



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Thursday, July 26, 2018

12:15 PM

City-County Building Room 351

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Parisi at 12:20 p.m.

Present 4 - JOE PARISI, DAVE MAHONEY, ISMAEL OZANNE, and SHARON CORRIGAN

Excused 2 - JUAN COLAS, and CARLO ESQUEDA

Judge McNamara attending for Judge Colas and Kerry Widish attending for Carlo Esqueda

*Advisory Members Present: Maurer, Reyes (for Soglin), Rusk, Richard (MPD)
Excused: Anhalt and DOC*

Others Present: Ron Chance, Jeff Hook, Barbie Jackson, Ron Johnson, Stephanie Moreno, Paul Seamen, Nick Thomas and Jeannie Vershay

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#)
[MIN-149](#) Minutes from the 6/28 CJC Meeting

Attachments: [2018 MIN-149](#)

A motion was made by CORRIGAN, seconded by MAHONEY, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

1. Re-Entry Update

Discussion Ensued

Parisi reviewed work plans for the newly created community based re-entry team which will be staffed by Madison Urban Ministry and other non-profit providers. Corrigan asked about how the team would track success. Parisi said that Human Services will track recidivism and other factors like employment, training, housing and engagement in counseling. Moyer mentioned that municipal courts have been helping offenders with drivers licenses. McNamara agreed that a drivers license is very important because it helps create more diverse jury pools. Rusk and Clark discussed how recidivism is tracked and defined.

[2018](#) CRC Update [PRES-066](#)

Attachments: [2018 PRES-066](#)

Discussion Ensued

R. Johnson and S. Moreno walked the CJC through a PowerPoint presentation.

*Corrigan asked, "What the caseload capacity is for the CRC?"
Johnson responded that it is 120 at one time and 400 per year. The projected caseloads as the CRC moves county-wide will exceed the current capacity.*

*Rusk asked, if the CRC diverts offenders from circuit court.
Johnson said that it does, but indirectly. Most of the cases stem from municipal charges. Applying restorative justice practices with these lesser charges may help prevent more serious offenses that would be referred to circuit court.*

Mahoney said it is very important for offenders to avoid an initial appearance event on their record. Johnson said he would like to establish an agreement with the Sheriff's office for referrals.

Moyer asked, if the CRC will take a case on referral from a municipal judge. Johnson said that the CRC would take a referral of that nature.

Parisi expressed interest in cost sharing in participating municipalities. McNamara hopes the CRC's caseload becomes more focused on criminal cases. Ozanne noted caseload challenges and victim/offender resistance has some barriers to participation. He expressed an interest in increasing the number of cases referred to the CRC.

3. Best Practices Implementation Academy

Discussion Ensued

Clark shared the team's experience and presented a PowerPoint presentation (attached). Parisi asked about HIPPA concerns related to data sharing. Clark said that there are ways to scrub data to address those concerns.

Ozanne asked about high utilizers. Parisi recognized B. Jackson who wished to testify on this issue. Ms. Jackson asked if the Department of Corrections is providing the Sheriff's Office with length of stay data. McNamara said that the study committee asked the same question and suggested that DOC formally asked for that data. Mahoney said that two DOC Probation and Parole agents are housed in the jail and could be asked for this information.

Parisi asked if the priority action list prepared by former CJC consultant Mike Jones was still available and if the CJC could review it at a future meeting.

Ozanne mentioned night court, weekend courts and video appearance as possible strategies to help process offenders faster and reduce jail population.

E. Reports to Committee

None

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 12:15 p.m.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

There was no such other business as allowed by law.

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by OZANNE, seconded by CORRIGAN, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice L. Lee, subject to the Council's approval.