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CRIMINAL JUSTICE MEETING

4.30.2013

1 PM

COUNTY BOARD ROOM

Meeting Called to order

Vice Chairman Mark Perrine

Attendees

Robert Eaton, Mark Perrine, Andrew Macgregor, Amy O'Donahue, Terri Perry, Nicole Dandereau, Joanna Kulick, Tony Jones, Jerry Jorgenson, Kathy Beeksma, Randy Spangle, Kent Tenney, Mick Brennan, Greg BeBeau, Rachel Coughtry, Scott Hultman, Anne Whiting, Karen Baker, Mike Malmberg, Norm Couture, Kimberly Lawton, Tyler Wickman, Kate Bortell, Matt Mackenzie, Kelly McKnight

Minutes:

Last month's minutes were reviewed with no changes

New members introduced: Rachel Coughtry, The Lakes Clinic; Nicole Dandereau, New Day Shelter

Old Business:

Jail Population Review:

Mick: Population is still high and will only get worse as the weather warms up. If we could keep the total fewer than 60 we could save one position on the nightshift. Kelly McKnight said that the jail has had no down time and that the arrests are high and no explanation. Greg BeBeau stated that calls for service are down but that there are more arrests for violent crimes.

EMP Program:

9 people on the monitor

TAD Report:

7 active participants; 3 bail monitoring and 4 deferred entry of judgment's. 2 more participants are ready to enter the program. There has been approximately 500 jail bed days diverted because of TAD. Kelly McKnight discussed the criminal justice system flow chart.

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Adult Drug Court Report:

8 active participants; one person graduated and this saved 250 jail bed days.

Another graduation is set for May.

BIRT program: the BIRT staff is starting a synthetic marijuana support group.

Group will begin on 5/21 at the Information and Referral Center with Amber Rusch.

Long Run Community Service Project:

Longrun has provided employment opportunities. 150 hours of employment for a DVR client; 225 hours of employment for a Dept. of Corrections client; 170 hours of uncompensated community service.

Additional equipment was received from MMC and from WITC.

A corrections client will be starting employment on 5/13.

Sub-committee reports:

County ordinance committee:

No Report

Children of Incarcerated Parents:

Next meeting is 8 AM, on 5/21 in the jury room on the third floor of the courthouse.

The attempts to get supervisor's to oversee child visitations is not going anywhere and so this problem was tabled for now. Family focused training will begin in the jail in June. The focus of the group is children and in May, Amy O'Donahue and Terry Schemenauer will be meeting with school counselors in May.

Firearms disposal committee

No report

New Business:

Bail Jumping statistics: the Judge's statistics were from charges issued. The DA's stats were from court. 2010 – 22% jumped bail; 2011 – 22%; 2012 – 24%; 2013 – 40.8%. This is a problem and how do we solve it?

There was a discussion of possible causes and solutions. One thought was to get them into the system faster, speed up the process.

There will be a comparison with Bayfield counties cases to see if they are experiencing the same issues and if not what are they doing differently.

Synthetic update: There will be a roundtable discussion on Friday, May 3rd, in the City Hall council chambers.

There is new legislation being developed to expand the language of synthetic compounds.

There is also an expansion of the OWI language to apply to Scheduled drugs.

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National Take Back Initiative: This is a federal program that promotes turning in old, unused prescription or OTC drugs two times a year. This year Walgreens did the collection, law enforcement stands by. There were 3 boxes taken, 30 pounds of discarded medicine.

Round Robin:

School: Karen Baker briefly talked about Parents who host loses the most programs. She left a number of yard signs for the taking and putting up at homes.

Judicial update: There are a number of bills being introduced before the Assembly. One bill would allow law enforcement to search a person or their property if they were on supervision with the Dept. of Corrections. OWI bill that proposes imprisonment if a person causes bodily harm while driving and under the influence. First offence would be with a BAC of .15 or greater; this would be a misdemeanor conviction. OWI causing death would be a minimum sentence of 10 years in prison. OWI 3rd would become a Class F felony.

Next meeting: May 28th, 1PM, County Board Room