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CRIMINAL JUSTICE MEETING	
1 PM	COUNTY BOARD ROOM
Meeting	Chairman - JUDGE EATON
Attendees	David Beeksma, Tony Jones, , Randy Spangle, Mark Perrine, Kathy Beeksma, Anne Whiting, Kent Tenney, Dan Miller, Dana Wszalek, Matt Mackenzie, Madelaine Karwoski, Robert Eaton, Amy O'Donahue, Mick Brennan, Terry Barningham, Midge Montano, Kelly McKnight, Brenda Spurlock, Jeff Bierl, Terry Schemenauer

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

New members introduced:

None

Review of Mission Statement:

The revised mission statement (committee members – Matt Mackenzie, Kathy Beeksma, Anne Whiting, and Terry Schemenauer) was presented to the Council. One recommendation for change, to remove 'a' from the statement. Mission was approved to say: **The Criminal Justice Council serves to provide direction, leadership, and vision for an improved criminal justice system in the community.** Kathy B. moved to approve and Mark P seconded. Approved

Vision Statement: The following statement was approved by the Council:

The Criminal Justice Council strives to create a united and safe community where all people trust the Criminal Justice Community to be fair and efficient.

Matt M moved to approve and Madelaine K seconded. Approved

Brief discussion about the By Laws. Subcommittee formed to create/edit by laws and bring it back to the CJC next month. Committee members, Dave Beeksma, Anne Whiting, Terry Schemenauer

Statistic's regarding crime in the county:

Discussion about OJA's statistics and the jail population for Sept. and Oct.

Some questions/issues that were asked and put out there for further discussion and research:

We need to compare our data to counties of similar makeup and size.

Compare data presented to TAD grant numbers next year.

Apply apples to apples when looking at overall data for the state and Ashland County.

What number of pleas result in jail, fines, deferred, probation?

Does poverty have effect on initial appearance holds? Cash bails?

What causes the problem?

Comments regarding questions:

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District Attorney doesn't feel there are that many held on lower bail amounts. When an individual receives a high cash bail it is because of the seriousness of the crime.

Tony Jones electronically sends the jail roster and reasons for incarceration to the Judge's office. The Judge requested an electronic record of jail holds from 2010 until present.

Grant Updates

TAD grant is unofficially announced. (There is an additional amount now being made available. The total grant amount with match will be \$235,000.) Grant startup date is January 1st, 2012.

Ashland County received the Vivatrol OWI treatment grant. This grant provides dollars for Vivatrol shots for 3rd and 4th OWI convictions. Medicaid will assist in cost. The offender receives one injection per month for a period of time and then is transitioned to an oral treatment. This grant maybe teamed with the Adult drug Court grant to combine treatment with shots. Seven to Eight offenders may be served by the grant.

New Business:

Joint and Several Restitution: Discussion about how to better implement joint and several restitution cases. A sub committee was formed to try and address this issue. Members are: Kelly McKnight, Dana Wszalek, Kent Tenney, Katherine Colgrove, Terri Perry, and Judge Eaton.

Jail Population Discussion: There was a discussion about the current jail population and possible causes. Tony Jones stated that the state as a whole averages about a 20% probation and parole jail hold population. In Ashland they have been averaging about 40%. The jail is averaging about 100 bookings a month which is not much different than other months. Kelly M. stated that he hasn't seen any changes that should have driven up the jail population.

Dana Wszalek explained the different types of holds: short term lock ups 3-6 days. Generally for alcohol, drug use, traffic, restraining order violations, etc.; longer term would be revocation cases, alternative to revocation cases, lengthy investigations (generally for new crime cases).

There was a suggestion to put together a committee to study and gather information, data, and demographics, types of crimes, trends, and numbers useful to monitor progress.

Plum Creek Grant Application: An application was submitted to Plum Creek for funding to provide programming in the jail. The grant requests dollars to run seven, six week groups in 2012. The group material to be covered includes, communication skills, conflict management and dealing with anger issues, human

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relations, education and career opportunity matching personality and communication styles.

Update on Domestic Violence program in Ashland County: Nothing to report on DV classes; there are no classes in Ashland county.