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CRIMINAL JUSTICE MEETING	
1 PM	COUNTY BOARD ROOM
Meeting Called to order	Chairman - JUDGE EATON
Attendees	Judge Eaton, Mark Perrine, Nancy Thyberg, Mick Brennan, Joanne Kulik, Kelly McKnight, Anne Whiting, Mike Anderson, Madelaine Karwoski, Judy Putnam, Jerry Jorgenson, Tony Jones, Scott Hultman, Kent Tenney, Amy O'Donahue, Scott Holmen, Randy Spangle, Kathy Beeksma, Beverly Sidlo Tolliver, Karen Baker, Dan Miller, Midge Montano, Terri Perry, Tom Moe, Matt MacKenzie, Tyler Wickman Excused: Katie Colgrove, Andrew McGregor, Dana Wszalek, Missing: Ashland Police Department

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Last month's minutes were reviewed and approved

New members introduced:

Tom Moe, Dept. of Corrections

Old Business

Jail Population Review:

Jail population is slightly up. What is cause? Tony Jones will provide data for the last three years, number of jail beds used each month.

There were 1100 total jail bed days used in May for a daily average of 35.48 bed days. This is up .48 bed days; electronic monitoring 10 people

TAD Report:

4 people being supervised on TAD. One of the problems with referrals is those who are appropriate for TAD have no ties to the community and therefore make them ineligible for TAD.

Adult Drug Court Report:

16 participants; one participant is on a probation hold. Two are waiting in jail to enter the program. Scott and Anne are teaming up on home visits; they are also doing a combined AODA group. Each makes referrals to this group and the two programs split the cost. By partnering on programming they are extending their resources.

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Sub-committee report:

Children of Incarcerated Parents: Sub-committee met for the first time (11 Members). Discussions included how incarceration of parents affects children in schools, behavioral problems; many problems associated with children and incarcerated parents. Kathy Beeksma spoke about a two-year state grant being administered in Sauk and Racine counties. It is the first time ever that the impacts of having a parent incarcerated in county jail have been evaluated.

How many times has the court heard: Have mercy on me for my children's sake. How do you render equal justice for people without children if the parents are pleading for mercy because they have children? Your behavior has affected your children.

Tyler commented that first time offenders may have more remorse about how their behavior has affected their children than repeat offenders.

The jail experiences the same attempts at manipulation by parents using their children as tools to try and manipulate the rules or their release options.

Sustainability

The grant has been submitted for the Coordinator's position. The current funding is good thru mid-June. Judge plans on meeting with the county board law enforcement committee to explain duties and responsibilities of this position.

Thirty Seven counties currently have Criminal Justice Council's and the state recently created a state-wide Criminal Justice Council. This is becoming a state wide solution to dealing with local criminal justice issues.

The Judge led a discussion on the impact of the criminal justice council on the community, he asked for suggestions on how to obtain more funding. Please send a letter of support for CJC.

Round Robin:

Karen Baker – Parents who host lose the most. If you want materials please call Karen at 715.682.7080 xt6004 or email at kbaker@ashland.k12.wi.us

Beverly Sidlo Tolliver – Benefit spaghetti dinner June 5th at Good Shepard Lutheran church for Jennifer Scribner.

Sheriff Brennan – Project Lifesaver; program that tracks people with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Six bracelets that can be used on individuals to keep track of where they are in the community. This program is a joint effort between the Sheriff's Dept. and Ashland County Human Services. This program can also be used for autistic and Down syndrome individuals. In the past if someone went missing a large amount of staff were called out at a great expense to the Sherriff's Dept. This program will not only track high risk people but also save a lot of money if someone is lost.

Kelly McKnight – Act 25, TAD grant requires and oversight committee. This committee at a minimum must have the following persons: Judge, District Attorney, Public Defender, Law Enforcement, County Board Representative, and a

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representative from each county agency providing county social services, Dept. of Corrections, AODA representative.

The suggestion was to move that the CJC offer its services of the CJC to the county board to serve as the TAD oversight committee.

Amended: send to the finance committee to forward to the full board

The Judge will write a letter/resolution to send to the chairman of the finance committee.

Next meeting : June 26th, 2012 in the county board room, 2nd floor of the courthouse