

# Minutes – CJC

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MEETING

1 PM

COUNTY BOARD ROOM

**Meeting Called to order**

Robert Eaton

**Attendees**

Tony Jones, Dan Zei, Mark Perrine, Randy Young, Kent Tenney, Eric Sharp, Judith Putnam, Amy O'Donahue, Terri Perry, LaTricia Dugger, Tony Benedict, Chad Lalor, Deb Lewis, Nathan Melton, Latricia Dugger, Dana Wszalek, Jody Bigboy Lowmaster, Doug Liphart, Karen Baker, Kelly McKnight, Matt McKenzie, Tony Jones

## **Minutes:**

September minutes were approved with no changes

## **New Members:**

Tony Benedict, Bayfield County Risk Reduction Court

John Lalor, Bayfield County TAD programming

Debra Lewis, City of Ashland Mayor

## **Old Business:**

### **Sub-committee reports:**

#### **Jail Population Review:**

Jail has 47 inmates today and 7 on the monitoring program. The jail numbers starting dropping in the middle of October.

#### **TAD report:**

11 participants in TAD; two are pending

#### **Probation/Parole**

21 holds last week; 14 in Ashland and 8 in revocation status

#### **Adult Drug court report:**

10 active in drug court and one pending

#### **Longrun report:**

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336 hours of community service performed by adults and 96 by juveniles.

## **Children of Incarcerated Parents:**

The Sesame Street video is playing at the jail. The committee is working on a safe exchange program for children. Funding is needed to train volunteers and provide a minimal compensation for their time.

## **New Business:**

Doug Liphart – Teen court had their first two hearings last month. The teen court panel has 7-8 members.

The Judge asked if the district attorney's office tracked how many domestic assaults each year were teen DV's. They answer was seldom if any but this was because of how juvenile cases are charged.

A question was asked if "teen violence was the training grounds for Adult violence"?

There is a anti bulling campaign in the schools. Their program is based on the Duluth Civility Project. This was the old Caring Community Project.

New Day Shelter goes into the schools and talks about teen violence.

There was also a discussion about the recent changes to the law regarding firearms surrender. There will be two hearings, the first hearing is the temporary restraining order hearing and the second is the surrender hearing.

Amy - On December 4<sup>th</sup> there is a criminal justice training at WITC. The training is: Fine-Tuning the Investigative Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. This training is sponsored by Ashland and Bayfield counties CCR teams. It is designed for the following agencies:

Law Enforcement, Court Officials, Human Services Advocates, Medical Professionals, Service Providers, Probation and Parole

Terri Perry: The joint County CS program for AODA for treatment has not received a start date yet. They are waiting for certification. There are 30 other counties trying to start up this program.

Homeless discussion:

We have a problem in the Ashland area with homelessness. Some areas that are affected by homelessness are: TAD and Adult drug court; you need a stable residence to be placed in these programs. If they don't have housing they are no eligible and then end up using jail beds.

Ashland High School on occasion will put families up in a hotel because they are homeless. This is usually for a day or two and doesn't correct the problem.

The court has a problem with giving bail to homeless person. Part of the requirement is connection to the community, a home and not eligible for programming.

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Probation and Parole, if someone is placed on probation here and is homeless they can't be transferred to another county's homeless shelter and so remain homeless.

Northlakes has been dealing with a significant amount of homeless people throughout the summer and now into the fall and winter.

Dept. of Natural Resources has been dealing with homeless issues. Homeless people are putting tents up or camping in areas that are off limits.

The clergy are also getting requests for funds to help with housing and the funding is not there.

We need to quantify the degree of the problem. Define what homeless is and the extent of the problem. Is it possible for the UW Extension to gather some data? Identify resources; possibly develop a homeless guide for agencies. Develop a clearing house of information.

A workgroup was established to try and work on this problem. The Judge, Rachel Coughtry, Kathy Beeksma, Anne Reardon, Terry Schemenauer.

There was also a discussion about creating a Treatment Guide. This guide would be a how to and where to. How to get someone into treatment, where are the treatment facilities, what level of treatment is needed (or what does this mean). Etc.

## **Round Robin:**

Dana Wszalek - Probation/Parole has position openings. Go to WISC Jobs on line .

In November Anne Whiting will report on the treatment guide. Terry will report on the homeless.

**Our next meeting will be November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1PM , in the county board room, second floor of the courthouse.**