

Minutes

Trempealeau County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

November 5, 2014

Members present: Dick Miller, Doug Winters, Judge John Damon, District Attorney Taavi McMahon, Public Defender Carly Sebion, Pat Bell, Mary Gullicksrud, Deb Suchla (1:08 p.m.), Lt. Tonya Niederkorn, Ann Bechard

Others present: Harlan Reinders, Ashley Berg (1:30 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order by Miller at 1:03 p.m. stating proper posting and notification has met open meeting requirements. Motion by Damon and seconded by Winters to accept the agenda as posted. Motion carried 10-0.

Motion by McMahon and seconded by Winters to approve the August 20, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried 10-0.

Norchem Testing for Recovery Court Participants

Pat Bell informed the Committee that the company Norchem based out of Arizona was contacted and selected to use for the testing of the participants in Recovery Court. They provide the free test software and toll free number for the participants to call, the software will allow four people access to monitor whether the testing was completed. Training will take place by personnel from Arizona next Tuesday. Cups and testing equipment will be purchased from this company. The Sheriff's Office will no longer be required to assist with the testing as the Health Care Center employees will be conducting the testing. Bell advised that transportation may be a problem for some of the participants. This testing process was not included in the 2015 Budget and due to an increase in costs, the department may need to come back to the County and ask for more monies for the additional cost of purchasing the U.A. cups and sending the samples in to be tested. Bell advised there are a lot of variables and it is hard to predict how much money will be needed; the integrity of this program relies on the testing of the participants. Bell advised Norchem testing should be up and running in a couple of weeks.

Judge Damon-Recovery Court Update

Norchem testing process will be under way soon. Phase one of our Grant for the first year is nearing the end. Deb Suchla advised reapplication for more Grant funding has been completed. Additional alternative support groups are needed for the graduates of Recovery Court. Suchla stated that Trempealeau County has a dedicated team within this County which helps the program remain successful.

Judge Damon-Firearms Surrender for Injunctions

On November 1, 2014 the State passed legislature implementing Court ordered firearm surrender for Domestic and Child Abuse Injunctions, which had previously not truly enforced by all counties. Each County must have a Protocol in place and enforced for firearm surrender with the option to surrender to a Court Approved Third Party or the Sheriff's Office.

Deb Suchla-New TAD Testing (Procedure and Expense) and Use of GAIN SS Behavioral Health Assessment Tool

Suchla advised the Committee that there are two needs in Recovery Court; Opiate Addictions and OWI's (Alcohol Issues). There has been an increase with people who are struggling with Mental Health needs.

Mental Health testing or screening should be done early on and a referral made for extra services as needed. The right testing tools are needed for a case management to be properly put in place.

Bechard talked about the use of a short screen assessment snapshot tool which may be a type of tool or service for a person with a Mental Health issue. An individual takes this test and in approximately six to eight weeks results can be assessed and viewed by select individuals. Testing is fairly easy to use and takes about 10 to 15 minutes. The testing began on November 1, 2014 and costs are \$500 per year for the testing software.

Mary Gullicksrud-Western WI Behavioral Health Clinic (Independence)

Gullicksrud advised that the clinic located in Jackson County has been closed and is now opened in Trempealeau County, Monday through Friday. An Outpatient Clinic Contract with Mayo in Arcadia has been set up. Due to the Affordable Act we pay for only a few people as Outpatient.

What Tools Do We Need

Mentors are needed for the youth in Trempealeau County.

Next Meeting Date/Time:

To be determined.

Miller adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Carol L Ressler

Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office