

## MINUTES

# Criminal Justice Collaborating Council

February 24, 2016

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Judge Randy Koschnick at 12:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Members present: J. Blair Ward, Corporation Counsel; Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Randy Koschnick, Circuit Court Judge; Susan Happ, District Attorney, Denis Sorensen, City of Waterloo Police Chief, Martin Lastrilla, Department of Corrections, John David, Mayor of Watertown, Jim Schroeder, County Board Chair, Brent Ruehlow for Kathi Cauley, Human Services Director; Lynn Forseth, Jefferson County Literacy Council Director and Jeffrey De La Rosa, Public Defender's Office.

Members absent: Carla Robinson, Clerk of Courts and Sheriff Paul Milbrath

Others Present: Kristi Gusse, WCS; Judge David Wambach and Alexa Zoellner, Reporter, Jefferson Daily Union.

3. **Certification of compliance with Open Meetings Law Requirements**

Staff certified compliance with the open meetings law.

4. **Review and approve minutes from January 27, 2016 meeting**

A copy of the minutes was provided for the council to review.

Motion by Schroeder; Second by Wehmeier to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2016 meeting as printed. (Ayes-All) Motion Carried.

5. **Public Comment**

None

6. **Update on JCATC outcomes YTD 2015 to date (Kristie Gusse)**

Reports were provided for the Council to review. Gusse went through the reports. 4 people will graduate on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. bringing the total to 7. The Lt. Governor will be attending. Currently the program accepts high risk, high need cases. Gusse will look into the requirements for referrals. Schroeder asked Gusse to invite all graduates to the May 10th County Board meeting. No action taken.

7. **Update on SCRAM & Remote Breath (Kristie Gusse)**

Compliance summary reports on SCRAM and Remote Breath were provided for the Council to review. No action taken.

8. **Update on data gathering on local criminal re-offenders, including criminogenic needs, possibly from jail and/or Probation & Parole**

Ruehlow explained that they have gathered two months of data. The data showed that 57% percent of individuals in jail had been in jail in the last three years. Judge Wambach informed the group that Lafollette Schools is always looking for public projects to work on. They would analyze the data and offer suggestions on whether or not the data is being documented and calculated accurately. Human Services will contact Lafollette Schools and follow up at the next meeting. No action taken.

9. **Coordination with Recidivism Council and other agencies**

Forseth said that Recovery Specialists are being certified and they are talking about a possible pilot program using these Specialists for voluntary mentoring and coaching. Wambach commented on how the program could work and how it may be helpful. The mentors will be at the next Recidivism Council meeting if anyone would like to attend.

10. **Discussion on heroin/opiates**

There has been a lot of press coverage on heroin. Happ expressed the need for the Drug Court. DeLaRosa asked about pamphlets and informational brochures that area available from Human Services. David said that Watertown is holding an Educational/Informational Summit "Stairway to Heaven" on April 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the High School.

11. **Discussion and possible action**

- Discussion and Possible Action on JCATC Mission Statement

"The mission of Jefferson County Alcohol Treatment Court (JCATC) Program is to reduce the number of repeat drunk drivers (OWI) by allowing OWI offenders to participate in alcohol and other substance abuse treatment under strict judicial and community supervision. The ATC will use community and justice system resources in a cost effective and efficient manner to provide participants with rehabilitation opportunities, while holding offenders accountable, enhancing public safety and promote treatment alternatives."

- Discussion on Policy and Procedures Manual JCATC  
The Assistant Corporation Counsel is working on this project

- Replacement of Jeff Zaspel  
Wehmeier has a potential replacement. He will report back at the next meeting.

12. **General discussion for long term objectives of the CJCC**

Wehmeier felt that formalizing the drug court and recidivism were important long term objectives. He also suggested looking into a Coordinator to help get some of these projects done. No action taken.

- **Out Brief from Treatment Courts Standards Training**
- **Discussion and possible action on Treatment Courts Standards Action Plan**

13. **Agency Updates**

No action taken.

14. **Future meeting dates:**

March 23, 2016

April 27, 2016

May 25, 2016

15. **Tentative Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates**

- Approval of February 24, 2016 CJCC meeting minutes
- Update on JCATC outcomes 2015 to date
- Update on pretrial SCRAM & Remote Breath
- Discussion on heroin/opiates
- Discussion and possible action on County matrix for pay structures
- Discussion and possible action on data gathering on local criminal re-offenders, including criminogenic needs, possibly from jail and/or Probation & Parole
- Discussion and possible action on Treatment Courts Standard Training Action Plans

16. **Adjourn**

David/Wehmeier motioned to adjourn. The Council adjourned at 12:45 p.m.