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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, Mike Anderson, Madelaine Karwoski, Tony Jones, Scott Hultman, Kent Tenney, Mark Campy, Kathy Beeksma, Judy Putnam, Beverly Sidlo Tolliver, Midge Montano, Terri Perry, Matt MacKenzie, Norm Couture, Mike Malmberg, Kevin McAuliffe, Karen Baker, Dan Miller, JoDeanne Janecek Jody Bigboy Lowmaster, Gerald Randall, Jeff Evans, Katie Perttunen, Mark Ables Allison, Amber Menard, Rich Larson, Shirley Moran, Andrew MacGregor, Katie Colgrove Excused: Dana Wszalek, Greg BeBeau, Anne Whiting, Jerry Jorgenson

Minutes:

Last month's minutes were reviewed and approved

New members introduced:

Shirley Moran, Katie Perttunen, Rich Larson, JoDeanne Janecek, Amber Menard

Old Business

Jail Population Review:

Jail population is trending down. More drug court people in jail, probation cases awaiting revocation hearings; those awaiting initial appearance is high; an observation was that when the carnival or fair were occurring the jail population was higher;

TAD Report:

6 people are being supervised on TAD. One person has been removed from TAD because of new criminal behavior.

Adult Drug Court Report:

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16 participants. One participating in the Vivatrol program.

Sub-committee reports:

County Ordinance sub-committee – report by Matt McKenzie – gathering information about current ordinances and reviewing material.

Synthetic Drug Ordinance:

Kelly McKnight commented that the Synthetic Drug Ordinance has been sent to the Public Safety committee.

Kelly also spoke to J.B. Van Hollen, the State Attorney General about the synthetic drug problem. JB was unaware of the extent of the synthetic drug problem.

Another problem that law enforcement is beginning to see is an increase in Heroin use in the county. Because of the increase in cost of illegal prescription drug sales it is now cheaper to purchase and use Heroin.

Dan Miller announced that on Sept. 18th, from 6:30 – 8:30, there will be a presentation by Dorothy Chaney from the Marshfield clinic on synthetic drugs in the WITC conference center. There will also be a panel discussion after Dorothy's presentation. The conference center can hold 200 people.

Children of Incarcerated Parents:

Data report by Kathy Beeksma regarding the survey going on with parents that are incarcerated in the Ashland County jail. 39 inmates interviewed; 28 have children in Ashland County; 11 inmates do not have children living in Ashland County; 7 inmates are expecting; 5 declined to participate. One participant said they missed their child but did not want to be seen by the child while they were incarcerated.

There are a total of 55 minor children, seven inmates expecting children, and eight inmates with adult children. One of the adult children is disabled and requires full-time care.

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. Hope to hand out brochures at the athletic department's meeting.

Karen Baker reported about homeless families and school problems. School district will provide supplies for the families. The school and Human Services provide brochures about what is available for assistance to homeless families.

New Business

Mark Abeles Allison presented information about Bayfield County's criminal justice program and also about the statewide Criminal Justice Council.

Bayfield County established a CJC and hired a full time coordinator in 2000. Their goal was to reduce jail beds. They established their council at the same time they were putting a significant addition on to their jail.

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Mark is also a member of the statewide criminal justice council. He discussed Executive Order 65 that established a state wide council. The Council is charged with assisting the Governor in directing, collaborating, and coordinating the services of state and local governmental agencies and non-governmental entities in the criminal justice system to increase efficiencies, effectiveness, and public safety.

37 counties currently have a criminal justice council. They are looking for volunteers/members for committees that will assist in finding additional resources for counties. Committees are: public outreach, data sharing, alternatives to prison,

Round Robin:

Kathy Beeksma – On 7/25 there is a statewide “homeless” awareness day. 6 AM – 6 PM.

Shirley Moran – Windows to Work program is now available to Ashland County. Eligibility - must be on supervision, No SSI or SSDI, unemployed. Program is about how to find and keep a job. She can possibly also offer Breaking Barriers and” thinking for change” programing to the jail.

Next meeting: August 21st, 2012 in the county board room, 2nd floor of the courthouse; 1 PM