

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFE STREETS INITIATIVE

January 19, 2018

Circuit Courtroom Branch 2

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jon Bellows, Barry Busby, Paul Eisen, Christian Gossett, Mark Harris, John Matz, Linda Meier, Carol Morack, Chris Rose, Karen Seifert, Renee Soroko, Todd Timm, Scott Woldt
OTHERS PRESENT:	Rachael VanDyke, Erica Roberts (for Melissa Pingel)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from meeting on October 20, 2017 approved.

OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW

Carol Morack advised that Winnebago County has been approved for participation in the Overdose Fatality Review pilot program. We are awaiting funding.

JAIL OVERCROWDING:

Sheriff Matz spoke about the status of the jail. He had presented at a recent County Board meeting regarding jail classification and housing. The number of sentenced inmates is decreasing but the number of non-sentenced inmates is increasing. The population is reported to be less than what was projected from the KIMME study done in 2011.

The draft for the Jail Consulting Services RFP was sent in an earlier email to all Safe Streets members.

STATUS REPORTS:

DRUG COURT:

The numbers for Drug Court and all other Safe Streets programs are attached.

It is anticipated that 3 people will graduate in May.

The program is working to formalize Phase 4 to assist participants with the transition to graduation.

SSTOP:

Numbers are attached.

As compared to the Outagamie County program it was noted that Winnebago County had a lower re-offense rate.

24/7 PROGRAM:

There are currently 30 participants in the Drug program and 98 in the alcohol program. Testing for the program will be moving to the courthouse.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVERSION PROGRAM:

All numbers from the District Attorney's diversion programs are attached.

DRUG DIVERSION PROGRAM:

Attached. The pre-charge participants are from UW-Oshkosh.

DA PROSTITUTION DIVERSION PROGRAM

District Attorney Christian Gossett presented information on the new Benedict Center/Prostitution program for those facing charges in Winnebago County. The Benedict Center provides full service programs to assist participants that reside in Milwaukee County. Reach Counseling provides services for local residents. He reported that 50% of arrests are under age 26 and 60% are from Milwaukee.

There is also a 7-week "John School" program available.

STEP UP PROGRAM:

7 active participants with 2 anticipated graduations.

RE: THINK

The number of overdose deaths is increasing. The 4 Pillars are continuing to work together to address the problem including making Narcan more available.

Good Choices

Number attached with Safe Streets Programs numbers.

The program is sparingly used by Winnebago County and the City of Menasha.

DHS Diversion Program

Numbers attached.

Teen Court

Numbers attached. It appears the numbers are decreasing as schools are also offering different options.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gordon Hintz was not able to be present but forwarded information regarding proposed legislation relative to Operating While Intoxicated. The proposals are listed below:

Senator Larsen introduced a proposal to mandate Ignition Interlock Devices. SB 688 <<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/proposals/reg/sen/bill/sb688>> would require a court to order the operating privileges of a person who commits ANY OWI offense, regardless of his or her alcohol concentration, to be restricted to operating vehicles that are equipped with an ignition interlock device. This proposal has not yet received an Assembly Bill number, but I will notify you if it progresses at all during the remainder of the session.

Representative Jim Ott introduced a series of proposals earlier this session to increase penalties for OWIs:

* AB 97 <<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/proposals/reg/asm/bill/ab97>> relates to a mandatory period of confinement for homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle and providing a criminal penalty. The bill passed out of the Committee on Criminal Justice with an 8-4 vote and was then referred to the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC). JFC held a public hearing on the bill in December but no executive action has been taken. Fiscal estimates from the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates project indeterminate effects for several executive agencies including the Department of Corrections and the Department of Justice.

* AB 98 <<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/proposals/reg/asm/bill/ab98/>> was a proposal that became 2017 Wisconsin Act 124, which provides additional stipulations and guidelines for court mandated Ignition Interlock Devices, including specification of the date an IID must be installed and restricting operating privileges until an IID is installed. A detailed memo explaining the new provisions can be found here <<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/lcactmemo/act124.pdf>>.

* AB 99 <<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/proposals/reg/asm/bill/ab99/>> imposes a mandatory minimum sentence of 18 months in prison for 5th and 6th OWI offenses. Current statutes for 5th and 6th OWIs mandate a minimum 6 month incarceration period, so this is a significant increase in penalty. This proposal was passed out of the Committee on Criminal Justice and placed in the Joint Finance Committee pursuant to

Assembly Rule.

It is possible the indeterminate increased costs of AB 97 and 99 may impact whether or not they progress during the last few days of session.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 20, 2018 at noon in Br. 2 courtroom.
(pizza – Sheriff Matz; pop - _____)