

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**Minutes – April 21, 2016**

**Call to Order.** Chair Nelson called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 3:02 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisor Sandra Kraft, William Rankin, Chair Eric Nelson, Lance Horozewski, Deputy Chief John Olsen (alt. for Chief David Moore), David O’Leary, Sheriff Robert Spoden, Steve Howland, Mary Weaver, Troy Enger, Kelly O’Brien (alt. for Angela Moore) at 3:04 P.M., and then Marc Perry at 3:27 P.M.

**Committee Members Absent:** Max Arriaga, Charles Jones, Judge Richard Werner, Chief David Zibolski, and Charmian Klyve.

**Staff Members Present:** Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Tracey VanZandt, HR Secretary; and Gina Koehl, Deferred Prosecution Director.

**Others Present:** Jim Neitzel-DOC Field Supervisor, Neil Deupree; Ethel Below; Lynda Owens; Frank Schultz, Janesville Gazette; Candy Schenck; Benjamin Searls, DOC; Andrey Below; Sheila DeForest, Beloit City Council.

**Approval of Agenda.** Sheriff Spoden moved approval of the agenda, second by Mr. O’Leary. ADOPTED.

**Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2016.** Supervisor Kraft moved approval of the minutes, second by Sheriff Spoden. ADOPTED.

**Discussion Regarding US Department of Justice Letter Pertaining to Enforcement of Fines & Fees and Bond Practices.** Sheriff Spoden stated that we currently have the Workender and Electronic Monitoring programs at the Rock County Jail that allow people who qualify to complete their sentence outside of the jail. There are 25 to 35 individuals assigned to the Workender program on any given day. Non-profit companies are allowed to request assistance through the Workender program. This program has been very successful. Some of the benefits of participating in the program are that the individuals can keep their jobs and still support their families. It also keeps low-risk individuals out of the jail. Mr. O’Leary said that there will always be some individuals who would rather serve the time than go through the program. Sheriff Spoden said that individuals can’t refuse the program. The Sheriff has the right to place them where he sees fit. He added that 24% to 28% of the inmate population are in alternative programs. It was also discussed that Rock County does not have indigency hearings on ability to pay. This should be looked into. It was asked if the DOJ letter could be shared with Rock County Municipal Judges. Public Defenders can only defend people for non-payment on criminal matters. Mr. O’Leary said that the co-presenter from the Colorado pre-trial conference presented pretrial information to an EBDM workgroup today. There needs to be a change made where an individual is released if they pose no danger and held if they do. No cash bond should be involved. The committee agreed that since the EBDM state and local teams are currently working on this issue that we will wait for a report back from that committee.

**Update on Wisconsin SCAODA Report Progress.** Chief Zibolski will be the CJCC representative for the Heroin Task Force. They are just in the beginning stages creating a mission statement. This will be on the May Rock County Law Enforcement Association agenda.

**Approval of Resolution Proclaiming May 2016 Drug Court Month.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen passed out a draft of the resolution.

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, does hereby declare that a “Drug Court Month” be established during the month of May 2016.”

She stated this is part of a National initiative. She would like to take this resolution to the May 26<sup>th</sup> County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Horozewski moved to approve the resolution as drafted, second by Mr. Perry. ADOPTED.

**Approval of Resolution Recognizing Honorable Richard Werner for Service to Drug Court.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen passed out a draft of the resolution.

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, does hereby recognize the Honorable Richard Werner for his eight years of service and leadership to Rock County’s Drug Treatment Court.”

Sheriff Spoden moved to approve the resolution as drafted, second by Mr. Rankin. ADOPTED.

**Follow-Up Discussion and Possible Action on 2016 Resource Fair.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen shared that Anna Neal, DOC’s CCEP person, is willing to take over the Resource Fair for this year. The Resource Fair will not take place until sometime this fall. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen will be meeting with Ms. Neal next week to pass along planning information.

**Update on EBDM Initiative.** EBDM met on April 13th. Chair Nelson reviewed the four work groups’ goals with the committee. Phase V will be ending soon. At this time, recommendations will be made. Phase VI applications are due in July. Phase VI is the implementation phase and is scheduled to last up to 24 months. Mr. O’Leary stated he feels that the State of Wisconsin is ahead of many other states.

**Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns.** None.

**Consideration of Future Areas for CJCC Focus/Action.**

- Treatment Court report for May agenda.
- Sheriff’s Office to present Workender report
- Mr. O’Leary would like to invite the Clerk of Courts to our next meeting so we can learn how jury pools are picked. Is there proper minority representation?

**Citizen Participation and Announcements.** It was announced that Ms. Klyve will be retiring on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Owens asked how an inmate can pay a fine to get out of jail. Sheriff Spoden said that each day that an inmate sits they earn a \$52 credit towards their fine. Ms. Owens also asked about having weekend

court so individuals don't have to miss work to attend court. It was stated that there is an on-call Judge on the weekends for certain purposes.

Mr. Deupree stated that he is part of the Green Rock Audubon Society and they work with the Workenders and they are great to work with. Mr. Deupree announced that Mr. Perry will be presenting at the Diversity Action Team of Rock County's Annual Workshop. This will be held on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Mercy Health Mall from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Ms. Schenck asked the committee for assistance with her son, Alex.

**Future Meeting Date:** Thursday, May 19, 2016, 3:00 P.M., Courthouse Conference Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courthouse East.

**Adjournment.** Mr. Rankin moved adjournment at 4:17 P.M., second by Sheriff Spoden.  
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt  
HR Secretary

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