

## **Milwaukee County Community Justice Council Minutes**

Meeting of Wednesday, January 28, 2009  
Washington Park Senior Center

Chief Judge Jeffrey Kremers called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Executive Committee Members in attendance were: County Executive Scott Walker, Chief Judge Jeff Kremers, District Attorney John Chisholm, First Assistant Public Defender Tom Reed, Kit Murphy McNally, Benedict Center, Mayor Tom Barrett, Diana Rowe, representing Police Chief Ed Flynn, Supervisor Willie Johnson and Inspector Kevin Carr.

The Minutes of the December 3, 2008, meeting were approved on a voice vote with no changes.

Standing Committee reports were as follows:

Jail & Huber Utilization Committee: Inspector Rich Schmidt explained that the House of Correction is now being referred to as "Correctional Facility South" and the jail is now "Correctional Facility Central." He submitted a report to the group in which he described current efforts to balance out the populations. Since the numbers of inmates grow in the summer, the Sheriff's Department needs guidance on how to manage the population and this issue is being referred to the Executive Committee. Inspector Schmidt said that an absconder unit has been developed and if an individual on Huber release fails to return to the facility, they are found and arrested. There is a no tolerance policy for violations. He added that 270 defendants have been put on electronic surveillance. This is 10 to 15 more than were on electronic surveillance in December 2008.

Chief Judge Kremers added that representatives of the National Institute of Corrections will be here February 11-12 and his office will be setting up interviews with members of the Executive Committee and others. There will also be a small-group luncheon on the 12<sup>th</sup>. If others in attendance want to share information with the representatives, they should let him know through the Executive Committee.

Public Health Committee: First Assistant Public Defender Tom Reed reported that the Committee has a new project that comes from the discovery that a lot of low-level offenders are consuming a lot of resources implicit in the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission. A UWM member involved in the development of and new public health school has asked for the Committee's input. Anyone with thoughts on the issue should contact him.

Juvenile Justice Committee: Chairs not in attendance but a written update was provided.

Programs & Interventions Committee: No report since neither Holly Szablewski nor Craig Mastentino were able to attend the meeting.

Chief Judge Kremers said that universal screening is being revitalized to complete a cost analysis, and risk and needs analysis. Inspector Carr said that someone from the County Board is needed to lead the efforts. Supervisor Johnson said he will put “universal screening” on the Judiciary Committee agendas as a study issue to educate the supervisors. DA Chisholm and Tom Reed volunteered to appear. Inspector Carr said that this may be perceived as a County Executive proposal but it should be from both the second and third floors to increase the possibility of getting it passed.

Rob Henken added that the group needs to determine who should be screened because it’s not really “universal” screening. The group has to determine what data is to be collected in order to possibly realize cost savings so it’s not just a budget exercise. The Chief Judge said the group should set up a “universal screening” sub-committee on which there is broad participation. Inspector Carr will chair the sub-committee and those who wish to participate should e-mail Captain Barkow.

Data Analysis and Information Committee: Dennis Johns, IMSD, reported that this committee is working on Alderman Willie Hines’ request for information on the disparity in sentencing for drug crimes and a data tool to share information. One of the issues continues to be that the committee doesn’t know what the data means on CCAP and CJIS and which is the correct information to use. Dr. Lovell and Dr. Stojkovic are working with the Committee to review the data but they need an intern. John requested feedback from the Executive Committee as to how to secure the services of an intern.

The data interface between the Milwaukee Police Department booking and Milwaukee County Sheriff Department booking will be beta tested this Friday. Phase 1 should be working by the end of February and will add municipalities. This will make it possible to take the same technology and apply it to other situations. DA Chisholm said he spoke with the Vera Institute of Justice but they could not offer any assistance. He thinks the new case management system should help out.

DA Chisholm said he traveled to Buffalo, NY, to hear about veterans’ courts and the Veterans’ Administration does have resources. He also announced that the drug court had been launched.

David Reimer addressed the group. Community Advocates does have resources and can help us form the discussion.

Danielle Long provided a written report on the Milwaukee Information Sharing Project. The goals of the project are victim safety and officer safety.

Community Outreach & Public Education Committee: Beth Bishop Perrigo reported that the Committee will meet beginning in February on the first Tuesday of the month and the first meeting will be to do goal setting.

Dan Idzikowski, Marquette University, mentioned the 2009 Marquette Law School Public Service Conference, *The Future of Community Justice in Wisconsin*, scheduled for February 20, 2009, at the university.

Rob Henken discussed the pending legislation to return 17-year-olds to Children's Court. He said that any attempt to identify the actual costs would be just an exercise in guesswork. He also mentioned the possibility of a master calendar plan and asked if anyone knew if other community justice councils have attempted this and been able to identify the costs. He added that the Public Policy Forum did a cost evaluation of universal screening and determined that it can't be done. Additional information is on the website.

Representative from MICAH, discussed the need to secure TAD funding. WISDOM wants \$22 million from the State for TAD funding.

David Reimer provided a copy of the Milwaukee Addiction Treatment Initiative (MATI) power point slides. He said that addiction is a chronic illness and can be treated. State and federal treatment moneys are on their way and he will be working the Clarence Johnson and others to see that addiction programs are integrated with other assistance programs.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled to be Wednesday, March 25, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Washington Park Senior Center.