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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, Katie Colgrove, Mick Brennan, Joanne Kulik, Matt Mackenzie, Kelly McKnight, Anne Whiting, Mike Anderson, Madelaine Karwoski, Anthony Corbine, Karen Baker, Jerry Jorgenson, Tony Jones, Scott Hultman, Kent Tenney, Dana Wszalek, Amy O'Donahue, Greg BeBeau, Mark Campy, Dan Miller, Randy Spangle, Allison Spaude Filipczak Excused: Kathy Beeksma, Scott Holman

Minutes:

Last month's minutes were reviewed with one change. Jerry Jorgenson noted change with regard to tutoring in the jail.

New members introduced:

Greg BeBeau, Ashland Chief of Police; Mark Campy, Bad River Police Officer; Allison Spaude Filipczak, Ashland Juvenile Drug Court/Mentoring program. Rick Olivio from the Ashland Daily Press was also present.

Old Business

Jail Population Review:

Average jail population for February is 37 inmates. This is down from October when we started at an average of 63 days. In October we had 1726 bed days, February we had 1002 bed days. Based on the reduction of jail beds from Oct. there was a savings of \$39,820 at the rate of \$55 per day. This savings is only the difference between the months of October and February. Each month since Oct. 2011, the jail bed the numbers have decreased. The Judge commented that the Criminal Justice Council couldn't take the credit but there may be a relationship to jail reductions and the criminal justice program.

TAD Report:

One person being supervised in program. More coming; program is working well. Lot of forms being developed, program standards are established.

Sub-committee report:

No sub committee's reports.

New Business:

Synthetic Drugs, Huffing, Robotusin, Mucinex

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Synthetic drugs, inhalants, over the counter medications were the discussion point. Kelly McKnight presented information about these substances and the State statutes regarding the control of synthetic drug, bath salts, and sales. Federal law outlawed certain synthetic drugs compounds. However, manufacturers change the compound and the illegal become legal. Wisconsin statutes somewhat mimic the federal law and therefore have the same issues with enforcement. We have seen a significant rise in use of synthetic drugs by teens and adults. The Adult and teen drug courts, TAD program, and law enforcement contacts in the community are also dealing with aerosol huffing, misuse of robotusion DM and mucinex, and the continued abuse of prescription drugs.

Kelly used two examples of medical problems that have occurred with the above drugs. One, Demi Moore and her seizures due to use of synthetic THC; the second was about a teenager who had huffed duster and was passed out behind a gas station.

Matt MacKenzie suggested the county could develop an ordinance adopting the Statute. This is a health awareness issue, public health awareness issue, and law enforcement issue.

Discussion about what we can do as a community. Greg BeBeau suggested we invite our Representative Janet Bewely to our next criminal justice meeting. A number of sub committees were formed:

Ordinance subcommittee – Kelly McKnight, Matt MacKenzie, Mark Perrine, Karen Baker

Social Media/ Brochure/Sports subcommittee – Anne Whiting, Madelaine Karwoski, Terry Schemenauer, Karen Baker, Kent Tenney

Other discussions included the district attorney noting he would charge criminally under the hazardous substance statute, WI Statute 941.316. It is illegal for juveniles to purchase the products being discussed; it is illegal for adults to purchase products and give or sell to juveniles. Our current statute needs to be amended to deal with the changes that are occurring in compounds. See internet regarding the number of medical issues related to synthetics, duster, huffing, and dextromethorphan.

Discussion of need for social media awareness regarding duster, over the counter medications and their impact on the body and brain, Anne Whiting discussed bringing these issues up to the all-county sports committee's

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Round Robin:

Greg BeBeau, DEA website has information about DMX, inhalants, synthetics, bath salts, etc. It may be possible to get brochures from them at no cost.

Joanna Kulick stated the Sheriff's department would have on-site synthetic field drug tests within the next couple of weeks. These tests cover the current illegal drug compounds.

Dan Miller, WITC, believes there needs to be more education in schools; the synthetic, huffing issue should be brought up to the school board; bring speakers into the schools, Three different presenters for the three different age level schools.

Mick Brennan, Sheriff, commented that local store owners needed education. They are the ones experiencing the shop lifting of certain items e.g. pills, inhalants, etc.

Kelly McKnight is developing a memo for law enforcement giving guidance on the synthetic cannabinoids, what statute to use for charging, and what questions to ask.

Karen Baker, School District, Campaign parents who have the most to lose with their children and drugs and alcohol.

Jerry Jorgenson thanked Karen and the school district for their response to tutoring in the jail.

Anne Whiting spoke about the Criminal Justice Coordinator grant ending on March 31st and the need to keep this position in place. Discussion ensued

Dana Wszalek, Dept. of Corrections Supervisor, stated that probation and parole had no synthetic UA drug tests.

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Next meeting, March 27th, 1pm, County Board room, 2nd floor of courthouse.