

Minutes of the Manitowoc County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
April 6, 2016 4:00 p.m.
Manitowoc Communications and Technology Building, Rm 111/112

Attendance: Council members Present: Chief Joe Collins, Sheriff Robert Hermann, Attorney Phil Hoff, District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre (Chair), Attorney Ann Larson, Chief JoAnn Mignon, Kevin Mueller, Judge Mark Rohrer (Vice-Chair), County Board Supervisor Randy Vogel, County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer, and Clerk of Court Lynn Zigmunt.

Excused/Absent: Jeff Jenswold.

Others: Amy Wergin, Patricia Koppa, Darlene Wellner, Nancy Slattery, Kathy Protsman, Cecilia Held, Jason Jost, Curt Green and others who did not sign attendance sheet.

Chair Jacalyn LaBre called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. Attendance sheet circulated. Chair LaBre asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the February 3, 2016 meeting. Chief Joe Collins moved to approve the minutes as amended and Attorney Ann Larson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Report by Stacy Ledvina regarding the Manitowoc Youth Intervention Network: A report regarding 2015 Data was presented on March 3. This week the Kids @ Hope trainings continued. Great attendance at the two events. Next MYIN meeting will be at the new Youth Wellness Center location in Clarkbridge Hall (Clark Street Manitowoc) on June 16.

Deputy Inspector Jason Jost reported regarding population at the jail. Numbers are at and over capacity. To relieve some overcrowding have needed to move 10 female inmates out of county at daily charge per inmate. Additionally have implemented a monitor program for some post sentencing inmates. There is an application reviewed by existing staff. Criteria are being developed. A new RN position was recently authorized. These needs are a result of increased needs due to mental health and chemical dependency issues. Question regarding the former juvenile detention center portion of jail building. An inspection would be needed to determine what is needed to recertify the area. It might be helpful as additional segregation or special need space as current cells have been full for many months.

Amy Wergin, Public Health Director, reported for Treatment Court workgroup. Have not had another formal meeting but are making some progress informally. Will be attending training regarding writing an application for the 2016 TAD grant through the Department of Justice. The Application will be available around May 1 and due in June.

Some progress is being made to increase the treatment options. Both local hospitals are considering participating in new programming through the department of corrections. The workgroup will next meet on April 19, 2016.

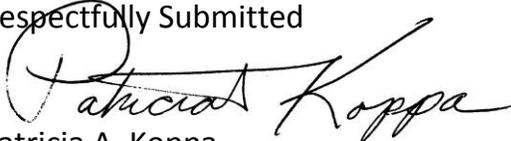
Report of Bail / Pretrial workgroup. Attorney Larson introduced Nick Sayner of Justice Point. Nick provided a great deal of information regarding currently available pre-trial service models. There is a new pretrial risk assessment tool on the horizon that would be validated for general use, rather than limited to a particular community. This is coming through the Arthur foundation and is known as the PSA, (Pretrial Service Assessment.) There is also the possibility for change in the area due to legislation. One of the many things being discussed is limiting the use of cash bail and some consider it is punitive and discriminatory.

Mr. Sayner answered questions. There is a great deal to be considered regarding the type of program to use. However, there is a proven benefit in the form of reduced recidivism and fewer failures to appear. Funding remains the largest obstacle as staff is needed to provide the service whether it is only a matter of completing the assessment interview, or having an office to facilitate checking in (similar to the daily report.) Among the possible legislative proposals is a grant targeting pre-trial services similar to the TAD grant.

Chair LaBre having needed to leave, Vice Chair Mark Rohrer, thanked Mr. Sayner for his presentation. Remaining agenda item is the next meeting date and the Executive meeting needs to be changed due to a conflict for Ms. LaBre and Ms. Koppa. Ms. LaBre had suggested April 21. All agreed. Vice Chair Rohrer announced the next Council meeting will be May 4, 2016 at the regular starting time of 4:30.

Chief Collins made the motion to adjourn. Attorney Larson seconded. Motion approved unanimously and meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Patricia A. Koppa
Council Secretary