

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

June 23, 2011

8:00 a.m.

Hy-Vee Hall

CJCC Members present (10): Bill McCarthy, Sally Kreamer, Judge Gamble, John Sarcone, Valorie Wilson, Tom Hockensmith, John F. Mauro, Marilyn Lantz, Gary Mikulec

CJCC Absent: Judy Bradshaw

Others present: Sue Elliott, Ami Anderson, Michael O'Meara, Lynn Ferrell, Jan Sears, Dillon Kraft, Alan Tunks, Linda Ford, Rox Laird, Becky Dewey, Tony Timm, Russ Frazier, Tim Krum, Nick Lemmo, Linda Brundies, Mike Polich and Harry Teel.

Moved by Hockensmith, Seconded by Sarcone to approve the May 18, 2011 minutes.

Update of Action Items

Angela and Bob met with Tony Timm who is the executive director of Central Iowa Shelter and Services to work on their action item regarding planned services to be provided at the new facility. Angela and Bob wanted to meet with Mr. Timm before the next steps for construction were taken at the new homeless shelter.

Russ Frazier with Anawim, spoke about the pilot program with the City and Polk County Housing Trust Fund for housing the homeless. Checks were done on pre and post arrests. There is good information to report in that some had no arrests since then or there were misdemeanors. Mr. Frazier will provide handouts of his findings for the next meeting.

Tom said the coordinator position for CJCC should be someone internally versus creating a new full time employee within the county organization.

Valorie asked about the coordinator position, internal hire versus outside. If it's internal, it will be funded by Polk County. Valorie expressed concern about this being a union position versus exempt and possible termination if they didn't work out. Tom said it would probably be an exempt position. Does CJCC get involved in the selection? That has not been determined yet. Things to think about for position: make it exempt with salaries and benefits accordingly, have a sub-committee develop a job description, post the position for people to apply and determine who directs their work. The following will be on a sub-committee to determine the job description and salary: Valorie, Tom, Gary, John and Jan Sears. Sheriff suggested it doesn't have to be a permanent position, maybe someone to start out on a part-time basis to help us define what we need. Sally mentioned a system they use, structured to what is needed, that might be helpful. The first step is to determine what CJCC expects from this position.

Sally is having VA reps at her next meeting to provide an update. The resources list has been distributed to judges and also to Ami to distribute to others. There is a checklist of who is coming into the facility. Nancy is working with the jail on pre-screening information so they can have that before meeting with the judges.

Closure of the In-Jail Treatment Program – Mike Polich, United Community Services

The provider of the in-jail treatment program is no longer being funded. These were Federal dollars, with funding from other agencies and grants. The program is full, 30 men and 15 women in the pods. Admissions will be cut off June 1. Those persons will get 4 months of services so the program will end October 1. Services outside of the jail will be for 8 – 10 months so that everyone who is currently in will receive full services. Block grant funds in the future might fund this. They will continue to work with the Sheriff to locate future funding. The outcomes are good with this program, unfortunately it has to end. Tom asked about a line item in the budget for treatment programs. There is no specific line item in the County budget for this. It costs \$450,000 annually to fund.

The second Community Conversation with Eli Lilly update will be August 8th, 8:30 to noon at Hy-Vee Hall. The consultants with Eli Lilly will also help CJCC with the coordinator position as part of the agenda.

Lynn Ferrell gave an update on a conference call that was held on June 13 with Rapid City, South Dakota to discuss the implementation of their Community Crisis Care Center and how they were able to bring everyone on board. Sandy Diegel who is with Rapid City, South Dakota has been the “champion” for getting the Community Crisis Care Center up and running. She shared that the hospital and law enforcement were very much on board and those are entities that are critical to have their support. She said that the timing has to be right. The Crisis Care Center is located within the hospital which the space was also donated by the hospital. The steering committee, who brainstormed the idea of having a Crisis Care Center, still meets on a monthly basis to discuss issues and to gather data to see if they are making a difference. The Center has been open for six months. She said the key to success is making sure to bring everyone together and is on board to achieving the same goal. A report was provided in the council’s packet, but is also available online at www.jtvf.org/images/uploads/GYMR%20Full%20Report%20FNL.pdf.

Open Discussion:

Sheriff said he had a conversation with Senator Jack Hatch regarding additional social services dollars. Senator Hatch mentioned that it looks must bleaker than what he thought.

Tom asked how long it would take to start up the in-treatment program again if funds became available. Michael Polich said it could happen quickly, within two months.

Next CJCC meeting will be July 21st at 8:00 a.m.