

## **DANE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2009 MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** McDonnell, Falk, Foust, Esqueda, Blanchard, Mahoney

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Peter Nelson, Deirdre Garton, Chief Deputy Ron Boylan, Tim Saterfield, Jose Sentmanat

County Executive Falk called the meeting to order at 12:00PM. There was no public comment.

Motion by McDonnell/Foust to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2008 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Members indicated the Criminal Justice Group has been tracking the AIM program implementation at recent meetings.

Judge Foust gave an overview of the status of implementing AIM in Dane County. Judges and other court personnel have had an overview/training on AIM software. Output from AIM will provide a succinct summary of needs and community services available for any offender. It could help in tracking recidivism. Foust pointed out that some of the checks will be cumbersome – there is a lot of data entry. The CCAP system is “offense based” and not “offender based”. It isn’t clear that CCAP will be creating unique identifiers to track cases – it would be helpful to create a “criminal history” functionality. The assessment tool we would use would most likely be the Department of Corrections instrument, which is to be validated this summer. There is some concern about potential racial bias in some of the questions. ATIP staff are being trained on the assessment tool. The target population would be drug delivery and possession with intent to sell. There are likely to be approximately 300 of these offenders in the court system in a given year, based on preliminary estimates. The AIM committee will meet again on May 26. Blanchard pointed out that changes in the federal judgeships may affect the mix of cases we have in Dane County ie. some cases that are now federal may become state. Esqueda said if ATIP staff are going to be used in administering AIM, a .5 FTE position that was eliminated in the 2009 budget will have to be restored. Garton said AIM requires a lot of data input and clerical support. It’s not as automated as one would think.

JPAS – Garton and Nelson gave an update on a Jail Population Assessment System which they have been working on. They are developing an RFP to be released soon, so that a vendor can be ready to go in January 2010. Nelson described several initiatives underway geared toward information sharing among the various data systems in the criminal justice system. The Sheriff’s Office is exploring OJA grants for “electronic intake”, which could involve other police agencies.

The Council agreed that no County Board action was necessary for the judges and Sheriff to modify the “good time credit” for Huber inmates. Currently, inmates earn 8 hours off their sentence for every 24 hours of community service. It is proposed to change to 8 hours credit for 8 hours service. Foust indicated the judges have already agreed to the plan.

Foust and Blanchard reported on weekend bond review activities. Over a couple of weekends, they have not found very many cases which would justify implementing a formal program. They will continue to review cases over long holiday weekends or other weekends with activities which might result in increased incarcerations. To some degree this has resulted from Madison Police Department changing the way it has handled arrests at festivals and other events (issuing citations

rather than arrests). They have found few OWI arrestees spend time in jail pending bail – most are released to responsible parties.

For topics at future meetings, it was suggested the Council hear a report from the county's Task Force on Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System. It was suggested the committee meet in June to discuss the 2010 budget guidelines and their impact on the criminal justice system

The council stood adjourned at 12:57PM.

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.