

Criminal Justice Collaborative Council

**Full Council Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2006
200 North Main Lower Level Conference Room
Ann Arbor, MI
7:30am – 9:00am**

Members Present: Dan Dwyer (Trial Court Administrator), Wesley Prater (Board of Commissioners, Chair), Patrick Hughes (Department of Corrections Probation), Brian Mackie (County Prosecutor), Barbara Levin Bergman (Community Corrections Advisory Chair), Lloyd Powell (Public Defender/Defense Attorney), Kathy Reynolds (Executive Director, WCHO), Dan Minzey (County Sheriff), Archie Brown (Circuit Court Chief Judge), Bob Guenzel (County Administrator), Mike Moran (Ann Arbor Township Supervisor)

Members Absent: Lawrence Kestenbaum (Clerk/Register), Barbara Ryan Fuller (Public Representative), John Shea (Attorney, Bar Association Representative), J. Cedric Simpson (14A District Court Chief Judge), Paul Bunten (Chief of Police, City of Saline),

Others Present: Julie Chaffee (Director, Community Corrections), Scott Patton (CJCC Staff), Karen Korte (Sheriff's Department), Delphia Simpson (Public Defender Manager), Sheila Blakney (Senior Assistant, Public Defender), Bob Davidow (Public Representative), Rick Visel (Director, Correctional Services), Ann Mattson (15th District Court Chief Judge), Kenita Montgomery (CJCC Intern),

Meeting Convened: 7:39 a.m.

Steering Committee Chair Archie Brown chaired the meeting.

Supporting Documents

Attendees were given the following documents:

- Michigan Prisoner Reintegration Power Point

II. Bench Warrant Enforcement Fund Program

Archie Brown introduced Judah Garber, Friend of the Court, to do a short presentation on bench warrant enforcement.

Judah Garber reported that Washtenaw County has an opportunity to receive funding for a bench warrant enforcement program. He indicated that the purpose of the program would be to increase the enforcement of Friend of the Court warrants for individuals that fail to pay child support.

Judah Garber reported that at any given time, there are around 500-600 outstanding warrants, and an additional \$10-15000 a year (allowing \$29,000 in funding for 2007) would make a substantial impact in resolving those warrants. He did report that the funds can only use fees to pass thru the law enforcement agencies for arrest activities and transporting prisoners....not administrative fees.

Judah Garber indicated that his purpose for attending the CJCC meeting was to receive feedback on a policy concern regarding the program. If there is no consequence for non-payment (no jail time), then the bench warrant enforcement program becomes counterproductive. He stated that he believes it is best to not participate if the jail overcrowding will undermine that program's goals.

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Discussion ensued about the program. Archie Brown inquired as to whether the program focused on solely on civil warrants, and about what percentage of civil warrants get converted to actual felony warrants? Judah Garber reported that as little as a dozen are converted into felonies.

Herb Mahony offered that it could be worthwhile to assess what target group of people the program should actually go after and whether this group has the ability to pay their child support.

Barbara Fuller asked for clarification on use of the program money. Judah Garber noted that the funding does not supply enough money to hire one person, but it's supplementary.

Archie Brown indicated that no action was needed from the CJCC regarding this issue, but the presentation was given simply for feedback.

II. MPRI- Mary King

Scott Patton introduced Mary King to the group and reported that she had some information regarding the Michigan Prison ReEntry Initiative that she wanted to share with the CJCC. Mary King indicated that she had a brief Power Point to present to the group, and that the presentation would also be available on line. (Please refer to the handout or website for details regarding the presentation.)

Discussion ensued about the presentation. Wesley Prater requested clarification on the program's funding source. Mary King reported that the MDOC allocates approximately \$625,000 per county (currently 16 counties participate in the program), annually. Mary King stated the goal is to have all counties participating in the program 2007.

Kathy Reynolds inquired about what was the investment for mentally ill offenders? Mary King replied that the state allocates around \$3 Million dollars annual for mentally ill offenders.

Barbara Fuller inquired about the specific community objections to a transitional housing facility being placed in their neighborhoods. Annie Walls stated that, overall, the community was worried about safety. Mary King added that while this is a legitimate concern, many of these offenders are already living in these communities, largely unsupervised. The MPRI program would just be a positive change, given that it meant supervising those same offenders.

Archie Brown inquired as to how the MPRI measured recidivism. Mary King stated that MPRI looked at the number of offenders the go back to jail on parole violations within 2 years.

John Shea inquired as to whether the data was provided by MDOC, and if there was additional data. Mary King replied that she would send the latest data to Scott Patton, and that he could distribute it to the rest of the group.

Bob Guenzel expressed that he believed the program to be long overdue.

