



Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 21, 2016
Sauk County Board Room (Rm 326), West Square Building
Baraboo, WI

ICC Participants: **Columbia-** Mary Cupery, Andy Ross, Joe Ruf, Vern Gove, Kathleen Haas (UWEX) **Dodge-** Dave Frohling **Green Lake-** Harley Reabe, Jay Dampier **Jefferson-** Jim Schroeder **Marquette-** Mary Walters, Bob Miller **Sauk County** –Jenny Erickson, Morgan McArthur, Marty Krueger, Kevin Caulkins, Jerry Strunge, Janelle Krueger **Portage Daily Register-** Lyn Jerde **WCA-** Marcie Rainbolt

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Gove at 9:30 a.m.

Certification of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law Notice

Gove confirmed the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Dodge County, second by Green Lake County to approve the agenda. – Motion Approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Marquette County, second by Green Lake County to approve the minutes.

Legislative Report given by Marcie Rainbolt, WCA

- Reported new makeup of WI Senate/Assembly by party affiliation.
- Uncertainties on whether the Trump administration will want to shift control from Federal to states.
- State budget will be first item of business in the new year. Should be finalized before 1 July. WCA will be meeting with Walker's administration. Priorities: child welfare funding (asking \$6M), land conservation, transportation funding. No updates on UWEX status.

Open Discussion of County Issues

- Columbia County is entering Phase 3 of courthouse renovation project. Move into Admin and Health/Human Services buildings should be 1 June.

- Green Lake County is upgrading to a County Administrator. The County Clerk/Administrative Coordinator is retiring 2 Jan 17. Cathy Schmit, formerly of Monroe County, is taking the job.
- Marquette County wants to upgrade their EMS service from volunteer to full-time. The process is meeting some resistance and county leaders will have to revisit the public communication.

Program Topic – The Trails, Trials and Triumphs of Sauk County’s Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

- Marty Krueger, Sauk Co. Board Chair, discussed the origins of the CJCC – initial conversations exploring alternatives to incarceration began in 2008 but were stalled because of a lack of support from the DA and Circuit Court judge. The topic was revisited after a change in personnel and got some traction. Key players are critical. Formed an ad hoc special justice continuum committee to explore the formation of a CJCC. The committee, not Marty, suggested it was a good idea. County board approved formation in March 2014.
- Janelle Krueger, CJCC coordinator was impressed at her interview that the team was collaborative, respectful and had good support from the community. They had positive momentum. CJCC is a big job – four subcommittees: System Mapping, Data Collection, Court Management and Adult Drug Court. CJCC uses pertinent data and evidence-based decision making to sort out root causes for crime and to create relevant programs to address crime trends and problems. Collaborative approach engages all aspects of the criminal justice system to eliminate blind spots and leverage strengths of participants.
- Jerry Strunz, Chief of Police, Sauk Prairie, cited the power of collaboration and his changed attitudes toward incarceration as the only path to changing criminal behavior. The chief sees many similarities between CJCC and the heroin recovery project in Sauk Prairie: passionate stakeholders who are intent on doing things differently because the old ways don’t work, continuous communication and modifying the program if need be.
- Kevin Caulkins, District Attorney, was cited by Marty Krueger as a lynchpin member of the CJCC. When Caulkins came in as DA, he noted that he hadn’t seen much rehabilitation going on in his 25 years as assistant DA. Something needed to change. He was a significant part of doing things differently. He noted that Minnesota’s incarceration rate was 50% of Wisconsin’s despite similar demographics and crime rates. The difference was evidence-based decision making.
- Summary of positives in Sauk County program: leadership/collaboration, structure, communication, willingness to think differently, empathy, purpose/progress, evaluation, seeking improvement/better way.
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Other County Issues – None

Next Meeting

Next meeting: Dodge County on December 19, 2016.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan McArthur
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