

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFE STREETS INITIATIVE

December 17, 2010

Circuit Courtroom Branch 2

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mark Habeck, Barb Key, John Kuech, Kris Linde, Carol Morack, Mike Olig, Harvey Rengstorf, Tom Saari, Eric Spaar, Bill Tedlie, and Scott Woldt
OTHERS PRESENT:	Dawn Van Laanen (Family Services), Tara Notzke (Human Services), Brent Sanderfoot (Family Services), Paul Eisen (Public)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Eisen – Recognized the article in the Oshkosh Northwestern over the weekend regarding the Safe Streets Committee and the Drug Court. He encouraged actions that would reduce jail overcrowding and delay or negate any need to expand the number of jail beds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Rengstorf/Morack to approve meeting minutes from December 2, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

STATUS REPORTS:

DRUG COURT: Graduation ceremony on 01/07/10 in Br. 2 at 3:30 P.M. They are expecting 5 graduates which would make it the biggest graduating class yet.

Mentioned the \$10,000 received from the Department of Justice as a result of the settlement of a class action lawsuit.

The program is averaging approximately 30 people, which is a good number for the available resources. There is not a waiting list, are able to keep up with demand.

Provided requested information and data regarding recidivism rates and savings for the criminal justice study.

JUVENILE TREATMENT COURT: 5 participants are in the program, which is overseen by Judge Seifert. This program works with both the family and the juveniles and focuses on the family system. School attendance and grades have been improving for the participants compared to the last school year.

SSTOP: Statistics discussed. Program has had over 600 referrals and over \$1,000,000 in savings. Recidivism is just under 10%.

Outagamie County has a SSTOP program and we may want to consider a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding accepting a resident of our county who was sentenced in Outagamie County, and vice versa.

Motion by Key/Habeck that the County engage in discussions to implement a reciprocity agreement with Outagamie County regarding SSTOP program participants starting no earlier than February 1, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

OWI national statistics from 2008 distributed and discussed.

DAY REPORT: Currently the program has 40-45 participants/day and has been starting to accept unemployed Huber inmates for employment searching. 241 different offenders YTD have been involved in the program this year. Offenders are still finding the Day Report Center a valuable resource even when finished with the program.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVERSION PROGRAM: Program is doing well, statistics distributed, and currently has 22 participants.

MISDEMEANOR DRUG DIVERSION PROGRAM: Program is doing well and statistics distributed. Currently there are 92 active participants, 5 revocations from the program, and 2 that have completed the program.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDY: Kimme and Associates completed on-site visit and presented some preliminary information at last meeting on December 2. After this visit, anticipate another follow-up visit to speak with those that more time was needed, or that were not available.

As stated in Drug Court update, alternative programs have been compiling and submitting data to the consultant as part of the study to review current alternatives to incarceration.

NEW BUSINESS:

GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE: The Office of Justice Assistance grant that was discussed at the prior meeting will not have an application submitted. However it is a repeating grant and may consider applying in the future. Noted to keep looking for grant opportunities.

STEP-UP PROGRAM: The Oshkosh Police Department is looking at starting a program called "Step Up" that utilizes gang resource officers to work with at-risk youth. The goal is to get this program running by February 2011. We will add an update/presentation to the next meeting agenda to learn more about the program.

24/7 SOBRIETY: Briefly discussed program that has been started in South Dakota.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 18, 2011 in Br. 2 courtroom.