

Criminal Justice Collaborative Council

Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2006

200 North Main Lower Level Conference Room

Ann Arbor, MI

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Dan Minzey (County Sheriff), Archie Brown (Circuit Court Chief Judge), Barbara Levin Bergman (Community Corrections Advisory Chair), Mike Moran (Ann Arbor Township Supervisor), Bob Guenzel (County Administrator), Dan Dwyer (Trial Court Administrator), John Shea (Attorney, Bar Association Representative), Patrick Hughes (Department of Corrections Probation), Paul Bunten (Chief of Police, City of Saline), Wesley Prater (Board of Commissioners Chair), J. Cedric Simpson (District Court Presiding Judge), Jose Bartolomei (Public Representative), Barbara Ryan Fuller (Public Representative)

Members Absent: Kathy Reynolds (Executive Director, WCHO), Lloyd Powell (Public Defender/Defense Attorney), Brian Mackie (County Prosecutor), Lawrence Kestenbaum (Clerk/Register)

Others Present: Scott Patton (CJCC Staff), George Siasoco (CJCC Staff), David Behen (Director, Information and Technology Services), Uma Harithsa (Manager of Applied Technology, ITD), Kirk Filsinger (Jail Commander), Delphia Simpson (Public Defender Manager), Sheila Blakney (Senior Assistant, Public Defender), Jim Robertson (Consultant), Karen Edman (Chief Deputy Clerk/Register), Karen Korte (Corrections Lieutenant), Peter Dams (Consultant), Michael Fried (Dispute Resolution Center), Steve Hiller (Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor), Bob Davidow (Public Representative), Khurum Sheikh (Acting Deputy, Ann Arbor Police Patrol Division)

Meeting Began: 7:36 a.m.

I. Supporting Documents

Attendees were given the following supporting documents:

- CJCC Full Council Agenda
- Minutes from the December 16, 2005 CJCC meeting
- Memo from Bob Guenzel to the Board of Commissioners
- CJCC Information Sharing and Integration Committee Strategic Update

II. Approval of December 16, 2005 CCJC Meeting Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Barbara Ryan Fuller, seconded by Barbara Levin Bergman, and approved by CJCC members.

III. Public Participation

None

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IV. Introductions

Jose Bartolomei and Mike Moran introduced themselves as the new CJCC members replacing Glenn Cotton and Bill McFarlane. Scott Patton introduced Vanessa Ferguson as the new CJCC Intern.

V. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair

Bob Guenzel nominated, Mike Moran seconded, and members unanimously agreed to have Archie Brown remain as the Chairperson of the CJCC and to have Wes Prater remain as Vice-Chairperson.

VI. Public Safety and Justice Initiative

Bob Guenzel gave an update on the Board of Commission's (BOC) decision on the Public Safety and Justice Initiative. He said that the biggest issue is within the context of jail and courts space needs. He referred members to the memo given to the BOC. The BOC is in agreement that 2006 will be a planning year. There are no immediate plans to deal with these issues and on a more comprehensive basis, the goal is to get the space plan approved in the fall. The most difficult issue rests with funding.

The project team will focus on what is needed. Jim Robertson will be participating in the process of taking the comprehensive plan, updating details, identifying all the reports, and focusing on the final documents for decision making. The project team will also revisit and review the previous cost estimates. This will be presented to the Public Safety and Justice Oversight Committee in March 2006 contingent on the information that is given.

Bob Guenzel clarified that he was unclear what the BOC has in mind for the CJCC, but he will give regular updates. Barbara Ryan Fuller asked if there is a breakdown on the petition signature drive and advised that this report be filed for future reference. John Shea asked if the BOC would consider some funding for jail expansion. Bob Guenzel said that the issue has been tabled. The BOC is moving towards a compromise in the delivery of police services, but not the complete funding that the County Administrator has requested.

VII. Committee Updates

A. Information Integration and Sharing

David Behen gave a strategic update on the committee's previous meetings. He referred members to the report and reviewed the goals for the committee, membership, working definition, desired benefits of integration, integration logic and strategic themes and measures of success. He noted that the committee has met since November with facilitation from Dr. Peter Dams who has been integral in the development of the update. He noted that representation is comprehensive and the committee is trying to get the 15th District Court involved. The committee will be conducting action planning in March meeting which will give greater details of each strategic theme (political support, adequate resources, change management, and technical and legal opportunities). In the third or fourth quarter, cost options will be defined.

Bob Guenzel clarified that the committee was formed as the CJCC found that information was located in different places and different systems did not communicate with each other. This came about from the CJCC asking for data that could inform policy decisions and communications purposes to the public during the previous year. Archie Brown said that reporting was being done by different agencies. These reports did not give a uniform format, and the data could contradict each other. Dan Minzey stated that efficiencies can be implemented as systems are integrated. Wes Prater said that it would be important to see if this would enhance public safety. He recommended that the CJCC needs to study how this integration effort could affect costs.

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David Behen said that many counties that are trying information systems integration initiatives, and we are studying best practices. There is no road map, but the committee is hopeful that Washtenaw County can develop a successful model. Michael Fried, who is familiar with similar efforts in Wayne County, said that the first approach there was to give access to each system.

Discussion ensued on whether public access will be part of the action plan. Will the data be given to public on a regular basis in terms of reporting? Dan Dwyer said that court records are public but access to all records is a current debate within the legal system. J Cedric Simpson said that some records are not public and noted the difficulty with cases that are expunged. The public should be informed the rationale why a record is not accessible for whatever reason.

Wes Prater asked if this is the best use of public dollars. He advised that the CJCC make decisions on this issue. John Shea said that the CJCC should focus on what makes the system work better. Public access will not be restricted in an integrated system and will naturally flow after integration takes place. Sheila Blakney said that planning relies on the systems already in place and the difficulties of communication between systems. Integration will eliminate inefficiencies and reduce staffing costs.

B. Information Data Report

Dan Dwyer said that the smaller committee met to condense Joe De Graff's report and decided on seven or eight points that would be most useful for the CJCC. The issue has become easier since definitions have been decided. The committee will meet to determine this by their February 2006 meeting. Dan Dwyer will update members at the next CJCC meeting.

C. Inmate Reintegration

Barbara Levin Bergman said that the committee developed a gap analysis of services that county inmates could use as they integrate back into the community. A comprehensive report, which will include recommendations, will be presented at the February 2006 CJCC meeting. One issue is how a former inmate can get a birth certificate. If an offender only stayed four or five days at the jail, how can the county expedite this documentation process? That is being developed at the report. Another important issue discussed was whether the committee should sunset. She said that the recommendation from members was to meet on a quarterly basis.

VIII. Other Items

John Shea asked if members of a committee that discussed the bond issue are still holding regular meetings. J Cedric Simpson indicated that the Pre-trial Services Committee will be meeting to discuss this issue and evaluate the effectiveness of the service. The committee will also discuss how many more meetings will be scheduled.

Dan Dwyer reported that the selection process for the Pre-trial Services Unit is being conducted. Staff will be hired for both the Community Corrections and 14A District Court positions. He clarified that four to five part-time people will be hired by Community Corrections, and J Cedric Simpson noted that one will be hired full-time by the 14A District Court.

Scott Patton clarified that the CJCC Steering Committee will be discussing possible expansion of its membership. As a future item, he proposed that in April 2006 strategic planning session be conducted.

Adjourned 8:42 a.m.

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Next Criminal Justice Collaborative Committee meeting will be on Friday, 2/17/06, **7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**, at 200 North Main.