

Waupaca County Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice

Minutes for September 23, 2015

1. 7:30 am called to order by Mary Lea St. Thomas.
2. Present: Mary Lea St. Thomas, Sherry Fisher, Greg Watling, Clif Morton, Bill Lipschultz, Terry Taylor, Joyce Boyer, Mark Zachow, Chuck Price, Laurie Schmidt, Penny Tank
3. Open Meeting Statement was posted.
4. Laurie Schmidt moved to approve the agenda, second by Joyce Boyer, motion carried.
5. Joyce Boyer moved to approve the August minutes with the correction of adding Mark Zachow to the members present, second by Bill Lipschultz, motion carried.
6. Savings account balance of \$2,010.83 and checking account balance of \$1,374.79. Greg Watling made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, second by Mark Zachow. Motion carried.
8. Information Sharing Program/MOU/Interagency Agreement Update - Mary Lea presented the MOU to the Corporation Council and she will follow up for feedback.
9. TAD (Treatment Alternative Diversion) - An article in the Wisconsin Counties Magazine Article discussed evidence based decision making. Chuck Price shared that a conference is being held in WI. Dells next week.
10. Membership - It was suggested that we invite a representative from the Corporation Council to join our committee.
11. Roundtable Sharing:
Mary Lea St. Thomas shared an information brochure on Bikers against Child Abuse (BACA). This program provides support for children. Referrals come from law enforcement and this program provides 24 hour phone assistance.

Discussion took place regarding putting a crime prevention surcharge in the county budget. Mary Lea will ask John Snider, D.A., to check the statute related to this and she will put the surcharge on the October agenda for further discussion.

Bill Lipschultz shared that the Rotary wants to get involved to help financially with the heroin problem that has become so prevalent. Chuck Price is willing to talk with the Rotary and suggested that the "Rise Together" may be a beneficial way for Rotary to sponsor. Rise Together will be at Manawa on October 5 at 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

Penny Tank gave an update on Connie Abert's condition. Connie may be released from the Craig Rehab Center the first week of October. She will be staying with her daughter, Megan, until her home in Waupaca has the modifications completed that are needed for Connie to return there.

Mary Lea and Penny will talk more regarding the MOU.

Laurie Schmidt stated that there are more "littles" than Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She stated that truancy is a major issue. She noted that Manawa held a Grief and Loss Training Program and that it was excellent.

Mark Zachow said the construction in Clintonville is ongoing. Original complete date is the middle of October.

Chuck Price shared the Grief, Loss and Trauma Program is so valuable in identifying signs of what children need. He also said that the state budget has allocated 2 million dollars for education on human trafficking. Also noted that discussion took place regarding putting 17 year olds back into the Juvenile Justice System. Chuck also shared that our trainers, Kasey Kaepernick and Lisa Grasshopf, are excellent.

Clif Morton shared that poverty feeds all areas. He thought that progress in education of heroin addiction is starting to pay off in Waupaca County. He also noted that the Emergency Shelter exterior should be finished soon. New London High School students are helping with this. He said that short term funds are needed for the shelter but that after obtaining 301C-3 status, the long term funding will be okay.

On Friday, October 2 there will be an 8 hour training program in Waupaca County Court House for a PTSD Awareness and the CJ Response to Veterans in Crisis. You can register on line or call 715-258-6475. It is hopeful that a PTSD for Veterans will be available for Waupaca County.

Terry Taylor stated that she is extremely busy with AODA and heroin cases. She said that there are a lot more heroin issues.

Suggestion was made to reach out to the new PTLO to invite him to join us.

Adjournment at 8:35 am.

Next Meeting Date: October 28th at 7:30 am. in the D.A. conference room.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Fisher, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved 10/28/15