

July 27 2011

## Minutes from Criminal Justice Council Meeting

**Present:** Scott Holman, Kathy Beeksma, David Beeksma, Nancy Thyberg, Kelly McKnight, Anne Whiting, Robert Eaton, Randy Spangle, Brenda Spurlock, Amy O'Donahue, Karen Baker, Kent Rudeen, Midge Montano, Mick Brennan, Tony Jones, Matt Mackenzie, Mark Perrine, Terri Perry, Matt Brown, Tyler Wickman, Katie Colgrove, Kevin McAuliffe, Terry Schemenauer  
Called to say they weren't available: Ron Nye, Joe Corbine, Irv Soulier,

Introductions, question asked – What do you believe a CJC does or should do?

### ANSWERS AND COMMENTS:

- Enhance public safety, restore victims
- Reduce recidivism, address victim issues
- Stop or slow revolving door
- Communication and coordination with different agencies
- Better communication – work jointly
- Assist in educating our offender populations
- Identify the root cause of crime
- Work with families earlier in the system
- Exchange ideas on how to make the system work better – quantify – access
- More alternatives to incarceration – need long term solutions
- Employment assistance
- Review what works and what doesn't and revamp
- Add programming in the jail
- Data collection
- Veteran's courts – possibly assign mentor's to work with veterans
- Work more closely with families to break the cycle
- Provide a better understanding of crime and the criminal justice system to the public
- Greater cooperation amongst agencies and units of local government

- More effective resource allocation, attempt to reduce duplication of services
- Better quality criminal justice programs
- Increase in public confidence in and support of the criminal justice system
- Pro active rather than re active
- Reduction of jail population
- Reduce recidivism
- Save tax pay dollars through program alternatives to incarceration
- Data collection and follow up

Some discussion regarding purpose of CJC. Points to follow on future meetings.

Discussion regarding bylaws, voting (is it necessary to have a vote since this is an advisory group), mission statement, vision statement,

Kathy Beeksma, UW Extension, discussed the possibility of providing a Resiliency Class in the jail. Bayfield County has had success with this program. It involves offenders and their families.

Suggestions for other members: Dan Miller from WITC; Shirley Moran from CEP; Jeff Evans from Prentice house; DVR and VERNA representative; Indian Child Welfare; Tribal council.

Other individual suggestion however there was some concern regarding the size of the council. Suggestion that maybe some of the suggested agencies or names could do a short presentation at council meetings.

Next meeting is August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 pm in the County Board room.

If you have agenda suggestions please email to :

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