

# Minutes – CJC

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MEETING	
1 PM	COUNTY BOARD ROOM
<b>Meeting Called to order</b>	Chairman - JUDGE EATON
<b>Attendees</b>	Judge Eaton, Mark Perrine, Nancy Thyberg, Mick Brennan, Joanne Kulik, Kelly McKnight, Anne Whiting, Mike Anderson, Madelaine Karwoski, Jerry Jorgenson, Tony Jones, Scott Hultman, Kent Tenney, Sandy Paitl, Mark Campy, Randy Spangle, Kathy Beeksma, Judy Putnam, Beverly Sidlo Tolliver, Midge Montano, Terri Perry, Dana Wszalek, Matt MacKenzie, Tyler Wickman, Norm Couture, Mike Malmberg, Meghan Swanson, Karla Vinci, Kevin McAuliffe, Keith Hilts, Greg BeBeau, Jody Bigboy Lowmaster, Gerald Randall, Jeff Evans  <b>Excused:</b> Katie Colgrove, Andrew McGregor, Dan Miller, Karen Baker, Scott Holmen, Amy O'Donahue, Rick Larson

## **Minutes:**

Last month's minutes were reviewed and approved

## **New members introduced:**

Sandy Paitl, Jeff Evans, Meghan Swanson, Karla Vinci, Mike Malmberg, Keith Hilts,

## **Old Business**

### **Jail Population Review:**

Jail population is up. For the month of June we had a total of 1253 bed days for an average of 50 prisoners per day.

Attached to minutes was a list of programming that the jail is providing.

### **TAD Report:**

7 people being supervised on TAD. Three are out on bail and four are deferred entry of Judgment cases. The ideal number of cases that could be supervised at one time would be 15.

### **Adult Drug Court Report:**

16 participants. Four people attended the National Drug court conference in Tennessee, Judge Eaton, District Attorney Kelly McKnight, Public Defender Mark Perrine and Dept. of Corrections agent Kevin Seefeldt. There will be a retreat of the drug court team in the near future.

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## **Congratulations to Randy Spangle:**

Randy Spangle received the Harold E. Hughes award for his work in the field of recovery. This national award is only given to one individual each year. Congratulations Randy on a job well done for so many years and for being the best in the business!

## **Sub-committee reports:**

### **Synthetic Drug Ordinance:**

Kelly finished a draft of the proposed synthetic drug ordinance. It mirrors the state law. Copies of the ordinance were distributed and it was reviewed. There was a recommendation by Kelly and a second by Matt MacKenzie to send the draft ordinance to the Public Safety and Law Enforcement committee for review and recommendation to the whole county board.

### **Children of Incarcerated Parents:**

Kathy Beeksma stated that there has not been a study (in the nation) of county jail data on children of incarcerated parents and the effects. Questions that are being asked in a survey of incarcerated parents include:

Do you have any children that live in Ashland County (children may include biological or step-children or other children living in home if inmate is not married)? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If “no” questionnaire is complete.

If “yes”:

1) What are the ages of your children?

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2) Where in Ashland County do they live (town or city)?

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3) Who is taking care of the children while you are incarcerated?

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### **Brochure Committee:**

Brochures are now available for synthetic drugs and inhalants. If you would like a few brochures for distribution they are available from Anne Whiting or Alison Spaude Filipczak.

### **Sustainability**

A grant has been submitted to Otto Bremer to try and obtain funding to keep this committee running and the CJC position in place. The grant review date is July 26<sup>th</sup>.

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Juvenile Citations- Citations for Truancy, shoplifting, alcohol possession or consumption, possession of THC, etc. has been the same amount since 1987, \$25. The fine does go up with more arrests. Judy Putnam commented that for Truancy and underage drinking this amount was not significant and really didn't affect behavior. If raised to a higher amount it could have an impact.

Discussion followed. Some people felt that the amount should be raised to motivate teens to stop behavior; another felt we should divert to some sort of treatment program earlier as a deterrent; if there was a criminal act involved in the ordinance violation then the fine should be increased.

Current costs: Court costs \$30, and 75.30 for underage drinking 1 and 2; for truancy it is \$50 and then goes up to \$249.

Ordinances are not proportionate to the crime.

A question was asked about what happens if they fail to pay fines as a juvenile. Answer was that the fines will stay open until the person is eighteen and then they are arrested for failure to pay fines.

Bad River and the city of Ashland have their own separate ordinances to deal with similar issues.

A committee was formed to try and codify county ordinances and bring them up to date, user friendly, and then bring more money back to the county. State statute charges only bring small amounts of money back to the county but county ordinance violations bring all the dollars back to the county. Committee members include Judge Eaton, Kelly McKnight, Matt McKenzie, and Mike Malmberg.

## **Round Robin:**

**Keith Hilts:** Keith passed out pamphlets on the 11x15 program. The goal of this program is to reduce prison populations by half (11,000) by the end of the 2015 year.

**Jerry Jorgenson:** Shared a success story of a high school student who had problems and with help went on to graduate high school.

**Karla Vinci:** Women's Sober House is open and ready for occupants. There is a \$100 security deposit. The cost for the occupant is \$325 per month. There are 4 beds in the house. The program requires 30 days free from drugs/alcohol. There are no children allowed to live with their parent.

**Keith McAuliffe:** If there are veterans that are arrested or end up in court could we get names to Keith? There are resources available to help veterans.

**Midge Montano:** The New Day Shelter is full.

Next meeting: July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in the county board room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the courthouse; 1 PM