trial Court Administrator), William Reynolds (Dep. County Administrator), Rick Kaledas (Jail Commander), Kristin Judge (MAC Jud. & Public Safety Comm.), Steve Hiller (Prosecutor's Office)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

7: 34 a.m. by Sheriff Clayton, Chair

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

By Committee

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Bylaws (Approved by BOC 3-2-11)
- Data Sub-Committee
 - It was agreed the original members were brought together to create definitions of the culture and snapshots of statistics related to jail population management.
 - It makes sense to revisit original definitions and identify changes the new jail management system will bring.

- Question was asked if there are grants involved.
 - Grants are not involved at this time but in the future grants will be pursued and are viewed as a very important option.
- As WCSO manages the services and sanctions continuum the ability to extract good data allows for us to make the best decisions possible.
 - Extracting good data also impacts Community Corrections for funding and planning. Accuracy is key.
- Data Sub-Committee membership suggestions: John Shea, Steve Hiller, Rick Kaledas, Dan Dwyer, and Sheila Blakney volunteered.

4. FULL COUNCIL AGENDA FOR 3-18-11

- CJCC Communication Strategy Next Steps
 - Full Council will weigh in on the draft policy from 2003/04. It needs to be updated and will be an important piece of educating the community and recognizing upcoming initiatives.
 - Discussed how the public is not fully aware of services available to them. One of the BOC's priorities is to educate the community about what human services they have available.
 - CJCC communications strategy needs to be in line with the County's practices and ideas. Would like to put a plan in place at the next full council meeting.
- CJCC Goals (Short, Mid, Long Term)
 - Discussion around CJCC expectations and metrics provided the following topics/questions:
 - **What are the CJCC expectations from the BOC & community?**
 - **How can we measure our efforts and outcomes?**
 - **What are our priorities?**
 - **How do we communicate our recommendations?**
 - **How do we formally make our decisions?**
 - Overriding goal should be toward maintaining top quality services with fiscal responsibility. (Cost effectiveness). The CJCC should assist with this effort as much as possible.

- There are certainly opportunities that exist within the Criminal Justice System that could be improved upon with respect to cost effectiveness and quality service.
- **How can we measure our efforts and outcomes?**
 - Would like to see more metrics to communicate our efforts.
 - Complicated issue surrounding metrics – multitude of departments – how we integrate our metrics and reporting method is a key factor to think about.
 - Reliable numbers and good knowledge is key in communicating metrics and outcomes to the community with clear meaning and explanation of what they reveal.
 - Also identify collaborations and what is the cost savings involved, what are the incentives for departments to collaborate?
 - Need to stay in tune with what is going on in Lansing and DOC.
- Collaboration – we have to be careful about collaboration to make sure it yields a significant benefit – don't change just to change. It will not always be an economic benefit, sometimes it will be cost neutral, but will yield better service delivery.
 - Financial Savings and Greater Services are the two main factors when considering collaboration.
 - Collaborations and changes that inspire staff show greater success.
 - How do we weigh in on those collaborations that may not specifically be County initiatives but effect the County? (i.e. Ypsilanti Twp & Ypsilanti City which will have negative systems impacts)
 - Question becomes does this group weigh in on those types of collaborations? General consensus is yes – this committee should weigh in on those initiatives as well due to the County's fiscal crisis and the fact that it would impact the County.
 - The purpose of this group is to discuss things like that, jail management and financial savings in the criminal justice system.

- Comm. Smith just released a report outlining the work ahead for the BOC and one of the top priorities is – safety of our community.
 - This group should weigh in on integration and impacts of initiatives that include criminal justice system and health and human services topics.
- Discussion around Pontiac Police moving to Oakland County Sheriff's Office policing. It appears to be a financial savings decision and an increase of quality service (more officers) as well. Discussed that collaborating with the Sheriff's Office could be inevitable with the multitude of smaller police departments in Washtenaw County related to cost of continuing their own services.
- Question was raised as to why a community that has the option of collaborating with a SO chose not to and what are the barriers around it? How can we encourage City Councils to look at those alternatives?
 - The concern has been local control.
 - Specifically in dealings between Ann Arbor Twp/Superior Twp. collaboration the Twp. Supervisor would voice concerns and WCSO would make the changes unless in their professional opinion it didn't make sense. There are also positive financial results of collaborating. Superior and Ann Arbor Twp. collaborate to get adequate staffing and meet regularly to make sure needs are being met.
 - There is so much fear collaborations will result in consolidation. Collaborations can happen without consolidation. This fear is getting in the way what makes sense. We can't let politics get in the way of good policy.
 - Tony VanDerworp has a model of a continuum of collaboration – starts with backing up and ends with consolidation.
 - Sheriff discussed the process of Ypsilanti City dispatchers coming over the WCSO by way of their own request.
 - A merger of Ypsilanti Twp. and Ypsilanti City should be about good policy – if it were good for the community the Sheriff would support it, but it's not. There is concern about the negative consequences to public safety and

economic impact if Ypsilanti City/Ypsilanti Twp. stay separate as well.

- This all goes back to our communication strategy – there are models that will speak to the local control issue, help maintain individual departments, while still creating contracting efficiencies of scale. The CJCC can help navigate the misunderstanding.
- May be a good idea to have an independent Police Chief on the committee. Chief Ed Toth was mentioned as a potential addition.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- The unified court initiative in the past was discussed. CJCC should be included in discussions (maybe unpleasant) about creating greater efficiencies. A Sub-Committee already exists: Chair & Vice Chair. Concerns about transport, local and out of state – negative impacts. Individuals may not recognize the economic impact – if a department is going to be impacted then the department should be there.
 - This should be one of our discussion points around the budget.

6. ADJOURN

8:27 a.m. by Sheriff Clayton, Chair.

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: April 8, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. in the BOC Conference Room (basement) at 220 N. Main St. in Ann Arbor.

APPROVAL OF March 11, 2011 CJCC STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES BY STEERING COMMITTEE: Approved by Steering Committee on September 9th, 2011