

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)**

**September 18, 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, Supervisor John F. Mauro, John Sarcone.

Absent: Valorie Wilson.

Others Present: Jerald Brantley (Spectrum Resources), Captain Donna Brooks (Sheriff's Office), Supervisor Robert Brownell, Lynette Collins (Sheriff's Office), Sue Elliott (BOS), Supervisor E.J. Giovannetti, Dave Higdon (Health Services), Larry James (Bridges of Iowa), Rox Laird (DM Register), Kathleen Masterpole (Public Defender's Office), Chief Bill McCarthy, Mike Polich (USC, Inc.), Khalid Rashid (Spectrum Resources), Jeff Riese (Polk-DM Taxpayers Assoc.), Linda & Bud Ripley, Nancy Robinson, Leesa Shoemaker (Sheriff's Office), Allen Spencer (Spectrum Resources).

**I. Prison Re-entry Program**

Presented by: Jerald Brantley & Alan Spencer, Spectrum Resources

Spectrum Resources has been operating in Des Moines for 15 years. The goal of the Prison Re-entry Program is 90% not to re-incarcerate. The program is currently at 84%. The program assists with employment, substance abuse and mental health. The program leverages existing resources within the community.

John Sarcone asked about the recidivism rate at 17% over what period of time? Jerald responded over the last four years over both programs. Most recidivism is over technical violations and failure of urinalysis. The key point to success is the critical path.

Judge Gamble asked how the program compares nationally. Jerald responded that nationally is 44%, the state is 27 – 28%. Judge Gamble asked about relapse prevention. Jerald stated that substance abuse counseling is provided; we monitor the success rates and ensure that key relationships are built. The demographics of the program are 77% Caucasian. There are five beneficiary programs in Iowa. Older nonviolent offenders deal with substance abuse.

Kathleen Masterpole asked what the target population for the jail would be and how they would identify who to serve. Jerald stated 200 individuals ages 18+ would be the target population. They would work with the jail as the releases come up. They would target individuals in the treatment program.

Supervisor Hockensmith stated that the needs are different from someone who has served 10 – 15 years in a correctional institution versus someone who has served 10 – 15 days in a county jail. There is a concern of duplication of service. Jerald stated that the need for service is the same, i.e., employment training, substance abuse, and mental health. The program assists them in applying for services and provides transitional support.

Sheriff Anderson suggested that he sit down with staff, Spectrum Resources, Larry James, Mike Polich and Correctional Services to get a clearer picture of how the program would apply at the County level.

A Prison Re-Entry Subcommittee was formed consisting of Sheriff Anderson, Sally Kreamer, Bill Vaughn, Larry James, Mike Polich and Spectrum Resources.

II. Alternatives to Incarceration Program Monitoring  
Presented by: Sheriff Dennis Anderson & Sally Kreamer, Director, Fifth Judicial Department of Corrections

Captain Leesa Shoemaker made the presentation. There are currently three positions assigned to this program, two deputies and one detention officer. These positions were removed to work at the new jail. This would eliminate electronic monitoring and the fugitives unit. The positions were previously grant funded. We are proposing to replace these positions with three Detention Officer positions. There are two new programs that will be operational once the new jail is open. One is a pilot Self Arrest Program, the other is the expansion of the mental health jail diversion.

John Sarcone questioned the number of calls the Sheriff would receive for the self arrest program. Sheriff Anderson stated that they have been in contact with Hillsborough County in Florida who operates a very successful self arrest program. We will develop criteria so it works for everyone. An additional \$182,000 in funds is needed to continue the Alternatives to Incarceration Program Monitoring.

III. Update from Sheriff Anderson  
a. Video Conferencing Cost

There will be a meeting next week to answer cost questions.

John Sarcone asked who would have access to the video conferencing. Sheriff Anderson stated that there will be a site for the public defender, one at the main jail for defense lawyers and each cellblock as availability.

b. Jail Statistical Analyst Position

The Statistical Analyst has been hired, Lynette Collins. She is familiarizing herself with the data base and will soon be ready to start providing inmate data on a weekly basis and the CJCC with information as requested.

IV. Bylaws

Presented by – John Sarcone, Polk County Attorney

John Sarcone stated that Hillsborough had a state statute that required the bylaws. He does not feel that bylaws are needed.

Supervisor Hockensmith stated that the reason we asked the County Attorney to draft the bylaws was to allow for the flexibility. Judge Gamble stated that there is value to having a structure for community participation with regard to procedure. Each CJCC Executive Committee member is autonomous and that should be one of the bylaws. The CJCC is advisory, collaborative and enhances communication, their vote is a recommendation. If we have bylaws then we all know what the rules are. There was a question last month on the section that referred to membership of the larger council. We need to outline the individual function of members. The reason to have the procedure guidelines would distinguish the group and enhance the longevity of the group.

Sally Kreamer stated that she agreed with the Judge's suggestion that the purpose of the CJCC is to recommend not mandate. Supervisor Mauro stated that the CJCC is not intended to intervene with any departmental operations and suggested that John Sarcone draft the bylaws.

It was decided that John Sarcone and Judge Gamble would look at the bylaws.

V. Open Discussion

Sheriff Anderson stated that he is working out a plan for tours of the new jail facility.

Sally Kreamer stated that she would like to talk about residential beds, their purpose and staffing patterns at the next meeting. John Sarcone asked how many of the beds are used by sex offenders. Sally stated 40; about half of the beds are sex offenders. John Sarcone stated that there needs to be a repeal of the 2,000' rule because it doesn't protect kids.

VI. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m., Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.