III. Space Planning

Bob Guenzel briefed the group on the County Space Plan presentation that was given to the Board of Commissioners. Bob said that this was put together with a collaboration of county workers, and that the Board agreed that they should adopt the new plan

Bob Guenzel then walked the group through the Space Plan table of contents, highlighting points that warranted discussion. Some include:

Bob Guenzel reported that there are about 1350 County employees, and that the space plan assumes a flat level of employees. There will be areas where there will need more employees, especially for operational of additions to the correctional facilities. Furthermore, parts of the buildings are not suited for future needs.

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Bob Guenzel requested that the group to turn their attention to page 41, which an inventory of the County's needs and options. Bob indicated that these were not recommendations, but options. Bob Guenzel reported that the number one concern was public safety.

Bob Guenzel offered commentary on various components of the options. He reported that for the first time, a modular unit is being considered as an option. It doesn't roll along with the space plan, and it would be two separate jail. The main pro was the cost.

Kathy Reynolds offered commentary to clarify what sequential intercept team was.

Bob Guenzel reported that a significant policy issue is the determination of the where juvenile detention center should be placed. Bob Guenzel stated that the County has identified 3 options for the Board: 1) rebuild the center in the same place 2) relocate the JDC downtown, or 3) relocate it at the service center.

Bob Guenzel stated that the logistics of the space plan will be discussed with the Board over three more meetings. Bob Guenzel also stated that he intended to have recommendations with funding proposals around November 2006. Bob Guenzel expressed that the goal is to adopt a 20 year space plan with funding within the end of the year. Bob Guenzel reported that there will be working sessions to discuss the plan, and he invited the CJCC to partake in the discussions.

Barbara Fuller inquired about what efforts have been made to engage the incoming commissioners. Bob Guenzel replied that there will be an orientation, but in theory, however, the commissioners have not been elected. Therefore, it is difficult to get them involved, but efforts have been made to reach out to them. Bob expressed that he appreciates the expertise of the outgoing Board because they have worked on the space plan for the last 4 years, but he also respects the new Board's authority.

Sheila Blakney inquired about the County's plan with regards to the County Annex and Zeeb Road facility since neither is addressed in the space plan. Bob Guenzel replied that currently, the County as no specific plans for the annex, however the goal is to eventually sale it.

John Shea offered that he believed that using a flat staffing forecasting model is problematic because, presumably, more employees will be hired. John Shea also inquired as to whether any additional costs will be funded through a millage. Bob Guenzel replied that the County will live within its means and use existing funding. Bob Guenzel also reported that the budget for operating costs does provide for some staff increase

Julie Chaffee offered that she believes that probation residential center (PRC) is promising and a good thing to put out to the public.

Herb Mahony offered that he believes that the PRC offers options to the Court and to the offenders that can help them stay successful in the community that are not currently present. Herb stated that while there are currently no statistics to show that a PRC will have immediate impact on jail overcrowding, in the long-term, it will help reduce overcrowding by reducing recidivism.

IV. Jail Population Manager

Bob Guenzel reported that Board in the process of approving, and that Scott Patton is preparing a memorandum of understanding outlining the logistics of the position.

V. Intensive Outpatient Services

Julie Chaffee briefed the group on the progress of the Community Corrections Intensive Outpatient Services program. Julie indicated that this program differed from the in-jail program. Julie then explained the logistics of the program. They were:

- CCOP program is held in the Community Corrections office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 1:30-4:30

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- Essentially, the program offers the same teachings as Alcoholics Anonymous
- The program adheres to a very strict attendance policy. Enrollees are expected to attend the DART program/ drug testing.

Julie indicated that the program is currently funded by the State. To date, 13 offenders have successfully graduated from the program over a period of 3 months of time. Julie expressed that judges appear more inclined to sending offenders to this program instead of the in-jail program. Julie also reported that there are funds earmarked for the drug testing in next year's Community Corrections grants. Julie Chaffee expressed that she believes the program will continue to expand.

Barbara Fuller inquired about whether the program was available to both men and women, and about the program's capacity. Julie Chaffee indicated that the program is open to both sexes. Julie then stated that although there is no real limit to the number of participants, the program operates at the comfort level of the facilitator (which is around 20 participants).

Herb Mahony expressed that he believes this program will possibly have a higher success rate than the in-jail program given that offenders are still exposed to daily life. Julie says she also sees some early releases because of this program.

Sheila Blakney inquired as to whether the service is used primarily by district court. Julie Chaffee stated that it is used by both courts.

Julie Chaffee reported that she was able to use some of the drunk-driving funds for drug testing. Julie also stated that the funding level will stay the same as last year, but Community Corrections will have greater flexibility in terms of how it appropriates the funds.

VI. Old Business

No old business was presented at this time.

VII. New Business

Archie Brown inquired about the jail overcrowding status. Herb Mahony reported that the present jail count was 350 inmates. Archie Brown replied that jail should now be implementing the 30% time cut mandate at this point.

Adjourned 9:13 a.m.

The next CJCC Full council meeting will be held Friday, October 20, 2006.