

**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 Tuesday, March 29, 2011 in the Truttman Room of the Law Enforcement Center – 300 East Walnut Street, Green Bay.

Present: Judge Kendall Kelley-Chair, Jed Neuman, John Gossage, Larry Malcomson, Jeffrey Cano, Tom Hinz
Excused: Pat Evans, Tom De Wane, Jim Arts, John Zakowski, Don Hein, Brian Shoup, Lesley Green
Citizen Reps: Tim McNulty, Jason Beck, Jeffrey Jazgar

1. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Judge Kendall Kelley at 3:36 p.m.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Tim Mc Nulty, seconded by Jeffrey Jazgar to approve. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Approve/Modify Minutes of September 28, 2010.**

Motion made by Jeffrey Jazgar, seconded by Tim Mc Nulty to approve. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **Board Planning and Membership.**

The issue of the lack of quorum at recent meetings was discussed. Judge Kelley opined that this was due in part to scheduling conflicts as well as the size and history of the Board which was created by the County a number of years ago. County Executive Tom Hinz suggested a look be taken to see what can be done to make the Board more effective. He pointed out that historically the Board had some impact in the community but at times he felt the Board has floundered, especially as to what the mission is.

Hinz informed the Board that he, Jerry Polus, Judge Kelley and Jed Neuman had recently been in Tulsa to observe a Veterans Treatment Court. They sat through a court proceeding and he felt that some of the things they learned there could be used to implement a Veterans Treatment Court in Brown County. He also felt that this Board may be the perfect place to start this process. Judge Kelley also felt that in order to start a Veterans Treatment Court in Brown County it would require a lot of resources and insight and he felt that the members of this Board would be able to provide what was necessary. He also indicated that he intended to be the presiding judge over such a court.

Jed Neuman reported that he had been advised by Cpt. Malcomson that the jail was operating over capacity and he felt that this issue should be added to the agenda for the next meeting. There are several factors that cause the jail to be over capacity, including people who are on some type of supervision and then end up in jail, people who get picked up at night for technical/rule violations and also some problematic ones that are remaining in jail for extended lengths of time pending sentencing after revocation. In his review of the charter for this Board, he found that four of the five areas of the charter had to do with the systems approach of keeping numbers and costs down at the jail. He would like to take a look at what each department represented on this Board can do to

problem solve these issues and ensure that the jail numbers are as low as they can be while still maintaining public safety.

Judge Kelley asked the Board what other directions they may wish to explore and Jed Neuman stated that he felt expanding treatment courts in the areas of veterans, mental health and domestic violence would be beneficial.

Judge Kelley explained the concept of treatment courts. He stressed that treatment courts do not eliminate accountability, but rather address the needs of individuals who have underlying conditions such as mental issues or drug/alcohol issues that get them into trouble. If a treatment court participant is not willing to follow through with the requirements, they would have the same consequences that they would have had before entering into the treatment court program. Treatment courts are designed to make the community a better place as well as improve the lives of the participants. It is a way of making rehabilitation more likely as opposed to simply having chronic offenders.

Hinz shared some of the things that had been learned from observing the Veterans Treatment Court in Tulsa. One of the things necessary for a successful treatment court is that all departments involved must buy into it or it won't work. He also learned that 80% percent of participants have dual diagnoses and infractions run the gamut from DUI, second and third time DUIs, possession charges and weapons charges. Tulsa currently has 66 vets in their program and it takes a minimum of 72 weeks to complete the five program phases. Upon successful completion of the program, the vet's record is expunged. If the vet does not successfully complete the program, he/she would go to prison. Hinz felt that this Board has the ingredients necessary to make a successful Veterans Treatment Court in Brown County.

Neuman added that Tulsa's Veterans Treatment Court was started with very little funds and runs efficiently with minimal costs. What impressed him the most was that from the point of arrest to the point that vets got into court was only 31 days. Fast tracking and getting people into things as soon as possible has been proven to work to reduce recidivism and also deal with whatever social ills they may have such as drug abuse, alcohol abuse or gambling.

Judge Kelley indicated he felt the experiences of the members on this Board as well as the resources they have access to would be beneficial in designing a successful Veterans Treatment Court.

Jeffrey Jazgar feels that in order for something like this to be successful, people would need to be referred right away. He also indicated that he has done some research on criminal mediation which helps cases move through the court system quickly and without bogging down the courts. He felt that perhaps some sort of mediation as part of the process would be worthwhile. Jazgar also questioned if generic treatment courts may be more beneficial and then if there was a specific need, the system would already be there.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Jazgar, seconded by Jason Becks to table this matter to the next meeting. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sheriff Gossage made a suggestion with regard to the table of organization for this Board that the Sheriff's Department Accountant be removed. Chair Kelley indicated that we could discuss this and other membership issues at the next meeting.

5. **Such other matters as authorized by law.**

None.

6. **Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Jeffrey Jazgar, seconded by Larry Malcomson to adjourn. Vote taken.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary