

## Milwaukee County Community Justice Council Minutes

Meeting of Wednesday, May 28, 2008  
Washington Park Senior Center

Chief Judge Kitty Brennan called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Executive Committee Members in attendance were: County Executive Scott Walker, District Attorney John Chisholm, Sheriff David Clarke, Jr., First Assistant Public Defender Tom Reed, Benedict Center Executive Director Kit Murphy McNally, and Inspector Kevin Carr. **The Chief Judge said that Mayor Barrett will not attend today as he is in California and Chief of Police Ed Flynn was also unavailable and Acting Assistant Chief of Police Dale Schunk represented the Department.**

Attendees introduced themselves and identified their interest in the Community Council.

There was a motion by Inspector Carr seconded by District Attorney Chisholm to waive the reading of the minutes of the Minutes of March 26, 2008, which had been previously approved by the Executive Committee. The minutes were approved on a voice vote with no dissention.

Standing Committee reports were as follows:

Data Analysis and Information Committee: Dennis Johns, Milwaukee County's Chief Information Officer, reported that the group has been investigating various types of technology which might be useful in the Milwaukee County criminal justice system. He also discussed the relationship of the HIPPA laws and how to identify individuals which the same names who are a part of the system.

He said there is now a website Milwaukee Community Justice Council.com. He is looking for ideas for information for the website.

There was also a discussion about the City/County Booking Interface Project; use of booking information by other criminal justice partners; and, how more intelligently to collect and share information. **Alderman Willie Hines discussed two recent studies that reported on racial disparity of sentences in Milwaukee in drug cases.** District Attorney Chisholm said these issues must be addressed at several levels: policing; prosecution; courts; and, Department of Corrections. The Committee will look at the data on this issue.

Jail & Huber Utilization Committee: Inspector Schmidt reported that the majority of the focus has been on the GPS pilot program as a method to begin the deconstruction of the Community Correctional Center. Rob Henken referenced that he had shared information with the Committee from the National Institute of Justice on GPS validity.

Public Health Committee: First Assistant Public Defender Tom Reed reported that the Committee will next meet on July 9 at 3:00 p.m.

Programs & Interventions Committee: Holly Szablewski reported on discussions concerning universal screenings of suspects upon entry into the criminal justice system which would include questions about criminal history, pending issues, needs assessment and AODA and mental health issues.

Juvenile Justice Committee: Supervisor Willie Johnson reported on the Committee's most recent activities.

Community Outreach & Public Education Committee: Tom Reed reported a lack of stable membership or meeting times has resulted in the Committee's inability to focus on how to proceed. Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, at 12:15 p.m.

The Chief Judge thanked the Chairs and participants and the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 23, 2008, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Washington Park Senior Center