

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFE STREETS INITIATIVE

February 23, 2011

Circuit Courtroom Branch 2

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Christian Gossett, Scott Greuel, Mark Habeck, Barb Key, John Kuech, Kris Linde, Mike Olig, Harvey Rengstorf, Tom Saari, Eric Spaar, and Bill Tedlie
OTHERS PRESENT:	Dennis Kimme (Kimme & Associates), Thom Miron (Kimme & Associates), Jim Rowenhorst (Kimme & Associates) and Public

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Eisen – Recognized an article in the Appleton Post Crescent regarding examining starting a 24/7 alcohol program in Winnebago County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Rengstorf/Kuech to approve meeting minutes from December 17, 2010.
Motion passed unanimously.

STATUS REPORTS:

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDY: Presentation by Kimme & Associates (K&A) regarding status of the criminal justice study. Highlights regarding population projections include: projected future inmate populations under a “no change” scenario, 10% and 20% reduction scenario, as well as isolating “core” population of only Winnebago County inmates (no contract, GPS, or Day Report inmates).

Highlights regarding system study: current system efficiencies already in place and are generally at or below state averages (although rising along with averages). Case processing times, court & commissioner philosophies, early access to Public Defender, DA case tracking, etc. Current alternatives to incarceration programs in the criminal justice system are due in large part to leadership of the Safe Streets committee. Good variety of existing programs. K&A may have recommendations on ways to expand programs. Does not appear that there will be a “magic bullet” solution that in itself will solve all projected space needs.

Highlights regarding Work Release Center: briefly discussed differences between operating under DOC code 348 (Huber) versus modifying to DOC 350 (Jails) and that building best suited for code 348. The building is in generally good condition.

Discussion on impact of felony probation and parole hold inmates. Currently they take up on average of one housing pod plus (out of six at jail) of beds just for felony hold inmates. Discussed how State built regional holding facility in Milwaukee County with the plan to build three more regional facilities in the State however only Milwaukee’s was built.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

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