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Judge Thomas Walsh

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD
Thursday, May 11, 2017
8:00 a.m.
Brown County District Attorney's Office
Truttman Room, First Floor
300 E. Walnut Street
Green Bay, Wisconsin

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approve/modify agenda.
3. Approve/modify minutes of March 23, 2017.
4. Jail Population Numbers (Larry Malcomson).
5. NIC Follow-Up Report (Sheriff Gossage).
6. TAD Grant Programs: Case Manager new hire for Treatment Court (David Lasee).
7. Day Report Center (Judge Walsh).
8. Mental Health Court (Judge Zuidmulder).
9. OWI Court (Judge Zuidmulder).
10. Heroin/Drug Court (Judge Walsh).
11. Future agenda items, if any.
12. Such other matters as authorized by law.
13. Adjourn.

Honorable Thomas Walsh, Chair

Notice is hereby given that action by Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda. Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes, a regular meeting of the Brown County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board was held on March 23, 2017 at 8:00 am in the Truttman Room of the Brown County District Attorney's Office, 300 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Judge Walsh, Citizen Representative Tim Mc Nulty, Treatment Court Supervisor Mark Vanden Hoogen, County Executive Troy Streckenbach, Green Bay Police Officer Todd Le Pine, District Attorney David Lasee, County Board Representative Joan Brusky, District Court Administrator Tom Schappa, Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest, Green Bay Police Commander Jim Runge, Probation and Parole Representative Jennifer Hornacek

Excused: Sheriff John Gossage, County Board Representative Pat Evans, Jail Captain Larry Malcomson, Citizen Representative Bob Srenaski, Green Bay Chief of Police Andrew Smith, Human Services Director Erik Pritzl

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1. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Walsh at 8:00 am.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Joan Brusky, seconded by Troy Streckenbach to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Approve/modify Minutes of January 26, 2017.**

Motion made by Joan Brusky, seconded by David Lasee to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Mental Health/Detox Beds Progress (Erik Pritzl).**

Human Services Director Erik Pritzl was excused from this meeting and therefore no report was given.

5. **Jail Population Numbers (Larry Malcomson).**

County Executive Troy Streckenbach informed the jail is currently at 91% percent capacity and, in addition, 40 inmates are being shipped out on a daily basis. Judge Walsh said one of the things being worked on is some sort of screening tool to help clear people who are awaiting trial out of the jail when appropriate. They are looking for a tool to assess people when they come into the jail and then have the data provided to the Judges and Court Commissioners to be used in determining bail. There is a meeting scheduled on this subject at the end of the month and Judge Walsh will keep this group updated of progress.

6. **TAD Grant Programs: Case Manager new hire for Treatment Court (David Lasee).**

Treatment Court Supervisor Mark Vanden Hoogen reported that Allyson Heiser has been hired as the case manager for Heroin Court. This is allowing for an increase in the numbers in the other treatment courts because now each court has their own case manager and they are able to meet the needs of the court participants to a higher degree. Vanden Hoogen said Heiser has a wide range of background that fits the treatment court population very well.

Judge Walsh also informed that a meeting was recently held regarding the possibility of getting STEP Industries to come into the community to set up a facility. Vanden Hoogen explained that STEP Industries currently has a site in Milwaukee and one in Neenah. They recently contacted Brown County to see if there was interest to have a facility

here. STEP Industries gets manufacturing contracts from different organizations and produces them in-house. The primary focus is that they work with recovering addicts. They provide a great resource by providing jobs to people who typically have a difficult time finding a job. They also focus on recovery and there are breaks in the day to help employees work on different facets of recovery and there is also a housing component. Vanden Hoogen said a group will be meeting with ASPIRO and Curative to be sure that there would not be competition that would be a hindrance. District Attorney David Lasee said this is a neat idea and would be a good opportunity. STEP is considered a shelter workshop, similar to ASPIRO and Curative, but the population that works with STEP is a bit different and could potentially do a higher level of work because they do not have the same type of limitations that the other shelter workshops focus on. STEP focuses on short-term employment and provides participants with resources and services to help get them to more profitable employment in the future. It is more of a transitioning program than a long-term job. They teach them skills such as how to get to work on time, what to wear and how to act appropriately in the work place. Lasee feels there is a high need for placing people, especially those in the treatment courts as placing these individuals in meaningful work that leads to long-term stability is somewhat challenging.

Judge Walsh said both he and Judge Hammer feel graduates come out of the treatment courts having been clean and sober throughout the program but then have difficulty finding a job with a living wage. These people then affiliate with others to share rent and things of that nature and often times those are poor influences and the people end up falling back into bad patterns. The STEP program seems to be a very supportive environment and Vanden Hoogen added that STEP is very willing to be flexible with the participants to meet their needs.

Judge Walsh added they want to be sure that there is not a lot of crossover with STEP and what Curative and ASPIRO do and said there is also a question as to how much work there would be to farm out to a program like this. Streckenbach said manufacturers are desperately trying to find able bodies who want to work and change their lives for the better.

