

**Minutes**  
**Trempealeau County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**  
**May 25, 2010**

Members present: Dick Miller, Ernie Vold, Mark Smick, Wally Geske, Dave Suchla, Judge John Damon, Jill Clark, Tonya Niederkorn, Kathy Gauger (for Jeff McIntyre), Deb Garson, Theresa Anderson, Cherise Nielsen, Pat Bell, Sheriff Richard Anderson and Pat Malone.

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 Geske and seconded by Vold to accept the agenda as posted. Motion carried 12-0.

Miller questioned if there were any changes to the previous meeting minutes. Hearing none, motion by Geske and seconded by Clark to approve the minutes of March 23, 2010 as submitted. Motion carried 12-0.

***Budgetary / Time Synopsis for Current Alternative Programs***

Clark provided the committee with information regarding Court Services, Teen Court, Domestic Violence Review Court, and Drug Court. Court Services oversees community work service, mediation (small claims, victim/offender). These duties are performed together with juvenile clerk and court commissioner duties and therefore are difficult to track. Hours are not kept for separate duties. Estimate that of the program, community work service is 75% of the total budget. This means \$49,849 approximately is spent annually on community work service.

Teen Court is covered under the Circuit Court budget. It is estimated that 10% of the juvenile clerk duties and miscellaneous expenses are related to Teen Court, or \$1,900.

Domestic Violence Review Court has not county budget spending.

Drug Court has a \$10,000 non-lapsing account established in the spring of 2010. There is presently \$9,865.04 in the account as of May 25, 2010.

Sgt. Koval, Lt. Niederkorn, Sgt. Daffinson and Deputy Conrad each have hours associated with Drug Court and/or Electronic Monitoring programs. Sgt. Koval is estimated at approximately 12 hours per month with the Drug Court Program. Lt. Niederkorn estimates approximately 5 hours per month with the Electronic Monitoring Program. Sgt. Daffinson estimates approximately 4 hours per month with Drug Court Program. Deputy Conrad estimates approximately one to two hours per day with Electronic Monitoring Program. Hours spent on these programs are greatly dependant on the number of participates. Estimated in-kind (staff hours) for the Sheriff's Office is \$15,115.87. There is also an Electronic Monitoring expenditure line item of \$49,113.60. The revenue line item for Electronic Monitoring is \$58,421.94.

Gauger advised Deann Anderson spends approximately 8 hours per week on Drug Court, which equates to approximately \$14,000 in, in-kind funds. There is also involvement by Probation and Parole, District Attorney's Office, etc. who are covering some of the costs and in-kind hours in conjunction with the Drug Court Program.

Judge Damon advised that the participants of the Drug Court Program pay \$750 for their involvement in this program.

Currently there are a total of 218 Probationers in Trempealeau County as of April 30, 2010. Total parole in Trempealeau County is 46 as of April 30, 2010. Total male population is 221 versus 43 females in Trempealeau County. Miller questioned if it would be possible to break-down these participants based on the types of crime committed. Nielsen advised she is not sure if their computer system will allow her to provide this information at this time. She further advised that it would take more time and research to develop that information. Miller questioned if they had an approximate length of time an individual will be on the Probation and Parole caseload. Nielsen that depends and varies greatly dependant on the type of crime committed. There are statutory requirements that dictate how long an individual can be on probation or parole, again dependant on the type of crime committed. Geske questioned if there is any research on why there are more males in the system versus females. Nielsen advised that there has been some research but she is not sure of the details at the time. She further noted that there are more

females in the program than in the past but there is still a greater population of male offenders in the program. There are too many variables to determine exactly what accounts for this difference.

Miller further advised that the new alternative program is the District Attorney.

Gauger advised that the IDIP program is self sufficient at this time and may even be providing revenue for the county. Judge Damon advised that there are approximately 20 to 30 participants on the program at one time. Participants must be a county resident to participate in this program. Judge Damon advised that the majority of individuals who qualify for this program agree to participate in the IDIP program. They still serve some jail time, but the jail time is reduced. Judge Damon advised that OWI laws require some jail time. Gauger advised that this program does require that participants pay the fee up front.

