

**Minutes**  
**Trempealeau County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**  
**February 23, 2010**

Members present: Dick Miller, Doug Winters, Judge Damon, Jill Clark, District Attorney Jeri Marsolek, Sheriff Richard Anderson, Chief Deputy Brian Puent, Pat Malone, and Olin Fimreite.

The meeting was called to order by Miller at 1:08 p.m. stating proper posting and notification has met open meeting requirements. Motion by Damon and seconded by Marsolek to accept the agenda as posted. Motion carried 9-0.

Miller questioned if there were any changes to the previous meeting minutes. Hearing none, motion by Winters and seconded by Damon to accept the minutes from the January 26, 2010 meeting as submitted. Motion carried 9-0.

***National Institute of Corrections Local Jail and Justice System Assessment Report***

The report addresses positives that Trempealeau County is doing to address needs and challenges we are facing. The report also provides examples of data that has been collected and other types of data that would be beneficial in developing a long term plan for the Trempealeau County Criminal Justice System.

This item will be placed on next month's agenda for further discussion as other committee members have an opportunity to review the report.

***District Attorney Misdemeanor Diversion Program Grant***

Marsolek advised The Misdemeanor Diversion Agreement Programs is a three year grant received from the Office of Justice Assistance. The funds for this grant will support the wages/benefits of a program coordinator. The grant deals with non-violent offenders and requires offenders to complete certain requirements, i.e. counseling, restitution, etc. in order to receive the determined agreement. The coordinator will develop requirements for offenders and monitor their progress in completing those requirements. This program will not be eligible for individuals facing felony or domestic abuse charges at this time.

***Risk Assessment Tools***

There was some discussion on the different risk assessment tools available. There was further discussion on the types of assessment tools that are already being used in Trempealeau County. Individuals from Human Services, Drug Court and Probation and Parole will be asked to provide more information on assessment tools already being utilized at the March meeting.

***Establishing, Mission, Vision, and Values***

The committee reviewed sample mission statements and determined that the following mission statement would be most applicable to this group.

*Our mission is to serve as a forum for identifying solutions, proposing actions, and facilitating cooperation that will improve public safety and criminal justice services for county residents, visitors, victims and offenders. We will draw upon state and local agencies and individuals to develop recommendations and strategies.*

**Motion by Marsolek and seconded by Clark to approve the mission statement identified above. Motion carried 9-0.**

The committee also reviewed sample vision statements and determined that the following vision statement would be most applicable to this group.

*A dynamic, comprehensive, data-enhanced criminal and social justice system that maximizes public safety, accountability and individual success.*

**Motion by Puent and seconded by Damon to approve the vision statement identified above. Motion carried 8-1, Fimreite opposed.**

For the March meeting, Malone asked the committee members to think about the following question:

*Why are you involved in the criminal justice system?*

Malone also asked the committee members to review the sample values and proposed operating rules.

***Set Next Meeting Date/Time***

The next Trempealeau County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Tremple Room. Items for discussion on the March agenda may include transporting individuals to services, NIC report, risk assessment tools, values and proposed operating rules.

Miller adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

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