7. **Day Report Center (Judge Walsh).**

Streckenbach informed that numbers at the day report center are steadily increasing. There have seen some discussions about having more meetings with the Judges to have a better understanding of what the day report center can do. Lasee added that there are still some communication barriers which affect work flow and they continue to work on that. Judge Walsh said he gets frustrated because he schedules meetings, but then people do not show up for the meetings. Lasee added that he has heard people are showing up at the day report center, but the day report center does not have a referral form. He has also heard concerns of the Clerk of Courts and Judges that they are not getting all the information on the violation reports consistently. Lasee said work is continuing on these issues. Judge Walsh said he has advised the day report center to let him know if there are any problems with the Court, but he has not heard from them. He also mentioned that the agreement was that the day report center would be assessing everyone who came into the jail for certain offenses so that no one would arrive in Court without being assessed at the jail. Lasee said they need to make it clear that it is not really an assessment; it is just a quick screening.

Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest said from his perspective, there needs to be more consistent communication. Some weeks things seem to flow smoothly and go correctly, but other weeks that is not the case. There seems to be a disconnect somewhere and he feels that following the processes and getting the right forms to the Clerk of Courts will help.

Streckenbach said this is a recurring theme and he has heard the same issues in some other meetings and asked what needs to happen to get a meeting with everyone involved in this process. Lasee said he does not want to sound overly negative because the program is doing a good job and there are people benefiting from the program, but there

are some procedures that need to be cleaned up. Judge Walsh said a meeting should include the judges, public defenders, court commissioners and prosecutors as well as day report center staff. He feels it would be useful for Streckenbach to lend his name to a request to bring everyone together. Streckenbach said that for the investment made by the County in this, he has not heard a lot of positive things about the program, but he does feel it shows a lot of merit and there are just some bugs that need to be worked out. Judge Walsh assured that there are a lot of positive things the program is doing and will try to get a meeting set up to work on some of the issues in the next few weeks. Lasee said we are asking the day report center to do a lot, and it would work better if they could do more, but that is not possible on the budget the County has for the program.

Judge Walsh talked about the screening tool they are trying to set up for overall bail issues and noted that someone would need to assess the people. This would be something more comprehensive than the screenings that are currently being done which are basically to determine if someone is appropriate for the day report center program, but not anything comprehensive the Court would use to set bail. He has talked to the day report center about utilizing whatever tool is selected and the day report center said they would be open to it, but there needs to be an understanding that it will take up a lot more of their time. The tool would be utilized more for the purpose of determining bond than it would for determining who is appropriate for the day report center. Judge Walsh said although the day report center may be willing to do it, they probably do not have the staff to do it.

Lasee feels this is part of a larger conversation of substantially beefing up front end services which is what is going on at the State level. Evidence based practices are doing a lot more pretrial than Brown County does. All of the evidence based counties that are part of the grant initiative have substantially beefed up pretrial services. The notion is to get people assessed on the front end rather than having several different agencies assess them in different ways throughout the process. There should be more consistency on the front end so that when someone comes into the system they are assessed right away so they can get into programs without waiting. Targeting people on the front end would hopefully result in a resource savings later because the people that can be weeded out will be weeded out with low level interventions and the higher risk, higher needs population can be dealt with in a different way throughout the system, all by identifying this on the front end. Under the current model people are not getting a full scale evaluation until they are convicted and sent to probation and parole and Lasee feels this is why Brown County puts more people on probation per capita than any other county. He feels part of this is that there is not a lot of information available to the Judges when people are sentenced so the default seems to be to go to probation to get the services and treatment they need. A comprehensive screen on the front end and having some of the needs met prior to adjudication would allow the Judge to make an informed decision that may not involve probation or jail and may save resources on the back end.

Judge Walsh said it is important to remember not to mix up the conversation because day report was not designed for assessing people to determine what type of bail should be set. On the other hand, the Judges have been talking with the day report center about doing just that and the day report center said they do not necessarily have the resources to do that. Day report centers in other counties operate very similar to ours and he noted that the day report center here is doing a very competent job of managing people out of the jail while they are waiting to getting into the treatment courts and the waiting lists have been knocked down.

8. **Mental Health Court (Judge Zuidmulder).**

Judge Zuidmulder was not at the meeting and therefore no report was given.

9. **OWI Court (Judge Zuidmulder).**

Lasee indicated they have identified the population they want to try to address with an OWI Court and it would be repeat offenders with their fourth offenses and high blood alcohol concentrations of .2 and above. There are about

30 – 40 people who would fall into this category every year. Vanden Hoogen is in the process of putting together a handbook outlining the costs of this and the OWI Treatment Court Committee will be meeting soon to go over it and he will keep this Board updated.

Vanden Hoogen said that there are currently 13 active participants in Mental Health Court, 4 are waiting to be accepted and there are 3 on the referral list. Heroin court currently has 22 participants in the court along with 2 waiting to be sentenced and 2 on the referral list. Veterans Court currently has 26 people and Drug Court has 22 participants with 2 on the referral list. The numbers are increasing and things are headed in the right direction.

10. **Heroin/Drug Court (Judge Walsh).**

Judge Walsh did not have anything to add other than the numbers Vanden Hoogen referred to above.

11. **Future agenda items, if any.**

Vander Leest informed that he has submitted a request to NEWEye to have a PSA put together on the effects of OWI convictions and he will keep this Board advised of the progress.

Lasee would also like Judge Walsh to ask the Sheriff to report on the National Institute of Corrections visit to the jail.

12. **Such other matter as authorized by law.** None.

The next meeting date was discussed and May 11 at 8:00 am was selected.

13. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Joan Brusky, seconded by Dave Lasee to adjourn at 8:40 am. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary