

# WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFE STREETS INITIATIVE

December 14, 2012

Circuit Courtroom Branch 2

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Paul Eisen, Christian Gossett, Scott Greuel, Mark Habeck, Gordon Hintz, Barb Key, Kristina Linde, John Matz, Linda Meier, Carol Morack, Eric Spaar, Todd Timm, Bill Wingren, Scott Woldt, and Joe Yana
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Darla Leuthold

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Agenda approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Darla Leuthold (Esther Group) shared an executive summary of "How Increasing Funding for Alternatives to Prison Will Save Lives and Money in Wisconsin."

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Habeck/Morack to approve meeting minutes from September 14, 2012.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **STATUS REPORTS:**

### DRUG COURT:

Graduation ceremony planned for February 2013 (date to be determined) for 3 – 4 participants. Encouraged attendance at ceremony to see the impact the program is having.

Discussed increase in the number of 18-24 year old participants who battle opiate addiction. 41% of participants in 2011 fit this category, and this group increased to 61% in 2012. They are in the program longer and it takes longer to get clean. They are applying for an Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) grant to get additional resources to meet the increased need. Signatures of committee requested on a letter of support for OJA grant application. Motion by Wingren/Gossett to send letter of support, passed unanimously. Letter circulated and signed.

Representatives from Fond Du Lac County are observing drug court today as they are considering starting a similar program.

### SSTOP:

Participant numbers distributed. Discussed program expansion and whether people were declining to participate in order to "save" the benefit of reduced sanctions for possible future convictions.

### DAY REPORT:

Family Services is wrapping up the program and will be vacating their office location.

### 24/7 PROGRAM:

Currently are running about 90+ participants on the program, 70+ on SCRAM and 20+ on PBT testing. Those testing via PBT test twice a day.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVERSION PROGRAM:

Statistics discussed: 65 active participants, 165 successes. DA's Office will work on a synopsis of program information for next meeting explaining aspects such as: criteria for program participation, what type of treatment/counseling is done, program length, etc.

MISDEMEANOR DRUG DIVERSION PROGRAM:

Grant funding for program ending in December and another grant application is being worked on. New grant requires a risk assessment component. Brief overview of other changes based on grant requirements (types of charges, residency requirement, etc.).

Signatures of committee requested on a letter of support for grant application. Motion by Woldt/Matz to send letter of support, passed unanimously. Letter circulated and signed.

JUVENILE TREATMENT COURT:

Another participant is ready to graduate. Program is seeing more referrals and they is a fairly even mix between north end communities and Oshkosh.

STEP UP PROGRAM:

Program still meets 3-5 P.M. on Tuesdays and is very informal compared to other programs discussed at meeting. There has been an increase in the number of volunteers from UW-Oshkosh. 7-12 kids are regularly participating and the program works on mentoring and investing time into them.

RE:THINK

The grant coordinator position has been filled and with that, there should be more activity from the group in early 2013.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Committee By-Laws:

Discussion occurred on formulating by-laws for the committee. Two drafts were circulated, one from the subcommittee formed at the September meeting and another by the DA's Office. Item will be on the March agenda for further discussion, review, and possible action.

TAD Funding

Reviewed and discussed a circulated resolution to support State funding for Treatment, Alternatives to Incarceration, and Diversion (TAD). No formal action taken. Gordon Hintz provided insight on TAD in relation to the upcoming State budget.

**NEXT MEETING:** Friday, March 15, 2012 in Br. 2 courtroom.