***Report on La Crosse County Information Requested at March Meeting***

*Number of beds La Crosse County has in their current jail facility versus the number of beds that will be available once the new addition has been completed. Number of individuals incarcerated in the Lacrosse County Jail on a daily basis and there average jail population.*

Miller advised that he did have an opportunity to meet with the La Crosse County Jail Administrator. She indicated that they currently have bed space for approximately 211 individuals. As of 2009 their average daily population is 181 as of 2009.

Miller further advised that it appears that once the Huber Center was closed all of that money was put towards the Justice Sanctions Program. Miller further advised that most of the jail staff that was laid off when the Huber Center was closed were called back because of the population. The Jail Administrator further advised that when the Huber Center was closed they lost an option. If people fail the Justice Sanctions Program there is no option other than jail time, without the possibility of Huber.

The new jail facility will house approximately 348 total inmates. They will have 155 secure beds and there will be a direct supervision pod. The building/remodel will provide them with more bed space for receiving and inmates in need of medical/mental health care.

***Suggestions for Citizen Member to Replace Fimmreite***

Suchla advised that Dr. Duane Sackett of Independence is interested in serving as a citizen member of this committee. Malone advised that Chuck Forster who is the principal at the Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School and he may be interested. Suchla advised that he has already spoken with Dr. Sackett and he is interested. Malone will make contact with Forster.

***Appointment of Justice Sanctions Work Study Committee***

Miller advised it has come to his attention that there has been some interest in a formalized Justice Sanctions Program in Trempealeau County. Miller advised he would like to appoint some staff members to a Justice Sanctions Work Study Committee to research alternative programs that will be beneficial for Trempealeau County.

Miller advised he would like to appoint a representative from Health and Human Services, Sheriff's Office, Circuit Court, District Attorney's Office, Probation and Parole and possibly a citizen member. Miller further requested that Jeff McIntyre chair this work study committee as this type of program is often under the supervision of Health and Human Services. Sheriff Anderson advised he would ask Rebecca Suchla to participate in this work study committee as a representative for the Sheriff's Office. Judge Damon Nielsen also advised they would participate in this work study committee. District Attorney Marsolek will also be approached to determine if she or one of her staff members could be appointed to this work study group.

Damon advised he feels that there needs to be an individual to coordinate alternative programs and develop/utilize risk assessment tools. Damon advised that there is a movement in the state to do this. Damon advised we have a lot of different programs but there is no umbrella over them.

Suchla advised that is the difference between how things operate in La Crosse County versus how they operate in Trempealeau County. Suchla further advised that Jane Klekamp is willing to speak at the next county board meeting

but she would like to speak with the entire county board to answer all questions at once. Miller advised he thinks input from La Crosse County is good but we need to look at Trempealeau County and the elements that will work for our county.

Miller requested that this group meet and study the Justice Sanctions Program to see if something can be developed for Trempealeau County. Miller further requested that the

Sheriff Anderson asked if Klekamp would be willing to meet with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Suchla advised she will not. Judge Damon questioned if the work study could speak with Klekamp. Suchla advised that he would like the work study committee members to attend the next county board meeting to learn about the La Crosse County program. The committee would also research other programs throughout the state.

#### ***Population Trends***

The committee reviewed line graphs on population trends within the Sheriff's Office. Each committee will be provided copies with the graphs that were prepared. The committee will further discuss population trends at the June meeting.

#### ***Review of National Institute of Corrections – Local Jail and Justice System Assessment for Trempealeau County***

The committee was provided overview information of the report from the National Institute of Corrections – Local Jail and Justice System Assessment for Trempealeau County. The committee members will be provided with an outline of some of the points addressed in this report.

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

Bell advised they have proposed the program to seven potential participants and six have accepted. Participants are charged a fee of \$30 per month to participate in the program. Bell further advised that they also work with the participants to establish community service and collect restitution for the crimes that they have committed. The participants are also required to participate in programming, dependant on the type of crime that they have committed.

#### ***Values and Proposed Operation Rules***

The committee was provided with a packet of information on proposed values and operating rules.

The committee also completed the values exercise in order to determine the value of the council. The Judge added 'love' to the list of values.

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

The next Trempealeau County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Tremplo Room.

Miller adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

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