

DANE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2008 MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: McDonell, Falk, Foust, Esqueda, Mahoney, Judy Schwaemle
(for Blanchard)

OTHERS PRESENT: Deirdre Garton, Tim Saterfield, Jose Sentmanat

County Board Chair McDonell called the meeting to order at 12:05PM. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mahoney/Esqueda to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2008 meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Garton discussed activities to develop a comprehensive Jail Population Assessment System (JPAS), and distributed an executive summary of a paper outlining a proposed system, as well as a series of mock-ups of data screens that might be included in a system. The ILPP report recommended development of a jail population assessment system as a tool in making an evaluation of the success of various programs, as well as assisting in managing not only the jail but the entire criminal justice system. Garton and Pete Nelson from her firm met with various county and state staff with knowledge of the several data systems in use in the criminal justice system (Spillman, Summit, CCAP, etc.). They have developed a paper which details the requirements of the system that would serve as a basis for an RFP.

- Garton discussed various proposed screens and discussed the data that would be available and the uses for them; some of the screens replicate tables developed by ILPP and used for various analyses in the ILPP report;
- Screens 6 and 7 show basic demographic information and also community of residence and intake agency, and are useful in discussions with local municipalities on arrest policies;
- Screen 21 provides daily (or more frequent) overview of the jail population;
- Screen 13 would allow a review of the status of people at varying lengths of stay, allowing periodic review to determine if some action needed to be taken to move the case along;
- Schwaemle asked for more information on those who are held on multiple charges, and how the system would accommodate that;
- Falk suggested additional review and input from the District Attorney's office, and pointed out that Screen 21 could be refined with additional detail;
- Garton estimated the cost to develop the system at \$44,000 to \$55,000; she knew of a product from a Michigan firm that cost at least \$1 million; annual operating costs were unknown at this time;
- Garton pointed out that there would be a new Spillman system in 2010, so development costs would likely be more if a system was implemented in 2009 and then had to be upgraded in 2010 to adjust to the new system.
- Esqueda said that there might be a need to subscribe to the state's CCAP system (\$5000 annually) to get all the functionality.

No action taken – Garton will continue to research questions asked.

Garton distributed a summary of the first three weeks of court settlement conferences (9/19, 9/26, 10/3). The various stakeholders discussed how things have been working. Foust said about one-third of the cases have been closed at the conferences. There were a large number of cases on the second week the resulted in using 3 judges, but on the other two weeks the one assigned judge was sufficient. Garton noted that it appears there were fewer in-custody cases settled as might have been expected, but there was no sense of whether this was an issue at this time. Schwaemle said that so far the CSC's have worked reasonably well for the DA's office. Esqueda noted no problems. Mahoney was not aware of any issues with the Sheriff's Office.

Esqueda requested that the Council meet again soon, so that county budget issues could be discussed, including judicial benchmarks and other budget initiatives, and to have further discussion on the functioning of the Council.

The consensus was to meet on Thursday October 23 at 12PM.

The council stood adjourned at 12:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Saterfield, Recorder

Note: These minutes are the notes of the recorder and are subject to change at a subsequent meeting of the committee.