

Minutes – CJC

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MEETING	
1 PM	COUNTY BOARD ROOM
Meeting	Chairman - JUDGE EATON
Attendees	David Beeksma, Terri Perry, Tony Jones, John Sopiwnik, Randy Spangle, Nancy Thyberg, Mark Perrine, Katie Colgrove, Kathy Beeksma, Anne Whiting, Kent Tenney, Jerry Jorgenson, Dana Wszalek, Matt Mackenzie, Madelaine Karwoski, Robert Eaton, Amy O'Donahue, Mick Brennan, Matt Rooni, Terry Schemenauer

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Last month's minutes were reviewed with no changes recommended.

New members introduced:

Kent Tenney, Madelaine Karwoski

Review of Mission Statement:

Mission statement modeled after Eau Claire County's mission statement. It was suggested by Kathy Beeksma that the mission statement needed to be shorter. It was decided that a sub-committee would be established to write a mission statement. Committee is: Kathy Beeksma, Anne Whiting, Matt MacKenzie and Terry Schemenauer.

By-Laws:

By-law discussion about Article III (mission statement). Mission statement will be amended when subcommittee presents mission statement and it is adopted by the CJC.

There was also discussion about the voting membership of the committee, Article 4, Structure. Since this is an advisory group it was felt that if you were at the meeting you could vote. Need to amend if agreed upon to state voting members are the council attendees. A quorum number also needs to be established for purposes of voting.

Section C, Committees, we need volunteers for three committees: Grant/Funding committee; Criminal Court Review committee; Juvenile Court Review Committee. If you are interested participation on one of the committee's let Terry know.

Current Important Criminal Justice Issue:

Data collection – need a means to collect and make use of data from the different systems. There has been a significant increase in the jail population in the last month with no apparent reason. Discussion about probation/parole revocation hearings and the changes to the hearings process. They went from video conference hearings to a live administrative law judge doing the hearings. Belief was that because of this change the hearing process should be quicker.

Tony Jones will collect data through CODY regarding statistics on the jail populations

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Also check the Dept. of Justice web site for their statistical data regarding Ashland county and the types of crimes that we are reporting.

Judge had to leave; Mark Perrine took over the meeting process.

Discussion about the two court committees looking at how to gather data, where to gather data, when, and from whom. Compare this data with other counties for trends, etc.

Vine: Sheriff Brennan gave an overview of the statewide VINE access program for victims of crimes. When an offender is locked up for a crime (pretrial or post-conviction) the victim (or any citizen) may request a notification upon release of the offender. The phone number is 1-888-944-8463. Information is also available on line at www.vinelink.com . The VINE system monitors offender's custody status 24 hours a day. Notification is provided when an offender's status in custody changes.

Drug Court Grant: Anne Whiting reported that Ashland County has received an Adult Drug Court Grant. This is a three year grant that will fund a coordinator's position, drug tests. Official start date is Oct. 1, 2011.

TAD Grant: Terry reported that the treatment alternative and diversion grant was submitted. This is a joint grant with Bayfield County.

Report on the Community Service Project and Grant possibility: Discussion about the E-Recycling project. There was a meeting with the Facilities Manager for the city of Ashland, Steve Sharp, and Ashland Area Development Corporation director, Dale Kupczyk, Kent Tenney, and Terry Schemenauer regarding developing a program and the feasibility of such a project. AADC has an available space that is heated; we also have access to their lift in order to move material around. It was requested that the CJC give approval to apply for a local grant in order to have startup funds. One of the goals is to generate income for the drug court. Another is to give offenders job skills, work history, and have them pay off their fines and restitution. For each hour of community service an incentive, payment of court monies, would be used as a contribution towards court obligations.

Madelaine Karwoski reported on grant availability in our area. She felt this project would be a benefit for the Chequamegon Bay Area.

Kent Tenney gave a short report on recycling E waste services. There is a market for disassembling of computers for parts and reassembly.

Matt Mackenzie asked if there should be a non-lapsing account set up for the Criminal Justice Council. There was also a discussion regarding which county board subcommittee the CJC should report to; it was felt the law enforcement committee was probably the appropriate committee.

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There was a motion by Terri Perry to have Terry apply for the Apostle Island's Community grant motion was seconded by Mark Perrine. Motion was approved.

Terri Perry stated that Taylor County is having a conference on Alcohol Bio Markers. The conference is Oct. 25th, in the Medford MTC building.

Vivatrol Grant that was submitted by Ashland County Human Services was discussed. They are waiting to see if this grant was awarded to Ashland County.

Next meeting date is Oct. 25th, 1 pm, in the Ashland County Board Room