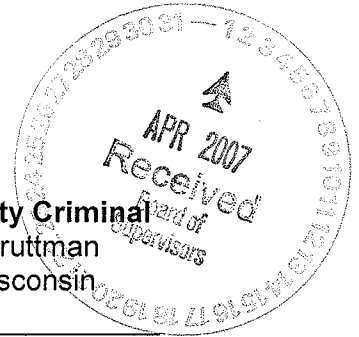


**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD**



Pursuant to Section 19.94 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board** was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 in the Truttman Room of the Public Safety Building – 300 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Jeff Cano, Jack Jadin, Judge Kendall Kelley, Dennis Kocken, Chad Corrigan for Jed Neuman, Jessica Stoller

Excused: Jim Aerts, Pat Evans, Harold Kaye, Tom Eggebrecht, John Zakowski

Citizen Reps: Brad Hopp, Jeffrey Jazgar, Gerald Wellens

Excused: John Gower

Also Present: Barb Shiffer – Representative from Joshua

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Judge Kendall Kelley, at 3:33 p.m.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

**Motion made by Jadin and seconded by Wellens to approve the agenda.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Approve/Modify Minutes of February 27, 2007:**

**Motion made by Wellens and seconded by Jadin to approve the minutes.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **Update on Specialty Court Committee:**

The Specialty Court Committee formed at the last meeting has not met. That committee membership consists of Harold Kaye, Jack Jadin, Jeff Cano, Jed Neuman, and Judge Kelley. Judge Kelley reported that research he conducted since the last meeting determined there are a number of grant possibilities that may be available. He stated that the specialty courts that are in existence have different ways of approaching this topic. This is true whether it is a domestic violence court, a drug court, or an OWI court. He found there is a wide range of possibilities for judges' participation, although many times is done primarily by Probation & Parole. Each step involves different resources, although, Judge Kelley stated that the focus would be toward those resources available. A meeting will be scheduled through his office..

5. **Mission Statement Review:**

The Coordinating Board was created by local ordinance and has counterparts throughout the state. Judge Kelley indicated that since the last meeting he has reviewed operations of boards elsewhere and found there is a wide range of ways they operate, some revolving around the specialty courts. From the

perspective that each member brings to the table, Judge Kelley asked what is viewed as the mission of this board and what would be the best use of their time, if there is a general agreement as to the function of the board, what are the goals, etc? He asked that they define their purpose. Is it to enhance public safety, is it for communication purposes, project oriented, etc.

Sheriff Kocken – Stated he sees the authority of the board as an issue. Even if they discuss issues and give advice, they have no authority. He also pointed out that although they discuss the idea of specialty courts, if the judges do not want them, they most likely will not happen. He does see the board as a forum in which various agencies could come before to discuss issues and problems.

Sheriff Kocken informed the committee that a representative from ICE (Immigration Customs) will be in Green Bay, speaking at the Brown County Library on April 12th at 10 a.m.

Jessica Stoller – Stated it is not clear who this board is advising or reporting to. Although the minutes go to the Public Safety Committee and to the County Board, they are never discussed. In addition, she stated that not much of anything can be accomplished without funding. Waukesha County has budgeted \$400,000 to their Coordinating Board. As there is no control over funding at this time, Ms. Stoller stated there appears to be limitations as to what can be accomplished.

Brad Hopp arrived 3:50 p.m.

Chad Corrigan – This was Mr. Corrigan's first meeting, filling in for Jed Neuman.

Brad Hopp – As a Citizen Representative, Mr. Hopp stated it has been disheartening at times that the board has no authority to move forward without the judiciary system backing their ideas. He added that at times they appear to be spinning their wheels. Even though they have lots of good ideas, funding is an issue. He questioned if there was some way to secure some type of commitment or valid opportunity for funding.

Barb Schiffer (Joshua) – Noted a possibility of funding available through the State, stating she is aware of other counties in the state who are operating with funding.

Jeff Cano – From a Public Defender Office perspective, Cano stated they see this board as a way to communicate and receive information between the different agencies. They are also looking for a way to use available resources, stating that his office has participated in specialty courts throughout the state and are interested in pursuing this route. It is important to know the perspective of the various agencies he indicated, also pointing out if the judiciary does not want specialty courts, they will not occur. He would push for the board's ability to get funding.

Jeff Jazgar – In addition to not having any authority, Mr. Jazgar questioned who the board answers or reports to? He suggested they consider two tracks, 1) to find a program they think might work and then attempt to get funding; or 2) to

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attempt to get funding in order to develop programs. He stated that an outside committee he serves on is working toward moving forward with private/outside agencies being able to develop their ideas and facilitate funding.

Jack Jadin – Stated it is his opinion the board has value in communication and relationship building amongst the members. All members received information and knowledge with the investigation of the AIM Program, he stated, along with review and impact of Day Reporting Centers.

Gerald Wellens – Appointed as a citizen rep, stated that initial discussion revolved around drug courts. He served as a psychologist working in corrections for several years and has never believed that incarceration was the answer. It is his hope that alternatives will be developed. Although progress has been very slow, Wellens stated being a member has been a tremendous learning experience.

Judge Kelley asked if there are areas beyond drug courts that could be areas of interest. Wellens added that OWI courts, or domestic violence courts would have value to the community. Judge Kelley informed the board that a requirement of a domestic violence or drug court is that there is programming available, stating that the Diocese has sponsored a program, in addition to an immigration program.

A discussion on the value of incarceration resulted in Judge Kelley indicating that the judicial system has a limited range of tools available, with incarceration being the most severe. The majority of the public appear to want offenders out of the community and put in jail, even though when released, without intervention, they may re-offend.

Mr. Hopp asked if it might be reasonable to consider securing limited resources from private funding and/or organizations. He stated he would be willing to solicit such. It was suggested that he develop a list of possible contacts.

It was also suggested that the relationship between this Board and the Public Safety Committee and County Board be defined to determine the expectations.

6. **AIM Program Project Update:**
No discussion.

7. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:**
Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2007 – 3:30 p.m., Truttman Room

Anyone with agenda items was advised to contact Michelle in Judge Kelley's office @ 448-4116.

Ms. Stoller announced that Tom Eggebrecht, Interim Human Services Director, will be a member of this committee in the future, replacing Beth Manning who has resigned.

8. **Adjourn:**

**Motion made by Kocken and seconded by Wellens to adjourn at 4:35 p.m.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel
Recording Secretary

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