

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)
November 25, 2008 Minutes
8:00 a.m.
Room 6 / HyVee Hall

Coordinating Council Members Present: Sheriff Dennis Anderson, Judge Arthur Gamble, Supervisor Tom Hockensmith, Sally Kreamer, John Sarcone, Valorie Wilson.

Absent: John F. Mauro.

Others Present: Captain Donna Brooks (Sheriff's Office); Sue Elliott (BOS); Supervisors E.J. Giovannetti, Robert Brownell and Angela Connolly; Chief Bill McCarthy and Lynette Collins (Sheriff's Office); Jeff Riese, (Polk DM Taxpayers Assoc); Nancy Robinson (Department of Corrections).

I. Approval of the October 30th minutes.

Moved by Hockensmith, Seconded by Sarcone to approve the minutes as presented.

II. Mission Statement Draft

Presented by – Supervisor Hockensmith

Supervisor Hockensmith presented a draft of the CJCC mission statement. Moved by Hockensmith, Seconded by Sarcone to adopt the statement.

By-Laws

Presented by –John Sarcone, Polk County Attorney and Chief Judge Gamble

Review of by-laws with changes from the last meeting was presented by John Sarcone. Supervisor Hockensmith presented a handout with suggested changes (see handout) regarding Article 3: Membership, Article 4: Purpose and Function and Article 5: Establishment of Subcommittees.

Article 3: Membership. Change to require all board members to be present at every meeting. Valorie Wilson mentioned that the by-laws already allow for a designee to attend meeting in the absence of a board member. Suggestion made to add that the designee has the authority to vote as a member would. It was the consensus of the CJCC to make the following revisions to the bylaws:

Add the following language to Article Four: “to take action to implement systems and improvements consistent with the mission statement set forth in Article Two”.

Add the following language to Article Three: after “attend meeting”, insert “having the same authority to vote as an appointed member”.

Article Four, add subsection G. “G. To take action to implement system-wide improvements consistent with the mission statement set forth in Article Two.”

Include the proposed new article language regarding subcommittees.

Moved by Judge Gamble, Seconded by Valorie Wilson to approve the by-laws as amended discussed.

III. Self Arrest Program (Reentry for Safer Communities)

Presented by – Sheriff Dennis Anderson (handout)

Sheriff Anderson met with Judge Gamble and others regarding the program and presented a draft copy. This would be an on-going program where persons would voluntarily turn themselves in. Statistics show that 15% of people will turn themselves in. There will be three Sheriff's Office staff that would handle this program. Parameters to qualify for program include non-violent, child support, misdemeanors, license under suspension, etc. The Sheriff sends notification to eligible persons, they would have a new court date. This can be implemented with a Judge's approval. Judge would prepare an administrative order for the County Attorney to review and an order would be filed with list of cases to implement. Draft copy distributed for board to review.

2000' Sex Offender Rule

Presented by – John Sarcone, Polk County Attorney

John spoke about the need to work with legislators this session to get this rule changed. It does not work. Polk County has an ordinance and John suggested we have other ways to deal with this issue. Supervisor Hockensmith stated that Polk County's ordinance was in response to an ordinance passed by the City of Des Moines that migrated sex offenders out of the city limits into unincorporated Polk County. Polk County retracting the ordinance doesn't change what Des Moines or others have done. Judge Gamble suggested the CJCC gather information and identify the negatives about the rule, look at other ways to deal with it and make recommendations.

Video Conferencing Cost Update

Sheriff has chosen the \$2,300 option for connectivity for the Department of Corrections, Public Defenders and the Jail. Machines have been ordered for Department of Corrections. The monthly fee is \$2,300 and the Sheriff will be billed. Public Defenders will have two machines, the juvenile public defenders will need to go to the Main Jail for access.

Sheriff Anderson thanked everyone as this is his last meeting as Polk County Sheriff.

Statistical Analyst Update

Presented by: Chief Bill McCarthy and Lynette Collins

Lynette distributed and reviewed handout of statistics for the Jail.

IV. Open Discussion. Judge Gamble invited the Council to attend a Judges meeting on December 10th. He asked Supervisor Hockensmith to present information to the judges about the Council. Sheriff Anderson will present the proposed self arrest program.

Sally Kreamer mentioned that the validation study, pretrial release assessment, should be presented at a future meeting.

V. The next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.