

DFO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

August 21, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Johnson for Janet Krueger; Amy Thompson; Dianne Patten; Rose Pappas; David Erickson; Stephanie Morris; Cresta Valentine

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Spindler-Krage; Craig Anderson; Cindy Cox; Glenda Johnson; Mark Ostrem; Duane Bakke; Matt Flynn; Christine Beech; Dave Mueller; Judge Joseph Wieners; Judge Christina Stevens

OTHERS PRESENT: Shelley McBride; Pat Jacobson; Jeanne Ronayne; Curt Petzel; Monty Vikdal; Sheriff Jim Jensen; Jane Hardwick; Jim Elmquist; Kaylee Griffin; Eric Thompson; Travis Gransee; Alex Bunger; Barb Shiek; Lori Smith; Andrew Lea; Steven Gray; Amy Caucutt

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Rose Pappas called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.
- 2. Approval of August Agenda:** Moved to September Agenda as there was no quorum.
- 3. Approval of June Minutes:** Moved to September Agenda as there was no quorum.
- 4. Task Force Updates:**
Dodge County Task Force: Last meeting was in May, no report.

Fillmore County Task Force: Curt Petzel gave an update on Fillmore County Task Force. Meeting was held August 8. Curt presented the DFO Annual report and Grant Smith presented on the cognitive skills class that he has been trained in. Granit is working on getting a juvenile class started in Fillmore County. Dianne Patten is a new member on the Task Force.

- 5. Dodge County Drug Court Update and Dodge Task Force Year End Review:** Eric Thompson, Dodge County Drug Court Coordinator gave a year-end report on the presenters the Dodge County Task Force had during the year.
Eric reported on Dodge County Drug Court. The Dodge County Drug Court has served 23 participants so far in 2013. Of those, six participants have graduated, three participants were terminated and fourteen participants remain active in the program.
The Dodge County Family Dependency Treatment Court has one participant that was accepted into the program in 2012 and remains active.
Since the inception of Adult Drug Court in 2003 and Family Dependency Treatment Court in 2011, one hundred thirty-five participants have been served. Of those, sixty nine participants have graduated and fifty one participants were terminated. Eight participants have been readmitted into the program. Other statistics on Drug Court Participants: 74% of Drug Court participants entered the program with a GED/Diploma, 85% of them had at least a GED/Diploma at graduation/termination. 31% of Drug Court Participants had full-time employment upon entry and 62% of them had full-time employment at graduation/ termination. 45% of Drug Court participants who had child support obligations were current upon entry and 69% of them were current at graduation/termination.

- 6. Parallel Justice Initiative:** Jeanne Ronayne, Program Manager presented on Parallel Justice. Jeanne handed out flyers announcing an upcoming event at the Rochester Technical College, Heintz Center on October 10th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm where author Susan Herman will share her vision of justice for all victims and speak to the topic of Parallel Justice.

Jeanne presented to the board on Parallel Justice. The principals of parallel justice: All victims of crime deserve justice; victim's safety should be top priority; victim's needs should be addressed through a coordinated, comprehensive communal response; decisions about how to address victims' needs should be based on sound information and research. Is helping victim's good public policy? Research has established that crime leaves victims vulnerable to more crime. Research has also revealed a link between victimization and future criminal behavior. Helping victims may also turn out to be one of the most effective ways to prevent further crime and violence. Why do we fall short: Relying on the traditional criminal justice process to provide justice to victims isn't enough, many crimes are never reported. Most crimes do not result in arrests and fewer lead to prosecutions and fewer still produce convictions. "We must meet our obligation to victims, not just because we are a compassionate society, but because helping victims rebuild their lives is an essential component of justice." There were questions and discussion around the topic by all present.
- 7. DFO Updates:** Shelley McBride, Director gave an update to the board. The NIC (National Institute of Corrections) visited in late June. There was a decision to develop a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. There will be 13 representatives on the council. Mark Ostrem has agreed to schedule the first meeting.

There are a lot of initiatives regarding technology: EDMS (Electronic Document Management System); e-Court and a new time system to name a few.

Stabilizing staff, there continue to be a few vacancies: two at the Juvenile Detention Center; Victim Services – advocate in the Dodge office will close on Monday. DFO celebrated American Probation, Parole and Supervision week in July.
- 8. DFO Annual Report:** Shelley McBride and Program Managers

The DFO Annual Report was part of the board packet. Shelley and Program managers present spoke about highlights, challenges and initiatives.

Curt Petzel extended appreciation to Dodge County Administration for the work that is being done to address the radon issue in the probation office. Curt presented the Dodge County Sheriff's Department with an award of excellence for going above and beyond the call of duty to support DFO Community Corrections.
- 9. MACCAC Annual Conference: September 25-27, 2013:** Shelley McBride announced that there will be managers and advisory board staff attending the MACCAC Conference in September.
- 10. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned without motion since there was no quorum.

Submitted by,
Pat Jacobson