

**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, April 24, 2012 in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Judge Kendall Kelley-Chair, Jason Beck, Phil Steffen, Brian Shoup, Judge Zuidmulder, Dave Lasee, John Gossage
Citizen Reps: Tim McNulty, Jeffrey Jazgar
Excused: Jed Neuman, Lesley Green, Pat Evans, Larry Malcomson

1. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judge Kendall Kelley at 3:34 p.m.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Brian Shoup, seconded by John Gossage, to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Approve/Modify Minutes of January 31, 2012 and February 28, 2012.**

The January 31, 2012 minutes were corrected to delete the word "Supervisor" as to Brian Shoup in Number 8.

Motion made by John Gossage, seconded by Jason Beck to approve as corrected. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Board Planning and Membership.**

Chair Judge Kelley welcomed District Attorney David Lasee to the Board. Judge Kelley stated he had received a letter from the County Executive's office asking for recommendations for filling some of the open spots on the Board. Judge Kelley had checked with Corporation Counsel to see if it would be appropriate for a Board member to send a designee if the Board member was unable to attend with the understanding that the designee would have full voting rights. Corporation Counsel did not feel that this would be an issue and Judge Kelley felt that this may be helpful in forming a quorum but noted that this would obviously not apply to citizen rep positions. Jason Beck felt that the only downfall he could see with sending a designee would be that the designee may not be familiar with previous discussions of the Board. Judge Kelley will speak with County Executive Troy Streckenbach regarding this and will check to see if the ordinance should be changed to reflect that attendance by designee when necessary would be appropriate.

Judge Kelley continued that the citizen rep position of Lesley Green had expired at the end of 2011 and asked if anyone had any recommendations to fill the position. Judge Zuidmulder stated he has found people in the community that have been outspoken in favor of alternatives of incarceration such as Father De Groot from St. Willebrord's Parish and the Joshua Group. He

felt that someone like that would be a good addition to the Board as there are proposals that come before the Board that require public connection. He felt that someone with a separate organization out in the community may be able to help get the public connected to new proposals and this would be helpful as well as add diversity to the Board.

Judge Kelley continued the discussion on Board planning and stated that Jed Neuman had previously talked about adding the issue of sex offender ordinances to the agenda for discussion. Judge Kelley stated that although the ordinances are well intended, they seem to box in the possibilities for probation and parole in terms of placement of offenders. This issue continues to blossom in various communities and apparently has had the effect of causing offenders to not reveal where they are living. DA Lasee said there were numerous municipalities currently dealing with the sex offender ordinances and he felt that this would be a good thing to be discussed further at the Board.

Judge Zuidmulder gave a brief update on Drug Court and the ad hoc committee that he had created as it had been suggested that this Board could serve as a more formal public Board in terms of trying to oversee the development of various specialty courts. There is currently nothing else within the County that serves as a conduit of information for the development of other possible treatment courts such as mental health, OWI and DVO courts.

Judge Zuidmulder continued that the initial three year appropriation from the County Board for Drug Court is done and he is expecting to appear before the Public Safety Committee and Human Services Committee prior to budget time in November to ask them to evaluate Drug Court and make a determination if they wish for him to continue with the program.

Judge Zuidmulder also reported that about 80 percent of people participating in Drug Court also have mental health issues. Statistically speaking, Drug Court has contributed to a reduction of recidivism and Judge Zuidmulder hopes that the program continues. Judge Kelley stated that he will be adding specialty courts as a regular ongoing item on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Board agenda.

Human Services Director Brian Shoup stated that Drug Court will be included in the budget put together by his department and presented to the County Executive and Shoup felt that the County Executive will support this based on prior conversations. The preliminary budget will be put together sometime in late summer and if this Board is considering making an endorsement of the Drug Court program, Shoup stated it should be done prior to the Human Services October committee meeting.

Also in terms of planning, Sheriff Gossage stated that the Sheriff' Department currently has a prescription drug investigator position that is on a three year grant that is coming up. He felt that it may be a good idea for the Drug Task Force to talk to the Board about the prescription

drug problems in the community. Gossage would like to have the Drug Task Force give a synopsis of what the effectiveness of the grant funded position has been because he will have to come before the Public Safety Committee and the County Board to see if they will provide funding for the position to continue.

Shoup felt it could be a strategy of this Board to take a position on an overall drug strategy with the two components previously discussed which are somewhat tied together. DA Lasee also stated that they have a drug prosecutor linked up with Drug Court in many respects as well as being linked with the Drug Task Force and he felt that a presentation as to how these things are interrelated would be good. Lasee continued that prescription drugs is a very big issue at this time and Shoup agreed and stated it affects a lot of folks that you would not typically think of as being caught up in the criminal justice system. Gossage stated that one of the problems is that there is no requirement to show any sort of identification when picking up narcotics at a pharmacy and this is one of the things that he felt needs to be looked at as it results in a lot of fraud. Judge Kelley will place this on a future agenda for further discussion.

5. **Veterans' Court.**

Judge Kelley stated that there are currently three participants in Veterans Court and they are determining eligibility for a number of others. Court is held on Friday afternoons and has been going very well. Gossage asked if there was a citizen's rep on the board and Kelley said that they have mentors as well as others involved who are not affiliated with the court system but are affiliated with Veterans service organizations. Judge Kelley stated that they have room for anyone interested in volunteering, especially as mentors.

6. **Jail Population Update.**

Judge Zuidmulder stated that he undertook the jail population issue and felt that this is an integrated system with a number of different components that feed into the jail population. He continued that nationally there is much more evidence based material that suggests things that work and things that do not work. When these suggestions are applied to how we manage our criminal justice system, there are some things that are not appropriate. For example, there are people in the jail that have mental health problems and really should not be there. Judge Zuidmulder pointed out that if we start diverting populations we have to understand that these people will still be in the community and therefore we need to address the issues and apply the evidence based material to run our criminal justice system more effectively.

Judge Zuidmulder continued that Milwaukee County and Eau Claire County have each received large grants to address these types of issues and look at what things are being done and could be done. Judge Zuidmulder will be expanding his jail committee to include those who will be affected by decisions made by the Board, including people that run the shelters because if we start releasing people from jail who should not be there in the first place, they will need

someplace to go for community safety and quality of life reasons. Judge Zuidmulder's next step will be asking the County Board Chair to participate or name a representative to participate such as the Chair of the Public Safety Committee. He will then schedule a meeting for everyone to come together and stated that the Milwaukee County Judge has also indicated he would attend to make a presentation as to how the grant dollars are being spent and what they have learned.

Judge Kelley asked what the grant money was being used for and Judge Zuidmulder responded that some was being used for training police on how to make an effective differentiation between mental health issues and jail issues. They also have a program to increase risk needs assessments in the District Attorney's office so the DA can be looking at diversion programs. They are also looking to add a risk assessment at the pretrial level so the Court has a better system for understanding bail.

Steffen noted that medication cannot be forced on an inmate at the jail and also noted that many times inmates arrive at the jail without medication which leads to a long drawn out process to get them assessed and this also takes a fair amount of judicial time.

Judge Kelley pointed out that other than any cost associated with getting a system in place, it does not cost any money to provide judges with more information as to how to make a determination of who should be in jail and who should not.

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

None.

8. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Brian Shoup, seconded by John Gossage to adjourn at 4:28 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary